

Loddon Primary Federation

Introduction to the present Governors

Updated October 2020

Miss Heather Tew – Chairman of Governors

Heather lives in Loddon, now retired having worked for 35 years with John Lewis Partnership. The move to Norfolk was as General Manager at 'Bonds' and finding Loddon a great base to live in, she retained her Loddon home when her work moved back to London in IT management. She attended 13 schools (RAF father) and read Chemistry at Sussex University. Before joining John Lewis, she taught Maths at a Comprehensive in Oxfordshire. Heather is single and lives with a scruffy terrier playing host to a regular stream of friends and family who have also grown to love Norfolk. Apart from walking Heather sails, here on the Broads, on the South Coast and wherever else friends have boats!

Richard Burbage– Head teacher

Richard was appointed Headteacher of Loddon Primary Federation in September 2016 taking up appointment on 1 January 2017.

Laura Bolderston – Parent Governor

Laura lives in Heckingham and currently has one child in year 3 at Loddon Primary Federation, one in year 7 at Hobart High School and her eldest child left Hobart High School in 2018. Laura works as a midday supervisor at the Infant School and is the Chair of the Friends of Loddon Primary Federation.

Katie Cox – Co-opted Governor

Katie lives in Loddon and has two children at Loddon Primary Federation – the eldest being in Year 3 at the Junior School and the youngest in Year 1 at the Infant School. Katie works at an Occupational Therapist in the NHS – working with children with additional needs and physical disabilities.

Michaela Crowson – Staff Governor Junior School

Michaela has been a teacher at Loddon Primary Federation for 4 years, working across different year groups in KS2 during that time. Before settling at Loddon, she worked in several schools in Cambridgeshire, where she grew up. Michaela has also taken time out of her career to travel and has taught in school across the world including Ghana and Cambodia. Outside of teaching, she enjoys dog walks with friends and spending time with her two young nephews.

Zoe Fisher – Parent Governor

Zoe lives in Loddon with her husband and two sons. Her youngest attends the infant school and her eldest child is at the junior school. Zoe began her teaching career in London before moving back to East Anglia and is now Deputy CEO: Director of Education and Executive Headteacher for a local multi academy trust. Zoe has also completed a Masters in Education and is passionate about instilling a limitless attitude to learning and achievement. Zoe is committed to her community and supporting Loddon Primary Federation staff, children and parents.

Chris Johnston – Co-opted Governor

Chris lives in Loddon and has two children one of whom attends the Loddon Primary Federation. He is Key Stage 2 teacher and his experience gained from his work is an invaluable resource for helping with his governance responsibilities.

Kylie Smith – Co-opted Staff Governor – Infant School

Kylie has been a teacher at Loddon for 7 years, working across the different year groups within the Infant school. She trained to be a teacher in Scarborough where she met her husband. She has recently become a part time member of staff after having her first son. Outside of school, Kylie teaches swimming and enjoys spending time with her family.

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Rev'd David Owen – Foundation Governor

David moved with his wife Nina from Worcestershire to Loddon as Rector of the Chet Valley Benefice in April 2014. David graduated from Durham University many years ago with a degree in geology. He worked for an insurance company for several years before joining the Woolwich Building Society. When his role as senior compliance adviser with the Woolwich became redundant, he undertook a PGCE course and taught Year4 children in a Worcestershire First School whilst also training for ordination in the Church of England. He left classroom teaching to serve as a Team Vicar in Droitwich from where he was appointed to the Chet Valley group of parishes.

Kevin Utton – Co-opted Governor

As parent of a pupil a Loddon Primary Federation I am excited to provide time and energy to act as Parent Governor to help the school/children have the best education, facilities and opportunities. As a Director of a company with my specialisation in Sales and Marketing, I am fully equipped at working in teams with a core focus on client satisfaction. Setting, monitoring and controlling budgets is key to good thinking and to the achievement of goals. A strong people person, I understand success is achieved as result of teamwork; I have a desire to get the best out of individuals for the school's progression.

Linda Gray – Clerk to the Governing Body

A fully qualified experienced Clerk of 10 years and holds the School Governing body Accredited Clerks qualification; she currently works as an independent Clerk to Loddon Primary Federation and Clarion Academy Trust. Recently being the Clerk to two Interim Executive Boards at Sewell Park College in Norwich and the Gt. Yarmouth High School has added invaluable knowledge and skills to her experience. Raised in Loddon and Chedgrave and attended all three Loddon Schools before joining Barclays Bank and then in 1991 taking an opportunity to spend a year in Australia. She is married to Steven and has two daughters both of whom have attended Loddon Schools.