

Blackhorse Local Governing Board Pen-Portraits 2025-26

Name	Designation	Roles & Link Positions	Pen Portrait
Sarah Evans	Governance Professional - Clerk		N/A
Simon Botten	Ex-Officio	Executive Headteacher	N/A
Neil Fry	Ex-Officio	Head of School	N/A
Rosie Waddicor	Staff Governor	Year 2 Teacher	N/A
Shamina Chowdhury	Trust Governor	Chair of Governors	I am the Chair of the Local Governing Board and have been a governor since January 2023. I was initially elected as a Parent governor but now hold the position of a Trust governor. My priority is ensuring that the governance of Blackhorse aligns with the school's vision and development plan, and that the values of the school are being upheld. My commitment is to support the entire school community including the families and the senior leadership team, whilst ensuring there is accountability for decisions that impact the children.
Lisa Towler	Parent Governor	Curriculum	As a qualified Teacher I have many years of experience working within the Education sector, particularly across the Early Years. I am very committed to personal development with much of my spare time invested in mindset work and mental health. My experience both as a parent and a qualified Coach means that I feel well placed to build successful relationships, challenge when required and support the strategic plan of the school to achieve the best possible outcomes for the students. I understand and support teachers, students and parents in providing the best possible education and am also a qualified Coach.

Greg Lyle	Parent Governor	Safeguarding	Greg has worked in education since 2005 and is an Assistant Headteacher. He has served as a Designated Safeguarding Lead in a large secondary school in S Glos since 2018. Greg has also held the position of Exec Lead for Safeguarding and Attendance for a Trust. He completed NPQ for School Leadership with a focus on SEN. Greg is a passionate educationalist who strives to make school a nurturing, safe and fun environment in which to learn. He is committed to fully contributing to the governing body, and working with parents, carers and wider community to further establish Blackhorse Primary School as the leading primary school in the local area.
Cheryl Cooper	Trust Governor	Inclusion/ Disadvantage/ SEND	I've proudly served as a school governor since 2019, leading on SEND, inclusion, and pupil premium. I'm deeply committed to ensuring that every child is recognised, supported, and given the best possible opportunity to thrive—regardless of their starting point. As a parent of two children currently attending the school, I see every day how important it is that all pupils feel a sense of belonging. I believe raising confident, happy children is a shared responsibility. When schools, families, and the wider community work together, we build the strongest possible foundation for success. I feel privileged to contribute to that effort through my role as a governor, working alongside a passionate and dedicated team.
Chris Wheeler	Trust Governor	Curriculum	TBC