

Glenthorne Community Primary School
Governing Body



Deb Martin has been a governor at Glenthorne for 11 years and Chair of Governors for 8 of those. She is a freelance British Sign Language interpreter working in many different fields including education. Both Deb and her husband attended Glenthorne as children as did their daughter Dannii who is now 17, her youngest daughter Kiera is currently in year 4.

Finance and personnel committee, Curriculum and Standards committee, SEN Governor, Safeguarding and child protection governor, Class link with year 5. Co-opted Governor



Jay Akerman is a new governor but has worked with the school over the last 18 months to design and implement the school website. He is currently the Manager for Electric Power Sales at Finning Cat and has been since 2007 following a seven year service with the Royal Engineers HM Forces. Jay's family live in the village and his daughter Heidi 6, attends Glenthorne.

Premises, Health & Safety committee, science link, Class link with year 2. Co-opted Governor

Jo Marson has been a governor at Glenthorne for two years and is currently Vice Chair of Governors. Jo was employed as a major account coordinator for a large envelope manufacture in Telford, but is taking a career break. During this time she completed an honours degree in social science with psychology. Jo has two children attending Glenthorne, Kai in year 2 and Phoebe in year 1.



Finance and personnel committee, Parents forum, Literacy link, Class link with Nursery, Parent Governor

Michelle Such joined the governing body in summer 2013 as a parent governor. Michelle is a qualified accountant, FCCA, and works part time for a firm in firm based in Walsall. She is also joint Principal at a dance school in Hammerwich where she teaches students from age 3, ballet, tap, musical theatre, free style etc. She has two sons at Glenthorne, Jacob currently in year 3 and Alex in Reception.



Finance and personnel committee, Numeracy link, Class link with year 4, Parent Governor



Sarah Mermod has been a Parent Governor at Glenthorne for 5 years, including being Vice Chair. Her three children are in each key stage and are currently in Nursery, Year 2 and Year 4. She grew up in Cheslyn Hay and went to Glenthorne as a child. Sarah is proud that her children now attend the school. She has been a teacher on and off for 17 years, and currently works at a school in Burntwood. Sarah is glad she has the opportunity to use her skills to support the school.

Class link with Reception, EYFS(Early years foundation stage) Governor. Parent Governor.



Ellen Griffiths has been a Governor at Glenthorne for four months. She has been employed as the school secretary for over 6 years and as such is in school on a daily basis. She has lived in Cheslyn Hay for 38 years.

Premises, Health & Safety committee, Curriculum and Standards committee, Class link with year 1, staff governor.

Ian Davenport has been a Governor for four years. He is a section supervisor in a large International Engineering Company. Ian's daughter Holly is in year 6 and a lot of Ian's spare time is spent coaching swimmers and supporting Holly as she is a member of the elite age group swimming squad at Royal Wolverhampton School. Ian has been involved with swimming all of his life including having played water polo at national level.



Health & Safety and premises committee, Parent Governor.

Lucy Horobin is a new governor this year. She is currently Head of PE at Cheslyn Hay Sports & Community High School; where she started as an NQT twelve years ago. She has had experience of both departmental and pastoral work at Cheslyn Hay and has previously been seconded onto the senior team.



Curriculum and standards committee, PE/ICT link, class link with year 3, Co-opted governor.

Ian Redfern has been a governor at Glenthorne for the past eight months, but has previous experience of being a governor at his eldest son's secondary school. He was a serving Police Officer carrying out various roles before retiring as a Police Inspector in the West Midlands Police three years ago. Since then he has worked at an Alternative Educational Provider, with pupils aged 5-16 years who are temporarily excluded from mainstream education. He is married with three children, his youngest son Craig is currently in year 4 at Glenthorne.



Premises, Health & Safety committee, Literacy link, class link with year 6, Co-opted Governor.



Kelly Vinnicombe has been a teacher at Glenthorne for three years and a governor for two of those. She came to Glenthorne as an NQT teacher in year 2. Kelly has taught in Nursery for the past two years, covering PPA and management time across the school during the afternoons.

Link for RE and PSHE, Co-opted Governor.

