



LYNGFORD PARK PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Local Governing Body

Faye Forsyth – Chair of Governors

I have been a Governor at the school since 2014 and have been Chair of Governors since 2019.

I am a parent with children in both key stages at Lyngford Park, this gives me a good all-round perspective and interest in the school being the best it can be, and helps support my role of Chair of Governors, where I can offer fair parent feedback and support, as well as being able to be a critical friend to the school.

The skill set I can offer to support my role includes owning my own business and also having qualifications within teaching and assessing.

Being a Governor is important to me as I genuinely care about the quality of education the children of Lyngford Park receive and I am passionate about Lyngford Park, and its achievements to date.

I enjoy being able to support Lyngford Park within my role of Chair of Governors, with the support of a dedicated, diverse, skilled governing body alongside of me.

Nic Saint– Vice Chair of Governors / SEND Governor

I work as a Technical Project Manager for the Somerset Library Service within Somerset Council and have worked in various different guises in ICT for twenty-five years. I live with my wife just outside of Taunton and have grown up children and a very spoilt dog!

I am a runner, movie and TV enthusiast, video gamer and if not doing any of those things usually reading a book.

I have been a Governor within two schools over eight years and in both acting as the SEND Governor which I have a special interest in as having family members who have been affected by learning difficulties. I see it as a privilege to be able to serve the community to help develop children to attain the best they can for their education.

Nick Arnold – Headteacher at Lyngford Park since September 2021

I will always do my best in all I do and work as effectively as I can in order to drive school improvement. Children, staff, and parents are proud to be part of our school – I feel privileged to be the Headteacher at Lyngford Park and I will continue to give my all to support all children, staff, and families of this great place. I strive to work effectively with parents and our community to help our neighbourhood.

My passion is trying to find effective ways to provide the best possible provision for all our children whilst balancing budgets and limitations. All children deserve a great learning experience, and it is the duty of all staff to provide the right conditions for children to work towards achieving their true potential. I am also the Senior Attendance Officer and my team, and I work to ensure children have a good attendance, which will give them the best chance of success in all aspects of their development – including social, emotional, moral, and educational.

Lyngford Park Primary & Nursery continues its impressive trajectory of improvement. We are an over-subscribed school, with a waiting list – something which has never happened before. We will continue to strive to be the best we can be given the resources and expertise we possess.



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Mr Mat Bawden – Staff Governor

I have been a teacher for twenty-four years and for the past eleven years I feel privileged to have helped shape the futures of children and more recently I have taken a more active role alongside the current head to strive for school improvement. I am determined to give our children as many opportunities on a curriculum and extra curriculum level, evident particularly through sport, being a firm believer that it is crucial that children have active bodies which creates active minds. One of more recent commitments to the school is being Lyngford Park's resident DJ to help support our brilliant PTFA discos and bring essential funds into the school.

In my spare time, I am a bit of a fitness fanatic where I can regularly be found riding my bike to school, running home or to the gym. I have always loved football supporting West Ham United and playing football for North Curry FC where I can also be found coaching Youth Teams and playing for North Curry Legends in the Taunton District Vets league at the weekends.

I have previously been a teacher Governor in my role at Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School and bring this experience to help drive Lyngford Park into the future and support the governing body to make the school the best it can be.

Mihaela Grosu – Co-opted Governor

I am a Maths teacher with over ten years' experience in teaching overseas and in UK. Currently I am working at Bridgwater and Taunton College. This has given me an understanding of all aspects in terms of the quality of teaching and success of the students.

I have two children attending Lyngford Park and I want all of our children to be best that they can be in all aspects of life and work hard to ensure that our school environment is a supportive and happy place for pupils to learn.

I have always had a passion for school improvement in order to provide children with best possible education and enable them to improve their life chances. In my role as Governor at Lyngford Park I aim to use this knowledge, understanding, skills and passion to support the work of the school.

Mark Johnstone – Parent Governor

I am an Accountant and Tax Adviser and have worked as a tutor in professional education since 2019. I believe in the power of education and was really excited when the opportunity to become a Governor arose.

I have been a Governor since 2024 and have massively enjoyed the opportunity to bring my perspective to the governing body. It has been great to find out more about the work the school does and what goes on behind the scenes.

I have two children who attend Lyngford Park, and it has been great to see the positive impact that the school had had on them. I look forward to helping the school to continue to prosper to deliver for its students.

Samantha Blank – Parent Governor

My family and I moved to Somerset two years ago and I have two children that attend the school. At the time of applying to be a Governor one was in KS1 and the other in KS2 now they are both in KS2.

I work full time within the Financial Services Industry and have been in this line of work for the last thirteen years and have strong family links to education.



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I recently started on my Governor Journey at Lyngford Park in 2024.

I bring with me four years of previous Governor experience from a school that my children used to attend where I had exposure to all elements of a Governor role.

I want to support the governing board at Lyngford Park in continuing to ensure that every child has a warm and happy environment they need to thrive at school, with a stimulating day to day experience and a broad, creative curriculum that enables them to develop as problem solvers and independent thinkers.

I strongly believe that great communication between the school and its parents is key to helping every child achieve their full potential during their time at Lyngford Park.

I will support the governing board in every way possible to help in any areas I can to ensure the continuous progression of Lyngford Park and show the wider community that this is the school where your children will thrive.

Rev. Debbi Turley – Co-opted Governor

I am new to being a Governor at Lyngford Park this year. I am the Vicar of St Peter's Church in Lyngford and Priorswood and I have been here since January 2015. I love this community and the people here. I think we have a very special community, I have not been in one like it before where the bonds and ties to family and community are so strong. I have a passion to see our young people be all that they can be. To be nurtured and enabled regardless of their ability. I believe that every child should be given a chance to thrive and to shine in their lives. I am committed as a Governor to do all that I can to support our wonderful children and the staff at Lyngford Park and in this community.