

Bohunt Farnborough Governors



CHAIR

Hilary Todd (Community)

My career has been with the NHS in a number of roles as a Nurse, Midwife and now as a Senior Manager in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

My three children were educated from schools within the Trust and I am still passionate about making sure all pupils who leave BET are the best that they can be and are equipped for further/higher education and employment.

Outside of work and working with the Trust I support Organisations in Lychpit and Old Basing and enjoy yoga, tea and time with my family.



VICE CHAIR

Nikki Kennedy-Burke (Community)

I have dedicated the past 25 years to working in the field of education, with a special focus on supporting autistic pupils. My experience spans from early childhood education to adult learning.

I qualified as a teacher while serving in the learning support department at Merrist Wood College, during which I also obtained my Master's degree in Education and Autism.

Following my tenure at various colleges, I joined the National Autistic Society (NAS). During my time at NAS, I collaborated with both special and mainstream schools, as well as care services, to enhance their autism practices. Currently, my primary focus is on assisting mainstream schools and local authorities in the South East to develop their autism provisions. Additionally, I take great pride in delivering training sessions to a diverse range of professionals as part of their continuing professional development.

Residing in Farnborough for the past nine years, I enjoy spending my leisure time walking my Cocker Spaniel, Cooper.



Sebastian Ballard (Staff – Teaching)

I am a Geography Teacher and have been at Bohunt Farnborough for 12 years.

Prior to becoming a teacher, I wrote travel guides. I continue to work as a cartographer in my free time.



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Julie Butler (Community)

I have been a trustee at Bohunt Educational Trust for the last ten years and delighted to now be a governor at Bohunt Farnborough.

I am now retired, but prior to that my background was in finance mainly in leisure and the car finance industry. Along with this, I have been a local District Councillor of sixteen years, where I held the role of Deputy Leader and the Portfolio for Communities, Housing and Customer Services.

Now since stepping away from these roles, I volunteer for my local community radio as a presenter, reporter and newsreader. I also spend my time helping out with our local dementia groups, co-ordinate SpeedWatch and playing a big part in another Community Trust.

My passion is ballroom dancing and nothing gets in the way of this, I have been lucky to compete at Blackpool now several times which is an amazing experience.



Nicky Byrne-Chinn (Community)

I am Deputy Head (Curriculum) at a co educational independent school in Hindhead and have been teaching for 20 years. I bring over 16 years' experience working across state secondary education in Essex, alongside four years in the independent sector in Hampshire and Surrey.

I began my career after graduating from the University of Liverpool with a First Class BSc (Hons) in 2006 and qualifying as a teacher through the Graduate Teacher Programme the following year.

Throughout my career, I have held a range of senior leadership roles, including Head of Mathematics, Lead Practitioner, Trust Advisor for Mathematics, and Assistant Headteacher within a large MAT. These roles have given me extensive experience in curriculum design, teaching and learning, staff development, and school improvement at both school and trust level.

After relocating to Hampshire in 2017, I spent three years as Deputy Head (Academic) at an all girls independent school before starting my current role in September 2025. I hold the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) and a Level 7 Executive Leadership qualification, completed with distinction.

I am passionate about ensuring every pupil receives a high quality education and firmly believe that with the right support and encouragement, all young people can succeed.

As a governor, I am committed to offering both challenge and support, drawing on my leadership experience to help the school continue to thrive for the benefit of its pupils and wider community.



Sue Cadby (Community)

On leaving college with a Certificate of Education I taught at First School level until the birth of my first child.

I then worked evenings for BT starting out covering 192 Directory Enquiries then 100 Operator Services. Still within BT I trained to give Initial Training going on to train new Agency Staff in the role. From there I progressed into a Manager Role covering a team of about 15 before the centre closed down.

I moved to the Car Industry working in Customer Services for Ford in Farnborough dealing with after sales and servicing enquiries and the Customer Satisfaction Survey required by Ford Motor Company.

Having been made redundant due to a depression in car sales I then went to work for Hampshire Transport Management, one of a handful of self-funding departments of Hampshire County Council. It is responsible for supplying and maintaining vehicles from cars for Highways Road Surveyors, School and Welfare Transit Buses through to the lorries and gritters used to repair and salt our roads.

