

***If you are interested in joining the Governing Body, please contact Clare Allen or Becky Hill:
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My name is Clare Allen and I have lived in Stathern, with my husband Mark, for 19 years. I have two children, Danny age 15 and Henry age 10. I have been involved in education for 28 years as a teacher, governor and adviser. I was the Headteacher of a local primary school before leaving to be at home with the boys. Whilst being a stay-at-home mummy, I graduated with a master's degree in Applied Child Psychology.

As a National Leader of Governance (2021-2023), I now work as a governance and school improvement consultant for the National Governance Association and Leicestershire County Council. I am also a Trustee for The Priory Federation of Academies; a large multi-academy trust made up of primary, secondary and special schools. It is a privilege to be able to support school governance across a wide variety of schools, to then come home to my favourite!!

What I love the most about Stathern Primary School is how the staff team are committed to provide a curriculum that is relevant and exciting. The learning makes a difference to the lives of children and it promotes the desire for our young people to make a difference to others and the world in which they live.

I am Co-Chair of Governors and responsible for Head Teacher Performance Management.



I am Ken Bray. Joan and I have been resident in Stathern since 2002 when we moved out of Nottingham. We have three children and three grandchildren. Since I retired from a lifetime as a Logistics Manager at Boots the Chemist in 2005, I have been involved in volunteering in the village and have served on both the Parish Council and the School Governors. Currently, I am Vice Chairman of the School Governing Board and Chairman of the Parish Council. For school I am Chairman of the Finance Committee, serve on the Health & Safety Committee, Pay Committee and am the GDPR governor. I find the two roles are a good balance. Fortunately, it still leaves me time for a little tennis, cricket and birdwatching.

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I am Karen Lambert and I am proud to be the Headteacher at Stathern Primary School, and am in my 5th year at the school. I have worked across schools in Leicestershire and Lincolnshire for 26 years and have loved leading Stathern School, achieving its Outstanding status again, building on its current successes and evolving the school to maintain the high standards that people rightly expect from it, whilst nurturing the children, encouraging compassion and ensuring the pupils in my care strive to have a positive and huge impact in the world! I have been involved in governance for over 20 years and have been a parent and community governor in local primary schools and a local secondary school, recently supporting a failing school. I have spent a lot of time working with Ofsted in that school and other successful schools and feel I have a great grasp on the current educational landscape. I feel incredibly lucky already be part of such a passionate and dedicated team of staff and governors that really has the interests of the children at the heart of what they do. I have felt amazingly supported by the team as we enter a new and different era in education, forging a way ahead with clear strategic direction but being supported to ensure that our operational needs are supported and met. The children at Stathern Primary School all have unique interests, talents and passions and watching them grow and learn with the rest of the Stathern Family humbles me. I feel privileged to work with all the Stathern stakeholders



My name is Marcus Helps and I have lived in the village since 2017. I moved here from Bingham with my wife Jo, two boys – Arthur and Euan and our two dogs. The boys are in Class 4 and Class 3 at Stathern respectively. My background is in multi-site management of pubs, bars and restaurants, but a few years ago I ended this career and retrained as a joiner/cabinet maker. As well as renovating our place, I set up in business making bespoke wooden furniture from my home workshop.

I believe in getting involved in local community activity wherever you can add value, and have been wowed by the school itself, the staff and governor teams and the shared passion and drive to deliver the best possible experience for the children.

I am on the School Development Committee, Chair the Health & Safety Committee and am the Training & Development Governor.

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My name is Annie Sibson, and I have lived in Stathern for almost 4 years following a move from Melton Mowbray. I have a daughter about to go into Class 2 and a son who will hopefully be in Class 1 next year.

I have worked with children for the majority of my adult life in a variety of roles - coaching, instructing, leading, and teaching. I worked within a special needs school environment for 8 years, and am currently working as an SEN 1:1 at a local school. I am passionate about advocating for every student to ensure that irrespective of any external factors, each student has access to the best resources/funding/support as is possible in order to allow them to achieve as highly as possible.

I am truly fortunate to be part of an outstanding governance team, working to support an outstanding staff team in an outstanding school.



My name is Becky Hill and I moved to Stathern in June 2021 with my husband Steve, my labradoodle Jed, and my dad Steve. Shortly afterwards, we were joined in the village by my sister Sam, my niece Libby, and my nephew Alfie. We're a close-knit family and do everything as one strong family unit. We have all loved being a part of the local community, having previously lived in a city environment in central Leicester. I am personally looking forward to giving back by offering my commitment as a proactive and supportive governor. I am in a fortunate position where I am able to volunteer my time and have the flexibility with my current job to give my all as a Governor.

