



GOVERNORS 2025/2026



Hayley Wiper, Chair Governor, is currently running her own child care business in Upton. Previously Hayley held the post of teaching assistant at Upton Heath Church of England Primary School and is a co-opted governor with an in-depth of knowledge and insight because of her strong links to Upton Heath.



Katie Hughes, is an elected Parent Governor and has 3 children at Upton Heath. Katie also works as a Pupil Wellbeing and Family Support Worker in a primary school, working closely with families to provide emotional support, signposting and guidance. She is also a Designated Deputy Safeguarding Lead for her school, giving her a great knowledge and skills in those areas too.



Nia Bradley, Diocese Governor, has joined the LGC as a valuable member of the Diocese and has strong links with the Holy Ascension Church Community, as well as being a parent of the school.



Gemma Masey, elected Staff Governor, joined the Upton Heath teaching team in 2023. After beginning her career in education as a teaching assistant, Gemma developed a love of learning, becoming a HLTA before studying a degree in education, achieving First Class Honours. After completing her PGCE, she spent seven years in various KS2 year groups in a school in Shropshire before making her move to Upton where she now teaches year 6 and is Writing Lead.



Rick Hawkey, is a Diocesan Governor, appointed from Holy Ascension Church in Upton, where he worships regularly. Before retirement Richard spent over 40 years in education including 19 years as the Headteacher of a large, successful Primary School in North Wales. During his last 10 years working, Richard had the privilege to act as, (then), one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education and Training in Wales.



Stuart Roberts, is the current Principal of Upton Heath CE Primary School. This is the second school that Stuart has led. He has taught in a range of settings and locations including Shropshire, Chester, Brighton, Nepal and Switzerland. He has a passion for ensuring that no child is left behind and creating learning environments and curricula that fire children's curiosity and engagement. Stuart has a young family and enjoys reading, music and cycling.



Gary Graham, is an elected Parent Governor. Gary currently has two children attending Upton Heath. His connection with the school began over twenty years ago when he started his teaching career there, spending a decade as part of the staff team. Since then, Gary has held senior leadership roles in three other primary schools across Cheshire West and Wirral.

He is now the headteacher at Willaston Church of England Primary School. Gary is passionate about enabling every child to reach their full potential and is committed to providing a rich, engaging curriculum that inspires learners. He is eager to use his experience and expertise to support Upton Heath and its community.