Now retired I enjoy reading, online puzzles, supporting my Grandson when his parents are at work and seem to run a free taxi service for my family in general.



Sadia Gill (Parent)

I have lived in the Farnham area since 2020 and am a parent of four children. I am self-employed as a makeup artist and hair stylist, with qualifications in Business Studies, Hair and Beauty, and a Level 3 Teaching Assistant diploma. I have previously worked as a Teaching Assistant in London, supporting children with diverse needs.

These experiences have developed my strong interest in inclusive education and inspired my ambition to pursue a career in Special Educational Needs (SEN) law.

I am committed to contributing to a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.



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Chris Harding (Community)

I started my career within the Arm Forces and retired as a senior Warrant Officer and a qualified college tutor teaching City & Guides in Catering.

On leaving the Army, I joined the airline catering industry as British Airway's Executive Chef before becoming a Managing Director for Compass PLC. On leaving the Airline Catering, I worked as a Project Director for the Coalition Forces in the Middle East, where, after an international incident, the Australian Government decorated me for bravery.

On returning to the UK, I joined an American Company as a Senior Logistic Co-ordinator for their FIFA World Cups, Olympic and Asian Games. My final role before retiring was working for the International Olympic Committee as a Stadium Director.



My interests: I've been an active member of several charity organisations, including Rotary, Mumbai Orphanage, Gallantry Medallists League, and the Australian Bravery Association. I love outdoor activities, and as a qualified Expedition Leader and Sub-Aqua Diving Instructor, I have led several expeditions to some of the world's most remote regions, including diving in Antarctica and mountaineering across Norway's Hardangervidda and Jokulen glaciers.

Beth Linklater (Community)

I am currently a teacher and Personal Tutor at The 6th Form College, Farnborough. Previously I have worked in universities as a Lecturer in German, and in other 6th form colleges. I am a specialist in Careers, University progression, SEND and safeguarding.

I am Vice Chair of Governors for Basingstoke Voluntary Action, and have previously been Vice Chair of Governors for The Costello School in Basingstoke. I also volunteer for some smaller charities too.

I have one daughter, who is now a veterinary surgeon for small animals. I very much enjoy yoga, swimming, and spending time with my friends.



Chantelle Newton (Parent)

For the last 16 years, I've worked in our family business, building a national networking group and a major awards programme for the UK Contact Centre industry.

Life took a bit of a turn during the pandemic. Supporting my daughter through her own mental health struggles opened my eyes to the challenges young people face today. It sparked a real passion in me; I've since completed several mental health courses and am about to start an accelerated Psychology degree to retrain and support young people professionally.

I've been a Bohunt parent since 2021 (back when it was still Fernhill), and I've been so impressed by the school's journey since becoming an Academy. I'm at a point where I really want to give back to the community that has supported my family and me through some pretty tough times. I'd love to bring my "business brain" and my passion for student wellbeing to the role of Parent Governor, helping Bohunt Farnborough continue to be a great place for our kids to grow.



Stacey Parsons (Parent)

I began volunteering as a school governor in 2015 when my son started in Year R at our local infant school.

Having lived in the community for over 30 years, and with five members of my family working or having worked in education — including a retired Headteacher — I felt inspired to contribute. I am passionate about ensuring every child receives the highest quality education and has the opportunity to thrive, whatever their background or needs.

Professionally, I am a qualified Project Manager and IT Service Manager, currently employed by a global electronics company.

Beyond work and governance, I enjoy watching Formula One, and I'm an enthusiastic fan of Disney and Harry Potter. I also spend time supporting my son's golfing pursuits — often acting as his personal "caddy".



Nadine West (Staff – Support)

After a joint Japanese-international trade degree from EM Lyon, I worked for 10 years in Bond Origination for a Japanese bank in the City.

Following the birth of my second child, I completed a PGCE in French with the Open University. I have taught French to Adult students for 20 years, first at Alton College and then with Surrey Adult Learning.

I joined Fernhill at the end of 2007 to support EAL students. I worked as the EAL coordinator for a few years, and since then I have been working in the MFL department and the Learning support department.

I am passionate about supporting vulnerable students so that they can be successful. I have been involved in a range of community projects in Fleet where I have been living for nearly 30 years. I am also the treasurer of the local Christian Aid group.

