

DELAPRE PRIMARY SCHOOL – GOVERNORS (UPDATED NOVEMBER 2017)

Richard Warr BSc (hons) Electrical & Electronic Engineering, BSc (hons) Psychology Chair of Governors

Richard has been the Chair of Governors at Delapre since 2013 and prior to this was a Parent Governor and Community Governor. His three children were all “Delapre Children,” studying at Delapre before moving on to secondary and higher education. He is committed to enabling all “Delapre Children” to achieve their full potential whilst at the school and upholding the culture and ethos of Delapre Primary in times of constant change, both by guiding the strategic direction of the school with the Headteacher and Governing Body, and by being a “critical friend” to the Headteacher and School Leadership Team.

Richard is an electrical engineer by profession, has delivered on-line literacy and ESOL training and currently works in delivering Competency Management Services to several national utility companies.

Michelle Musk Vice Chair of Governors – Co-opted

Michelle has been a Governor of Delapre Primary for many years and is the Vice Chair. Her children have all attended the school. Michelle upholds the ethos and culture of the school and is very committed to being a Governor. The Health & Safety of the pupils and staff is of particular interest to Michelle as she currently works as an Amey Site Supervisor within the school.

Lesley Russell LA Governor

Lesley has been the Local Authority Governor at Delapre Primary School for ten years now. She lived in Far Cotton as a child and attended Far Cotton Junior School in Main Road, so she has a close connection with the area.

Lesley worked for 38 years in Community Development for the Local Authority, the last 20 years of which as Community Development Manager, retiring in 2005. Whilst in this role, in 1999, she was invited to consult with the local community of Far Cotton and Delapre regarding providing Community Facilities for the area. From this, Southern Quarter Development Group (SQDG) was formed. As part of the consultation project, they also built the Far Cotton REC Centre for the benefit of the whole community, including Delapre Primary School. SQDG itself is now based in the old school rooms in Main Road, Far Cotton, so Lesley has come full circle back to the school she went to as a 5 year old!

As well as being a governor, Lesley work closely with the school on a number of projects in her role as Manager at SQDG. She strongly supports the school and is particularly interested in promoting healthy lifestyles for the children and their families, as well as supporting the pastoral role of the school.

Martin White – B.A. (Open)
Co-opted Governor

Martin is a Co-opted Governor and Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee. Martin is a strong supporter of the “Delapre” way of teaching and the ethos of the school. He sees his role as being a critical friend of the school, the Headteacher and Leadership Team; having what is best for the pupils at the heart of his role.

Martin has lived in Northampton all his life, most of it in Far Cotton and has known Delapre as an Upper, Middle and now a Primary school. Both his daughters attended Delapre when it was a Middle School. He has been a Governor for about 30 years at Delapre (Middle & Primary) and Spring Lane School (Primary).

Martin is a Civil Servant and has worked in a number of departments (including a state benefits department).

Sharon Lord. D.Clin.Psy, BSc. (Hons) Psychology
Parent Governor

Sharon is a Clinical Psychologist working in emergency medicine at Milton Keynes Hospital. She has been a Parent Governor since 2016. Her eldest son attended Delapre Primary and has now gone on to secondary school. Her younger son is still a pupil at Delapre Primary. Over the last 8 years she has been impressed by the school's traditional ethos, the outstanding behaviour of the children, and the respect for each other that the school promotes. Sharon enjoys the role of asking questions, to promote reflection on the school's performance and aims, and has valued contributing to the Headteacher Performance Committee as well as the Science Curriculum. She has a particular interest in the well-being of staff and children.

Ruth Goward – Family Solicitor
Parent Governor

Ruth joined the governing body as a Parent Governor in September 2016. She is, by profession, a family solicitor and a Member of Resolution who represents parents in Family and Children Law disputes, and has been doing so for the past 10 years.

Ruth shares and strongly believes in Delapre’s school ethos and is committed to working closely with the governing body to ensure this is upheld. She is personable and a great team member who strives for the best for Delapre School pupils and always makes the time to discuss school improvements. Ruth enjoys offering support to the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team.

Ruth hopes her experience and expertise will continue to complement the skills of the entire Delapre Governing Body, who work tirelessly to support the children and most importantly, benefit all Delapre School pupils.

Sarah Gordon
Co-opted Governor

Sarah has been a School Governor at Delapre Primary School since 2007. She is the Inclusion Governor and has many years' experience working with children with ASD and general learning difficulties. Her daughter attended Delapre Primary School and is now at Abbeyfield School. Sarah works tirelessly to support the children at Delapre by running a Garden Club, which has been hugely successful and helps out with both the junior and senior choirs. Sarah's main aim both as a member of staff, and as a Governor, is to make sure that all children achieve their full learning potential throughout their time at Delapre Primary School.

Ian Masters B.Sc. Hons/PGCE/Masters Degree in Education
Staff Governor

Ian has been a Governor at Delapre Primary School for over 20 years now, working in both the Middle School as a Deputy Headteacher, and the Primary School as KS1 Class Teacher and Head of Maths.

Ian previously taught at a Secondary School in Nottingham and has taught in every year group from Reception to Upper Sixth form.

Ian has always believed in the ethos of Delapre School and believes that being a Governor, gives him a different perspective from being in the classroom. It enables him to look at decisions being made from the viewpoint of the children, and the effect or benefit such decisions would have on them. The well-being of the pupils, in his view, is as important as academic success.

Harry Portrey (BEd / QTS / NPQH)
Headteacher

Harry feels both honoured and privileged to hold the position of Headteacher at the school as he feels that Delapre Primary School is an amazing place with a wonderful community. Although not originally from Northampton, he has made this his home for 20+ years. Harry has been fortunate to have had a selection of occupations before qualifying as a teacher and brings with him a wealth of useful and varied knowledge and experience.

Harry held many different leadership roles across the three schools he has worked in including; Curriculum Leader (Gifted & Talented, Humanities, Maths, P.E, PSHE, Science), Head of Year, Head of Key Stage, Assistant Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and presently Headteacher. He has been a school governor for more than 20 years.

Why work at Delapre?

Coming to Delapre Primary School was a simple decision; Delapre's values and traditional approach mirror his own expectations in life. Harry is aware that all associated with Delapre Primary School work hard to ensure that it is a special place, one that consistently delivers high quality learning opportunities both within and outside the classroom.