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 LAB member and Chair of the Local Advisory Board

lan 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.

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



Karen Butler - Community LAB member

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.



Sheila Carnan – Community LAB member



Hannah Dewhurst - Parent LAB member

Hannah has been living in Christchurch for the past 9 years and has children at both Christchurch Infant School and Christchurch Junior School. Hannah currently works as a specialist nurse at Bournemouth hospital and has a background in clinical research.

Hannah is the current co-chair of Christchurch Infant School PTFA having previously been their secretary. She has volunteered for various pre-school children's groups in the local area and particularly enjoyed the creative aspect of these groups.



Maggie Fidler – Community LAB member 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 LAB member

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.



Conor McClafferty – Staff LAB Member (teaching)

Conor, currently serving as the Year 3 Leader at Christchurch Junior School since his appointment as Year Leader in September 2023, is an educator driven by an unwavering passion for pedagogy and a commitment to student-cantered learning. With a wealth of experience spanning both secondary and primary education, Conor brings a diverse perspective and a deep understanding of fostering academic excellence at different levels. His dedication to education extends beyond the classroom, evident in his advocacy for STEM subjects and his Associate Facilitator role with STEM Learning. Conor champions these disciplines, recognising their pivotal role in preparing students for a rapidly evolving world. His multifaceted roles within schools, including Associate Assistant Headteacher, Data and Assessment Lead, Pupil Premium and Recovery Premium Lead, and STEM Lead, demonstrate his versatility and dedication to shaping holistic educational experiences.

Conor's multifaceted expertise, passion for pedagogy, innovative use of technology, and commitment to supporting staff development embody his dedication to nurturing an educational environment where every student thrives and every educator excels.