

Christchurch Junior School Local Advisory Board



Sam Fuller - Headteacher

Sam was appointed Headteacher in September 2020. Since becoming a teacher in 2003, Sam has had the privilege to work in a range of schools: he spent five years in his first teaching position at Ferndown Middle School as a class teacher and KS2 Maths Leader; he joined Malmesbury Park Primary School in 2008 as a phase leader and later Assistant Headteacher; from 2014 Sam worked at Ringwood Junior School where he was Deputy Headteacher.

Sam's various responsibilities over the years have included leadership of Pupil Premium. Sam has strived throughout his career to advocate for the most vulnerable in any community he works in, recognising that striving for equality will make our society stronger and truly authentic.



Ian Mayhew – Community Governor and Chair of the Local Advisory Board

Ian is a strategic manager within a multi-national company with a wide range of experiences from project and people management, profit and loss and team health and safety responsibility, to technical problem solving. Ian has a great desire to help individuals identify their career path and help them develop themselves both personally and professionally having been on many management and leadership courses and being responsible for recruitment in his company.

Ian became a Community Governor in March 2020 taking over as Chair of the Local Advisory Board in September 2020.



Ernie Ball – Community Governor

Ernie worked in radar and electronic warfare before moving into the computer industry as a senior engineer and engineering manager before becoming U.K. and then European Training Manager based in Paris. Ernie has worked throughout Europe, the U.S.A. and Africa. In 1987 Ernie became a flying instructor, C.A.A. Flight Examiner and then an airline pilot.

When Ernie relocated to Christchurch he was a flight and simulator instructor on the Boeing 747 aircraft in the daytime and taught RAF Air Cadets two evenings a week. In 2021 he was awarded the Queen's Commendation from Her Majesties Lord Lieutenant for services to the Air Cadets.



Karen Butler – Community Governor

Karen has lived in the borough of Christchurch for most of her life having attended Twynham School. Karen currently works as an Operations Manager at Currys in Christchurch. Prior to that Karen was a Teaching Assistant at Mudeford Junior School for 16 years delivering interventions and boosters, updating and supporting the ICT and running the Netball after School Club.

Karen is a qualified netball coach and committee member of Poole Netball Club. At weekends, she often travels the South West with the adult regional team as their coach/team manager.



Maggie Fidler – Community Governor and Vice-Chair of the Local Advisory Board

Maggie was a teacher for 15 years predominantly in the Secondary sector before moving to an Educational Technology company working with schools (Primary and Secondary) supporting them with using systems to show progress in achievement, comparison to national attainment indicators, parental engagement and whether money spent has been good value for the desired effect on learning and wellbeing.

Maggie runs Jumpers Beavers and also supports Explorer Scouts. Maggie has held roles for around 20 years involving safeguarding young people and the adults surrounding them.



Natasha Gerber – Parent Governor

Natasha volunteers talking and giving guidance to parents taking part in the schools Transition Project, and most recently, taking the position of Treasurer and Vice Chair on the PTFA.

Natasha has experience in the autism diagnosis process, hearing impairments in children, and the subsequent effect on their speech and language/learning

Natasha is an EarlyBird and Teenlife trainer with Linwood school/National Autistic society and is studying children and young people's mental health and well-being. Natasha is a Parent Champion for Sendiass/BCP Parent Carers Together.