

Loddon Primary Federation

Introduction to the present Governors

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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.

Ian Ball – Co-opted Governor

Ian joined the Loddon Primary Federation Governing body in May 2022 and is a member of the Resources Committee. Ian has lived in Loddon since 2001 and has three grown up children who went to Loddon Middle School and then Hobart High School. Ian has worked for 30 years in the offshore oil industry and is now working for Orsted as a Project Manager on offshore Wind Farm Developments.

Laura Bolderston – Co-opted Governor

Laura lives in Heckingham and currently has one child in year 5 at Loddon Primary Federation, one in year 9 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 – Foundation Governor

Katie lives in Loddon and has two children at Loddon Primary Federation – the eldest being in Year 5 at the Junior School and the youngest in Year 3 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 7 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.

Carl Davison – Co-opted Governor

Having always lived in and around Loddon, Carl attended all three schools before beginning a career in Digital Services. He is currently involved in many projects within the community for Loddon United FC Committee, The Loddon Players as well as assisting with tasks for Loddon Parish Council. As a keen photographer he is currently the official photographer for Loddon Hockey Club and Funky Feet Dance School. Carl's interests also include computers and technology, and he has recently joined Langley School as the Senior Digital Services Technician.

Lucy de Best – Co-opted Governor

Joined LPF Governing body in December 2023.

Kathryn Fox – Parent Governor

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Kathryn lives in Loddon and two of her three children attend Loddon Infants school in Yr2 and Reception. She is a teacher at a Special Needs School in Norwich and previously has taught all year groups across the Primary sector. Through being a Parent Governor, she is hoping to learn new skills and hopes to offer support in order for the school to achieve its goals. She wants to help the school support all children to ensure they can be the best they can be and become successful lifelong learners.

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.

Lindsey Pharaoh – Parent Governor

Joined the LPF Governing body in December 2023

Linda Gray – Governance Professional

A fully qualified experienced Governance Professional of 15 years and holds the School Governing body Accredited Clerks qualification; she currently works as an independent Governance Professional to Loddon Primary Federation and Clarion Corvus Trust. She has experience around the county working on the Interim Executive Boards at Sewell Park College in Norwich and Gt Yarmouth High School which has added invaluable knowledge and skills to her experience. Raised in Loddon and Chedgrave and attended all three Loddon Schools before working at Barclays Bank for twenty years, taking career breaks to travel Australia and having children. She is married to Steven and has two daughters both of whom have attended Loddon Schools.