

Mrs Sarah Bray and Mrs Melissa Shaw, two of our parent governors, stood down from the governing board in July after serving us very well for 3 years. I must acknowledge and thank them for the time they gave and the commitment and valued input they made to the Finance, Community and Premises committee, the Leadership Management and Staffing committee and the Appraisal and Pay committees. I must also say a big 'thank you' to two other departing governors - Mrs Helen McAllister who has increased her teaching workload at EJS and Mrs Stimpson who has moved to another school. By sharing their knowledge and experience in teaching and middle management they added much to the board's understanding of the challenges facing the day-to-day teaching and strategic management of the school in relation to the ever-growing demands that education brings.

This year my fellow governors and I welcome two new governors to the team - Mrs Samantha Dowse, a new parent governor and Mrs Radhika Longbottom, a co-opted governor.

To complete the team there are three governors whom you already know and do not appear below. They are Mrs Blee (staff Governor), Mr Fenton (Head) and Mr Thomas (Deputy Head).

Mike Smith (Chair of Governors)  
Sept 2017

### HAYLEY CHAPPLE

I have been working as the school's Clerk to the Governors for two years now, and share the role with Sarah Hunter. I enjoy supporting the governing board in this very interesting role. I also work as a school HR adviser for Bracknell Forest council. I have two teenage boys - one in year 11 and one taking a gap year before starting university.



### SONIA GRUNDY

I am a parent governor with children in Year 3 and Year 6. Parents and children should be part of our school's development and I am keen for their voices to be heard. I have worked in industry and in education as a teacher and psychologist. I hope that I can give a parent view whilst understanding the demands made on our school. I am keen to bring a psychological perspective to the governing body and am passionate about inclusion. I chair on the Curriculum and Pupil Achievement Committee.

## SAMANTHA DOWSE

Following a simple application process at the end of the 2016/2017 school year, I have been accepted as a parent governor. My daughters are in Year 3 and 6 and I am also chair of the Parents' Forum. My role in the Biopharmaceutical Industry provides transferable skills that I am confident will allow me to contribute to the school committees. I also hope to ensure that the parents' view is considered and understood, when required. I am especially looking forward to being part of a team who are influencing the development of the school.



## TED HUNTER

I joined the governing body in 2011 as a Local Authority Governor, because I wanted to support the development of the school my grandchildren attended. After 37 years in secondary teaching and 6 years as a self-employed education consultant I quickly became involved in analysis of how the school is performing and I currently am Assessment and Pupil Premium Governor. In 2012, I took over as Deputy Chair of Governors and sit on all 3 sub-committees, including chairing the Leadership, Management and Staffing committee.

All my grandchildren have now moved on to secondary school, but the development of Emmbrook Junior School remains very important to me, when so much is changing in education. This is an exciting and challenging time for the school and I am looking forward to seeing the school develop further, now as a Co-opted Governor.



I recently joined Emmbrook Junior School as a Co-Opted Governor. I am passionate about education and with 2 young children that are yet to reach school age, I am keen to be involved in the school. I work in business and have 15 years commercial experience. I am also on the committee for Joel Park Residents Association so being in a thriving community is great. I have joined the Finance, Community and Premises committee and am looking forward to supporting the school.



## MIKE SMITH

I joined the governing body in 2011 as a community governor, many years after my two daughters had attended the school. With a background in secondary education as a teacher and adviser, I became particularly interested in the primary curriculum. Acting as subject governor for Music and Maths has given me an insight into how these subjects are taught and enjoyed by the pupils. Since becoming chair of the governing body I now sit on all committees to get an overview of the curriculum; the achievement of the pupils; how the leadership, management and staff make things happen; how the premises are kept in good order and the finances behind it all. I look forward to seeing the development of the school in its 53rd year and beyond with Infant and Junior governors working together to contribute to the continued development of two splendid schools.



## BRYAN WILLIAMS



I have lived in Emmbrook for over forty years and both my children and grandchildren have all been pupils at Emmbrook Junior, one grandchild being a pupil currently. I am now retired, but my career started with seven years as a teacher in a local state comprehensive school, where I was head of the chemistry department. I subsequently worked in the aerospace industry, much of which was devoted to managing business change. My current governor responsibilities include chair of the Finance, Community and Premises committee, as well as serving on the Leadership, Management and Staffing and the Pay committees; I am the subject governor for Computing.

## RADHIKA LONGBOTTOM

For the best part of the last 20 years, I have been involved in determining the marketing and international strategy of Universities, both here in the UK and the US. This meant that until recently, I was travelling all over the globe for up to 20 weeks each year. When my son started primary school in Sep 2015, I knew that the time was right for me to aim for a better work life balance and I am now in the fortunate position of continuing to promote Queen's University, Belfast predominantly in England on a part-time basis. I am passionate about education and feel strongly about the positive impact a great education can have on the future of our children. To this end, I hope to support the Governing team at Emmbrook Junior to help the school to not only achieve but also excel in their vision of 'developing every child's abilities by creating a nurturing, and motivating environment for learning'. I will be on the Curriculum and Pupil Achievement Committee and will also be the subject Governor for Maths.





I'm Sally Dowling and having recently retired felt I would like to give something back to the school where my three children and two of my grandchildren received their excellent education. I am a Community Governor and a member of the congregation of St Nicholas Church which meets in the Emmbrook village hall. My background is with Children's Services where I worked for 23 years so I am one of the Governors with responsibility for Safeguarding. I am a member of the Leadership Management and Staffing committee

#### SARAH HUNTER

I am Sarah Hunter and along with Hayley Chapple I am the Clerk to Governors at the school. In my day job I am a Schools HR Adviser at Bracknell Forest Council so work with school staff on a day to day basis. My niece and nephews have all attended and enjoyed their time at Emmbrook Junior School and I look forward to working in this role at the school.

