





Berewood Primary School and Newlands Primary Academy are Academies sponsored by the University of Chichester (Multi) Academy Trust. The constitution of the Local Governing Body is identified within the Scheme of Delegation and includes staff and parent governors, who are elected to their positions with a four year term of office, members appointed by the Directors of the Trust or Governing Body, also with a four year term of office, co-opted members appointed by the Directors of the Trust with a term of office of one year and the head teacher who is an ex-officio member.

Here you can find out a little bit about our Governors, starting with our Chair of Governors, then alphabetically by surname.

	<p>Mrs Charlotte Corp (Community Governor and Chair of Governors) Appointed by Trust Directors / LGB 17.03.2021 – 17.03.2029</p> <p>Charlotte (Charlie) has a daughter in Year 6 and has a son in Year 4. She joined the governing body in early 2021. Charlie has been a teacher for over 20 years, in local secondary schools (teaching many of Berewood’s parents). Charlie is presently teaching at a senior school in Chichester, teaching ages 11-18, mainly Business GCSE, A-level and is subject coordinator for all PSHE topics. She has a clear understanding of what makes an outstanding school.</p> <p>Charlie has lived in the Waterlooville area most of her life and now lives on the Yew Gardens estate and is therefore committed to making Berewood Primary School the best it can be for the local community.</p>
	<p>Mrs Jodie Anthony (Parent Governor) Elected by the parents 30.06.2021 – 01.07.2025</p> <p>Jodie has two children, a daughter in Year 5 and a son in Year R, and lives in the Berewood community. She joined the Governing Body in 2021 and formerly worked in the Outreach team at the University of Portsmouth. As part of this role, Jodie co-led the South Hub of the Service Children’s Progression Alliance, specialising in bringing people together to support Service children. She now works for Pompey in the Community as Head of Marketing, Fundraising and Commercial Partnerships. Having spent time as a teacher, she understands that every pupil encounters their own barriers and successes and is committed to supporting the Berewood Primary School to provide the best educational experience for all pupils and their families.</p>



Mrs Megan Carter (Berewood Head teacher)
Ex-officio member Appointed 01.09.2019

Megan has been a teacher for over 20 years. She started her teaching career at Purbrook Infant School and then moved to Langstone Infant School as a Deputy Headteacher. She joined Berewood in 2020 initially as a Deputy Headteacher before taking on the Headship in January 2023. She is looking forward to continuing to help the pupils at Berewood to develop a lifelong love of learning that will facilitate them to be people who are inspired and excited to make a difference to their lives and the lives of those around them.



Mrs Jennifer Thornton (Newlands Head teacher)

Ex-officio member Appointed 22.04.2025

I joined the Trust in 2020 as Headteacher and am delighted to be the founding Headteacher for Newlands Primary Academy.

I have worked in education for over 20 years as a teacher and leader. I have taught in every year group, giving me a secure knowledge of the primary ages. Before my life in schools, I was a nursery manager and ran a SEND scheme in Herefordshire. I have been a Governor in three different schools and have provided outreach support to other schools with Mathematics in two counties.

I have always had a passion for education and firmly believe that every child can make good progress when they are given the right tools to do so. I am fully committed to ensuring that the children at our school have a happy and safe environment where they can learn and achieve their full potential.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending quality time with my family, going to the theatre and reading.



Mrs Sharon Corbett

Appointed by Trust Directors / LGB 08.06.2020 – 08.06.2028

Sharon Corbett was a primary school teacher for 26 years, including two years in Mozambique, during which time she became part of the school Leadership Team with responsibility for both English and Assessment. She came to understand those things that contribute to happy and highly achieving schools in which children, staff and the community work together towards their mutual benefit and growth.

In her recent role as university Senior Lecturer in Primary Education (English) and Link Tutor between school and the university in Initial Teacher Education she has used her experience of best practice in primary education to train and equip new generations of primary school teachers with the knowledge, understanding and skills required of the best teachers.

She welcomes the opportunity to draw on her experience to make a positive contribution to the growing Berewood community.

Mr Stephen Corcoran

Appointed by Trust Directors 01.11.2023 – 01.11.2027



Stephen has been actively involved with Berewood Primary School as a Governor since 2023, a position he was delighted to accept after a career heading up the International Teacher Development Unit at the University of Chichester. As part of those programmes, there was frequently a Practicum Experience in local Primary and Secondary Schools enabling international teachers to be assessed teaching British school children. Prior to his employment at the university, Stephen taught Modern Foreign Languages in a Secondary School in Oxfordshire for four years and was later employed by the British Council, Hong Kong for five years. Stephen also spent his gap year as a Language Assistant at a Secondary School in Toulouse France.

As well as his work as a teacher and teacher trainer in the UK, Stephen has undertaken consultancy work in teacher education for the British Council in China, Japan, South Korea and for the UK Government Department for International Development in Sudan and Togo as well as for other organisations in Argentina.

Stephen’s research interests include evaluation of in-service teacher education courses and the transitions in learning strategies made by international students when crossing academic cultures.

Stephen’s personal interests include sport, music, theatre, languages, literature and travel.

Mr Oliver Craig

Appointed by the Trust 11.12.2024 - 10.12.2028



Oliver is the head of Academic Quality and Partnerships at the University of Sussex, where he specialises in providing advice and guidance to academic staff on curriculum development, higher education governance and policy development.

Oliver lives in Waterlooville with his wife and 2-year-old son and is keen to support the local community through his governor work at Berewood Primary School.

In his spare time, Oliver is a keen runner and enjoys travelling to Canada to spend time with his in-laws.

Mr Isaac Emere Johnson

Appointed by Trust Directors 01.11.2023 – 01.11.2027



Isaac is a highly experienced Electronic Engineer with over a decade of combined service in both academia and industry. He is deeply committed to the advancement of science and technology and to their application in enhancing quality of life. Drawing on his professional expertise, Isaac brings strong skills in educational accountability, performance oversight, and effective management

to Berewood Primary School. He is currently employed with BAE Systems and, as a parent of two children attending the school, is dedicated to supporting its continued growth and success.

He is married and lives in the Berewood community with his family.

Mr Kayode Obi

Appointed by the Trust 30.03.2022 - 29.03.2026



Kay has three daughters and is a chartered accountant. He has worked for various FTSE 100 firms as the head of finance over the last 15 years, leading and developing a team and driving the improved business performance of these companies.

Kay lives in Waterlooville, he is excited and passionate about contributing to the progress of the community at large. In his spare time, he loves reading and going for lovely walks with his family.

Miss Bryony Sanderson (staff governor)

Elected by the staff 08.09.2022 – 07.09.2026



Bryony qualified as a primary school teacher from the University of Winchester in 2018. During her training, she specialised in Primary Science Leadership and gained experience in a wide variety of primary schools across Hampshire. In 2019, Bryony joined Berewood as a Year 5 teacher where she stayed for two years, then she moved to Year 3 and she now teaches in Year 6.

Bryony is also Berewood's Maths Coordinator and has been involved in developing the whole school's ethos towards maths and its importance to everyday life. She has also supported teaching students, guiding them with the up-to-date knowledge, skills and values required to become an excellent primary school teacher for today.

Bryony is passionate about supporting pupils and their families at Berewood to ensure a welcoming environment where everybody feels valued. She is committed to staff wellbeing and understands the importance this holds in ensuring teachers are in the position to deliver high quality education to the pupils they teach. She is proud to represent the diligent, caring and committed members of staff at Berewood.

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