

Management Committee Members



Liz (Elizabeth) McPherson
Chair of the Management Committee
Community Member

Liz has been in education settings for 30 years starting with nursery schools and playgroups. She has worked in Cirencester Deer Park School, a comprehensive secondary school, for the past 26 years starting as a TA, and progressing to Group Tutor and Head of Year. 12 years ago Liz became the Inclusion Centre Manager at CDPS and continues helping pupils to succeed with their learning. Liz works closely with the Gloucestershire Hospital Education Service and wrote that she is, *“keen that pupils access their full education entitlement even if life-events prove to be a stumbling block to this.”* Liz lives in Nailsworth and has 3 dogs. She enjoys walking, reading, coffee and the outdoors in any weather! Liz also has 2 grown-up daughters and an 11 year old grandson



Beth Warren
Head Teacher - Staff Member

Beth has been in education for 24 years, with 12 years on the senior leadership team for two large secondary comprehensive schools. Over these years she has seen first hand how life events and circumstances can affect young people, yet how despite incredible adversity and illness they can still thrive and flourish when given the right nurture, care, challenge and guidance. At GHES every individual matters, and we aim to ensure that no medical condition stops a child achieving their potential. Beth is also a parent governor for her local primary school in Worcestershire which her two daughters attend. When not working, Beth can usually be found running or cycling.



Meg Dawson
Vice Chair of the Management Committee
Community Member

Meg has been teaching in Gloucestershire for 24 years and is currently the Head Teacher of Cashes Green Primary School. Meg has been involved with GHES for 14 years and is, *“committed to ensuring that all children who attend the service have the best possible experience and reach their potential.”*

Helen Ford
Community Member



Jo Johnson
Local Authority Member

Jo has nearly thirty years' experience in education, having worked primarily as a primary school teacher across a range of settings in Gloucestershire, including both the city of Gloucester and rural schools in the Cotswolds.

For the past decade, she has specialised in SEND and has worked as a SENDCo in mainstream, specialist and PRU settings. Jo now works for GCC as part of the Advisory Teaching Service, supporting schools to meet the needs of pupils in mainstream education.

Jo lives in Cheltenham with her husband, two children and their cockapoo. She enjoys travelling, walking and is partial to a decent 'flat white' at the weekend.

Jude Lloyd-Baker
Parent Member



Kirsty Pritchard
Community Member

Kirsty is an Operational Manager for Gloucestershire CAMHs. Previously she was employed by Gloucestershire County Council as a senior commissioner and managed the Health Schools Team.

Kirsty is married with three children and 2 dogs. *“Three years ago my daughter was supported by the wonderful staff at GHES, in fact they supported the whole family during a very difficult time and made a big difference to the outcomes for my daughter both educationally and socially. I want to continue to support GHES with the varied skills and knowledge I can add.”*



Anne Sandford
Parent Member

My son has been a student with GHES for the past three years and is about to sit his GCSE's, so I am keen to give something back, to say thank you for supporting my son through what has been a very difficult period in our family's lives.

I have spent my working life in insurance. I am currently on a career break, after going through a recent redundancy so I am focussing on supporting my son through this examination period and spending some quality time with my family, before I see what's next for me.

We love our pets, two cats (soon to become three), called Tinsel, Toffee & Toasty and a small dog called Toby who has a very big bark.

We are a neurodivergent family; I hope to be able to bring a parent and a ND perspective to the support and services provided by GHES.



Trudi Scott
Staff Member

Trudi has been in education for 33 years in a variety of roles: Primary School Teacher, Early Years Lead, Advisory Teacher for Primary English, Tutor/Assessor/Validator of NVQ Teaching Assistant L2 and 3, and qualified children's yoga teacher. She has worked for GHES for over 14 years as a yoga teacher, Outreach Tutor, GHES School Room teacher, and for the last two years as Curriculum Leader of the small group of teachers based at Gloucester Royal Hospital. She has focused on ensuring that the school-aged patients receive a comprehensive and varied curriculum, including 'wellbeing' activities like pottery and music therapy, and the use of sensory tools to support neuro diversity. The GRH team promotes an 'access for all' ethos, in line with the GHES vision of supporting all children, whatever their medical need, to achieve their potential.

Trudi has two children, who both attended schools in Gloucestershire. In her free time, she enjoys walking her dog, cycling, running and yoga.



Dave Smith
Community Member

I have worked in education for over thirty five years; teaching in the primary sector in Gloucestershire before spending fifteen years as headteacher of a large junior school in Gloucester. Since 2014 I have worked as a school improvement consultant with a range of local authorities and multi academy trusts across the Southwest and West Midlands, working with schools in a wide range of different contexts.

I feel passionately that all young people deserve the highest quality education we can give them and the best life chances we can offer. So it is a privilege to be invited onto the management committee of GHES where I look forward to using my skills and experience to support the wonderful team at GHES and the fantastic work they do.



Carol Trim
Community Member

Carol has been involved with education in various ways since the late '90s. Initially working at Scholastic, she helped schools in the South West to run their book fairs successfully, and now still runs her own style of book fairs in schools. From around 2007 until 2023, Carol was actively involved in promoting Accelerated Reader into schools across the country. From 2015, she was part of a small team training teachers to use it effectively to help primary and secondary age young people improve their reading and comprehension. For some who had never really read anything very much, it started their love of reading for pleasure.

Carol is Chair of Governors at a local primary school where she has been a Governor for over 25 years. Her aim has always been to help as many young people as possible realise their potential and to make education for all as accessible and enjoyable as possible. She is a huge supporter of the work that GHES does to help the young people that come to them.

In life outside GHES, Carol was recently elected onto her local Town Council, a role she is looking forward to developing with local residents. She also considers herself lucky to recently be taken on by WWT, Slimbridge for casual, seasonal work engaging with visitors of all ages. She enjoys various classes at the gym and loves singing in her local Rock Choir.