



## **Epping Forest Schools Partnership**

### **TRUSTEES**

#### **Lee Batson - Chair of Trustees**

Lee has been an ordained priest in the Church of England since 2004, and has served in parishes in Saffron Walden and Chelmsford before moving to lead a group of churches in Epping in 2017. He has previously served as Chair of Governors for a Community Primary School, and currently sits on the governing bodies of three Church of England schools (secondary and primary) so he has extensive experience of school governance. He has also set up, and then chaired, a community trust that brought together statutory, community and faith based groups. Lee has been involved in bringing together groups of churches in such a way that celebrates their individual charisma and autonomy, whilst allowing the benefits of partnership to be appreciated.

#### **Lesley Duffin - Trustee**

Lesley is recently retired following a forty one year career in Primary Education, over half of that time being spent at Senior Leadership level. She is passionate about the delivery of excellent education at primary level through the delivery of a creative, stimulating and rigorous curriculum which engages young minds and equips them for their future role in society. Over the last 30 years Lesley has served on several governing bodies in different capacities – teacher governor, parent governor, community governor and is currently Chair of a local governing body. Experiences at this level have given her a thorough understanding of strong school management and how it is supported by ensuring financial stability, accountability and clear strategic planning. She is familiar with the work of local schools and fully supports their collaborative ethos as a route to outstanding provision for all children.



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### **Brenda Jarvis - Trustee**

Brenda trained as a Social Worker and for over 15 years held Senior Management positions in Social Care with both a County Council and London Borough. In these roles she provided strategic leadership, direction and vision to teams of staff, managed performance, staff development and dealt with a range of HR issues. Brenda also has experience of managing budgets, grants, commissioning services and extensive experience of investigating safeguarding concerns.

On retiring Brenda became a Governor at Hereward Primary School, she feels passionate about the rights of all children to have access to high quality education and has herself recently completed a BA Honour's degree with the Open University.

### **Sue Sunderland - Diocese Trustee**

Sue has recently retired from her role as an HR Consultant in a large global company where she undertook a number of operational roles before specialising in HR. Sue brings to the Trustee role her background in Employment Law, Training and Performance Management alongside her knowledge of Organisational Structure. Sue also has a good understanding of the Educational System having begun her career teaching Biology and Science in a Comprehensive Secondary School and serving as a Foundation Governor at St John's C of E Primary School for the past 13 years. As a governor Sue has served on the Personnel, Curriculum and Standards and Pay committees and the Head's Performance Review Panel, taking the role of Chair for these committees over various periods of time. Sue feels privileged to represent the Diocese of Chelmsford as a founding trustee of our EFSPT and is committed to our aim of 'Unlocking the Potential of Collaboration' to improve pupil outcomes whilst still allowing each Academy to preserve its individual identity.



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### **Peter Tidmarsh - CEO**

Peter was born and raised in the Epping Forest district. He began his teaching career in Barking and Dagenham undertaking a number of posts including Deputy Headteacher of Henry Green Primary School. During this time, he was also awarded an Australian Scholarship by the Association for Science Education. In 2000, he became Headmaster of St John's CofE Primary School in Buckhurst Hill. During his seventeen years of headship, he was appointed a National Leader of Education whilst the School became a designated Teaching School as well as a SCITT. During his time as Headmaster, St John's was an active member of the Epping Forest Schools Consortium. Peter, along with other headteacher colleagues, recognised the value and support the Consortium provided to schools and it was this framework that provided the opportunity to establish an Epping Forest MAT.

### **James Wood - Solicitor**

James is a solicitor at an international law firm based in London, specialising in public law (acting both for and against public authorities). He lives and grew up locally and has a long standing connection to schools in the MAT. James is involved in other voluntary work locally and was previously a governor of Lambourne Primary School, standing down from that role when the MAT was established.

### **Gillea Rossetti - Finance Director**

Gillea Rossetti is a Chartered Accountant and currently part of the management team at GSK's flagship manufacturing facility at Ware in Hertfordshire, making respiratory, cancer and HIV medicines for the global marketplace. She has had a 20-year career across a number of GSK sites mainly working in the research and development of biopharmaceutical medicines. She has been a governor at Theydon Bois Primary school since 2001. She has 4 children and interests outside of work include archaeology and allotments.



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### **Dee Wood - Business and Marketing Consultant**

Dee has twenty two years' senior leadership experience in the professional services sector including fourteen years at Deloitte where she was the Partner responsible for firm-wide marketing and business development. As a Business and Marketing Consultant, Dee now works with a wide range of firms to develop their business strategies and associated market plans.

She is passionate about the education sector, lives locally and her interests outside of work include walking and tennis.