I work full time as the Managing Partner of a large Law Firm and previously held Director roles being responsible for leading Law Firm Operations. I am driven by doing the right thing. Although I only started as a Governor in the summer of 2022, I have extensive experience in legal governance and, more than anything, I have a commitment to 'making things great' with a desire to support Stathern Primary School.

I believe that all children should be equipped with the knowledge and skills to enable them to have choice in their lives and access to opportunities that are right for them. I am passionate about learning and development and supporting individuals and groups to realise their potential. I am keen to ensure that no matter where someone has come from, all are entitled to a good education and a solid starting point in life. I support this by being a part of the Safeguarding team, the Finance Committee and I am the co-Chair of the Full Governing Board.

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My name is David Cox and I lived in Stathern, with my wife Helen, for two years – we now live in Barkestone. Having lived abroad in Cyprus and in France for 15 years we decided to move back to the UK and found a house in the wonderful village of Stathern. What a gem; lovely people, beautiful countryside and fabulous walks for our puppy, Mia.

I am a Chartered Engineer and worked for Rolls-Royce Motors for a number of years before commencing a career in education. I have been involved in education for over 40 years as a teacher, senior leader, adviser and inspector.

I currently work as a lead reviewer for a large education-based charity in London with a network of over 550 schools across the country. As a lead reviewer, I lead teams of senior school leaders and teachers in reviewing the work of schools through partnership challenge.

I am passionate about education and the doors it can open for our young people; all of our futures depend on them being successful and caring human beings.

I am a member of the School Development Committee.



Hi, my name is Sarah Cross and I have lived in Stathern since 2015 and been a governor for over 4 years.

I have 3 sons, a daughter and a stepdaughter, who are at school between Stathern primary school, secondary school and college

I love the school and everything that it stands for, especially the family and community feel where the children of all ages mix and support each other so well. The caring and resilience that all the children at the school show is even more important in this current unusual world that we are living in. I am really enjoying the privilege of being able to support the School, the staff and the children in my role as Safeguarding Governor, as well as being part of the Health & Safety Committee.

I have worked for Pepsico since 2011, and juggle my working life, with being a mum and a governor, plus lots of other kids activities.

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Hi everyone. I am Emma Hill and having worked as a class teacher at Stathern Primary School since 2019, I feel exceptionally privileged to work with such committed staff, wonderful children and I really treasure being part of a school community that strives for excellence. I have been involved in primary education for 22 years with varying roles including Deputy Headteacher and working for a local authority as a curriculum consultant. I am very much looking forward to fulfilling my second year as 'Staff Governor' here at Stathern and building upon the outstanding provision that our wonderful school provides.



My name is Graham Tranfield. I am a retired university lecturer and I have lived in the village for over 40 years. Throughout this time this time I have been involved in village activities. I was the treasurer of the Stathern Recreational Association when it was first formed, and I helped organise the Party in the Park for many years. Many of you will have seen me playing my saxophone at Party in the Park and other village events over the years.

All of my children attended the village school and now I have 3 grandchildren living here. Two attend the school, and the third will go there in due course.

I have recently been appointed as a governor and I am training to be responsible for the Special Educational Needs & Disability provision in the school. I am very concerned that anyone with special needs should be properly supported. Although I have only limited direct involvement of these issues, my wife was a teacher in special schools for many years, and is giving me lots of good advice.

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Hi, my name is Daniella Kozak and I moved to the Stathern in December 2014. I live here with my partner and two children. It is a beautiful place to live and watch my children grow. The school community is important to me, especially as my children are a part of it, which made me want to be more involved in helping and supporting the children of Stathern.

I work full time for the Mowbray Education Trust and have done for the last 6 ½ years. I work with all the schools in the Trust, responsible for improving, implementing and deploying Trust wide processes and procedures, Trust compliance around GDPR and data protection. Within all these areas, I also ensure a consistent delivery and approach whilst being mindful around budgets and spending.

I believe my knowledge and skills acquired will bring a fresh perspective on how we can look to improve the support for the school.

I am new to the Governor role; however, I look forward to working alongside the other governors, the school and other parents to provide the best start possible for their future success.