



Chris Bond

I am proud to say that I have been involved with Long Meadow School ever since it was first conceived in the late 1990's. First as Chair of the temporary Governing body that created Long Meadow and ever since the school opened as Chair of Governors.

I was born and have lived locally in Milton Keynes all my life and one of the reasons in becoming a Governor was to give something back to the local community. This was at a time when the number of primary schools on the western flank of Milton Keynes were in short supply. In many circumstances, children, and parents from Westcroft and Shenley Brook End were having to travel significant distances to find a suitable school.

I believe that every child deserves the right to have access to a good, safe and secure education, but also that school should prepare our children for both what is to come in terms of secondary school but also life in general. From the very start of being involved with Long Meadow we have tried to be an inclusive school such that we try and help as many children as possible whatever their circumstances.

I am a Tax Partner in an international accounting practice based in the East Midlands and have two grown up daughters.

I enjoy cooking and relaxing with my family.



I am Iain Blazey and I am Vice Chair of Governors for Long Meadow School.

I have lived in Shenley Brook End for over twenty years, having secured places for all three of our children at Long Meadow School when it opened in 2001. At the time I was keen to get more involved in school life and wanted to contribute to the relatively new and growing local community. So, I applied to become a Parent Governor. Since being voted on to the Governing Body in September 2001, I have undertaken many different responsibilities and roles, including overseeing Maths, English and Inclusion, interviewing staff and assisting in school. I have even been on a year 4 residential visit!

Having seen so many children transition through the school, and go on to achieve amazing things, makes me proud to be part of this school. It is so important for our children, in their early educational years, to become curious, to explore and to learn how to learn. So much so that as we developed the ethos of the school, we set this as a key aim, to produce well rounded children with a solid foundation and ability for life-long learning.

Personally, I have worked for a large Japanese multi-national company for the past 37 years. During this time, I have worked in many different business areas, learning new skills, and challenging and developing myself to become a better person. I currently head up IT and Business Solutions, where I am ultimately responsible for technology, infrastructure, staff, and budgets. I can therefore bring all this experience and knowledge to my role as school governor and help provide the strategic guidance and drive necessary change in order to continue to maintain the engaging educational environment and strong ethos we have created at Long Meadow School over the years.

In my spare time I still enjoy playing 5-a-side football at a reasonably competitive level, the occasional round of golf and walking my dogs around the green open space of Shenley Brook End and surrounding areas.



Simon Kington

I have lived local to Long Meadow School for the past 15 years, during which time all 3 of my daughters attended the school from early years right through to Year 6 and are currently at Shenley Brook End.

During this time, I was a Parent Governor for 4 years and after a short break now am appointed through Milton Keynes Council as a Local Authority Governor to the school

I have worked for a major Financial Services company for the past 15 years and employ around 500 staff in 3 locations across the UK. In my role I am responsible for not only the budget management and financial performance of the company but also staff training engagement and performance, as well as the regulatory responsibilities that come in our industry. The clear focus is putting the customer at the heart of everything we do which whilst in the private sector this does give a perspective that I have found can assist materially in my role as a Governor at the school.

It is very important to me that every child gets access to the best possible chances as they begin their educational journey in a safe and secure setting. I am keen to give back to the school and wider community as much as I can.

I am a keen runner (member of a well-known local running club) and a season ticket holder at the Dons, I have a wide selection of pets (or the girls do) and an allotment close to us that really needs more time!



### Karl Butler-Garnham

Karl has over ten years' experience in the railway industry and has been the Chief Intelligent Infrastructure Engineer at Network Rail since September 2022. Prior to this Karl worked within Network Rail's Research & Development portfolio addressing sustainability challenges in signalling and was Head of Development within Network Rail's Asset Information Services function.

His career started within Highways technology system development and deployment following his graduation with a Master's Degree in Physics in 2005. A short period of working within the aviation sector at London's Heathrow Airport followed before joining Network Rail in 2012.

In addition to his current role he is also the Chair of the Data and Information System Interface committee for the GB railway.

He has been a Chartered Engineer since 2010 and plays an active role in promoting Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects to young people. He has two children, the eldest of which joined Long Meadow in September 2022.



My name is Semi Durugo and I am delighted to join as one of the parent governors at Long Meadow School.

I have worked in safeguarding and social care for 14 years helping promote the wellbeing of vulnerable children and adults in communities. I have studied in mental health of children and adults and Social Work. I have led programmes to engage hard to reach communities as well as people with disabilities with local services to reduce social isolation.

I am passionate about inclusion and ensuring that children meet their potential, whatever their needs are.

I hope that with the skills and knowledge I have acquired in my working life, I will be able to make a valuable contribution to the school governing board as a whole.



Hello, my name is Stuart Eldridge, and I am looking forward to working with the team at Long Meadow School with the school's Values and Ethos at the forefront of my focus.

I currently have 2 children attending the school which has raised my interest in becoming an active participant in the school community. I believe education is something that should be accessible for all and help children grow into aspiring individuals with goals and enthusiasm for learning.

I am currently employed as a Watch Manager at Heathrow Airport, Fire & Rescue Service. I have been a firefighter for over 20 years.

My duties include being accountable for the day-to-day operation of the duty watch, which includes planning, executing and recording training and assessment activities for team members; taking control and leading the Airport Fire & Rescue Service response to any major airfield incidents; ensuring compliance with regulatory and licensing requirements and being responsible for developing and maintaining local policies & procedures to maintain day to day compliance.

My hobbies include supporting Arsenal Football Club and having quality family time.



### **Aqil Ahmed**

My name is Aqil, I have worked in the Energy Sector for a large multi-national for over 20 years as a Geophysicist, having lived and worked in 5 continents during this time.

Now back in the UK, I have two children attend Long Meadow.

Being elected as a co-opted Governor allows me to give back to the Community.

I believe in implementing a holistic educational approach that focuses on cultivating well-rounded individuals with a balance of academic, social, emotional, and physical skills, in order to effectively prepare them for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

My main hobby is trying to be a “cool dad” to the amusement of my kids!