

About our Governors

Gary Chater – Chair of Governors

Gary lives in Middle Assendon and has a daughter at Stoke Row. He works in industrial and medical IT. In his spare time, he enjoys cycling, flying and playing in local bands.

Emma Davies

Emma teaches the piano at her home in Checkendon. She is married to Kevin who is Team Rector of the Langtree Team Churches. They have two grown up children.

Mark Taylor

Mark has been in Stoke Row since early 2016, when he became Minister at Stoke Row Chapel. He is a founder and operations director of a technology startup called OneSheep. He has been a police officer, trainer, pastor, director for numerous international radio projects and has worked in radio as a presenter, producer and writer. Mark and Rosie have grandchildren at the school and they currently help produce the local Stoke Row News magazine for the village.

Kerrie Blaker

Kerrie is a chartered tax advisor and accountant. She lives in Stoke Row and has three children two of whom currently attend Stoke Row School. Kerrie is also a member of the Oxfordshire Schools Forum representing governors of maintained primary schools. The Schools Forum is a statutory body that sits between the Local Authority and Schools and deals with finance related matters.

Ryan Bradley

both his children attended Stoke Row School. In his spare time he enjoys playing football and dog walking.

David Lowe

David is a NHS Consultant and Clinical Senior Lecturer working in London. He lives in the village and has two children at the School. In his spare time he enjoys walking and piano.

Elizabeth Clough

Elizabeth lives in Stonor and spent more than 30 years in television, mainly at the BBC and Channel 4 and subsequently ran her own production company out of Oxford. She is on the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Bullingdon, and also works with two children-based charities and an angel investment company in West London specialising in social entrepreneurs.

Cheryl Garlinge

Cheryl has joined the governing body with 21 years of teaching experience in secondary education. She has had many roles since starting as a teacher of Geography and Music, back in the mid 1990's. Her expertise lies in teaching and learning across the curriculum and after changing subject to Mathematics over a decade ago, she has led as Assistant headteacher in curriculum change management, KS2 - KS3 transition curriculum development, numeracy across the curriculum and teacher training. Cheryl's applied Science degree in Earth Science BSc (Hons) has allowed her to be highly versatile in adapting to multiple areas of the curriculum. She has always been an advocate of raising standards in pupil attainment and building excitement into curriculum delivery.

Cheryl is involved in many aspects of the local community. Currently working at a local secondary school teaching Mathematics. She attends Stoke Row chapel as regularly as possible while maintaining many hobbies including playing the piano, learning Japanese and practicing Yoga. Cheryl is always willing to learn and believes in an attitude of encouraging a climate where all young people have a 'love of learning' and striving to be the 'best they can be'! She is delighted to be a governor at Stoke Row school because of these shared values.

Ryan O'Sullivan

Ryan is a solicitor and heads the UK legal team for an IT company. He moved to Stoke Row in 2015 and has a daughter at the school. He enjoys endurance sports and regularly participates in triathlons, marathons and cycling events.

Clare Higgins

Clare attended Stoke Row School as a child before going on to pursue a career in law. She then realised her passion was in primary education, so came back to Stoke Row in 2017 but this time as a Teaching Assistant working on a 1:1 basis with children who need a little extra support. Clare spends her spare time with her animals – dog walking and horse riding.

Helen Coyne – Clerk to Governors

I have been Clerking at local schools for 5 years and enjoy working with Governors.

I am a Company Director of several companies, one in property lettings, commercial lettings and injection moulding. Quite a variety! I am also a Company Director in a business which manufactures various equipment for the trade/DIY market. I am currently concentrating on a new venture manufacturing and marketing a new fencing product.

I have two young children and I live in Sonning Common. In my spare time I enjoy running.