



Rob Woods

Rob Woods is born and bred in West Bridgford, having attended Musters Road Infants & South County Juniors (now West Bridgford Juniors) and The West Bridgford School ('The Comp') many, many years ago. He started his governorship at JG in September 2014 as a parent governor, having a daughter in Y1 and a son in Y4 at the time and moved to a co-opted position in 2018. In his professional life Rob is a director of a local specialist IT firm where much of his time is spent providing computer and tablet solutions into schools all over the UK. His IT expertise is helping to guide Jesse Gray towards a more forward-looking and modern IT provision within the school, one that is brought closer to the classroom and used all across the curriculum. He is also helps out at a local youth football team where he is the 'deputy' to the real coach. He's very good at collecting cones and bibs.



Adam Bevan

Adam has 2 children at Jesse Gray. He is Deputy Head Teacher at Carrington Primary School in Nottingham ; and has been a teacher for the last 16 years working in Northampton and several schools around Nottingham. Adam joined JG Governing Body in 2018 as a parent governor.



Stefan Mars

Stefan joined JG gobs as a parent governor in 2018. He's an employment lawyer by trade, advising businesses and individuals on all aspects of employment law and HR. He currently works for boutique employment law firm Halborns, based in the centre of Nottingham. He has two daughters, Isobel & Alice and live in South Road. He enjoys cycling, running and playing badminton and supports Brighton & Hove Albion, where he hails from originally.



Louise Carey

Louise has been a Parent Governor at Jesse Gray since July 2018.

She has two daughters at the school. Louise says...“ It is a privilege to have the opportunity to support the school to meet its school development objectives and see first-hand the fantastic opportunities for the Jesse Gray children being put in place. I am the link Special Educational Needs and Disability governor, so I meet regularly with the SENCo, Mrs Thompson, to discuss the school’s vision, ethos and strategic direction for SEND learners. I have been on training courses to keep up to date with developments in this area. I am also one of the governors linked to Y5, so meet regularly with the year group teachers and occasionally observe lessons. This is to get a feel for what is working well and learn about any areas in which the teachers feel that the governors could offer support.

I qualified as a primary school teacher in 2003. I have taught in all year groups from EYFS to year 6, in a variety of schools in East Mids. I am passionate about helping children become happy, confident, enthusiastic, well-rounded learners. There is a real importance put on mental health and wellbeing at Jesse Gray, which I also feel is instrumental to create a safe and positive learning environment where children feel supported and valued.

I am excited to see what the future holds for Jesse Gray and feel proud to be able to support the school on its journey. I am really enjoying being a Parent Governor at Jesse Gray, so please feel free to come and talk to me / email me if you’d like to share any thoughts or ideas with the Governors.”



Rashmi Patel

Rashmi is Head of HR Operations at Nottingham Trent University (NTU), where she provides strategic and operational HR leadership across the University. With over 25 years’ experience in the education sector she is a senior adviser to the University on all employment matters and leads on a wide-range of projects and initiatives to develop and drive performance; talent attraction and retention; and employee engagement. A Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, Rashmi is committed to promoting transformational change and in particular to increasing diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

As well as being a Co-opted Governor at Jesse Gray, Rashmi is a Director of a local Multi Academy Trust and a Trustee of a School in Leicestershire. She is married with two boys, both ex pupils of Jesse Gray School.



Kelly Harris-Whittle

I am a Co-opted Governor. I have worked at Jesse Gray for 18 years, running and managing the Play Service provision. It has seen major changes during this time and I am very fortunate to have been a part of that. My background prior to this was in Early Years. I have been part of the Governing Body for 4 years. I have 2 boys aged 19 and 10 who keep me and my husband on our toes. We love to travel and have recently found a passion for cruising. I love to read and can easily get through 50 books each year.



Liz Hopkins

I joined the Governors team in 2018. I am mum to George, who is currently a pupil at Jesse Gray, and his younger sister, Lily. I have had a varied career that has included being a Store Manager, Digital Operations Manager and Marketing Manager. Before settling in Nottingham, I lived in London, spent time in Canada and France and travelled a lot. I am enjoying working with the governing body to help deliver everyone's ambitions for the school.

Picture coming soon

Kaj Ghattoara

I joined the governing body in 2018 as a co-opted governor. In my professional life, i have extensive experience in the public sector, with expertise in buying goods and services. A large part of the work I do is ensuring we get the best from suppliers and services. I have worked with schools in Nottingham City for a number of years in various capacity including governance and school improvement. I am honoured to be supporting Jesse Gray in the role of school governor. I am married with two daughters aged 6 and 3, and I really enjoy baking with my girls in my spare time.



Vanessa Lloyd

I have worked as a teacher for many years at Jesse Gray and my two girls used to come here too! I joined the Governing Body as staff governor in 2018. I have worked across both Key stages and love getting involved in the whole school life. I am the Arts co-ordinator and am currently working on an Artsmark award for the school. I also love sport and take Year 3 and 4 for a running club and help organise our entries for the mini marathon. I am currently teaching Year 2.

Karen Davies : Co-opted governor

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Jim Silver : LA governor

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