



Trustee biographies

Gill Budgell

Gill is the director of Frattempo Ltd which is a consultancy business specialising in educational and publishing services. She has over 30 years' experience of education as a teacher, adviser, publisher, researcher and award-winning author of print and digital classroom resources.

She is qualified in supporting the needs of bilingual pupils and specialises in Early Years and primary English language and literacy resources.

Gill is an industry judge for both BETT and ERA educational awards in the UK and has worked extensively in international markets as both teacher and trainer.

She has experience of governance at both primary and secondary phases as well as of MAT conversion. Gill joined the Board at the end of 2019 and continues to be a co-opted governor at a local Hertfordshire primary school. She looks forward to working with The Red Kite Schools Trust as a trustee.

Alastair Durno

Alastair spent his entire career in Education, initially qualifying as a primary teacher - working in London. For the past sixteen years he was a senior manager at a leading UK educational assessment company, GL Assessment. During this time, he held various roles; these included: programme leader for the delivery of National College of School Leadership, such as LftM, NPQH and Local Leaders of Education. He was also programme lead for two important programmes for Welsh Government, including the development and successful implementation of their baseline assessment. Most recently he was responsible for the team developing the eleven plus test.

Prior to this role he spent over thirteen years working for the then leading Educational IT company, RM plc.

He has recently successfully completed a Masters in Education, focussed on Educational Assessment at Cambridge University and is exploring further academic study possibilities.

Alastair has been involved in school governance for almost twenty years. As a governor for eight years (including as a chair of governors) at a Chesham Primary school. Then as a governor at a Hertfordshire secondary school and most recently becoming a trustee of a small Multi Academy Trust in Hertfordshire, where he is currently chair of the MAT Standards committee. He joined The Red Kite Schools Trust in January 2020 and looks forward to supporting the work of the Trust.

Anthony Ogden (Chair of Finance and Audit and Premises Committee)

Having completed a post-graduate business degree, for many years Anthony worked in various commercial roles with Shell International both in the UK and overseas, before moving into the not-for-profit sector with The Cancer Research Campaign. He also served as a Non-executive Director in the Chiltern & South Bucks Primary Care Trust where he chaired the audit committee.

He became a governor of Chesham High School (as it then was) in 2005 and was elected chairman of the Finance committee soon afterwards. He served two terms on the Bucks Schools Forum. As a School Governor, he continues to lead on finance at Chesham Grammar School.

When the single academy trust converted to become a MAT, he became a Trustee. He now chairs the finance and audit and premises committee of the Trust.

In his personal life he is a keen golfer and singer. He has also been a member of Chesham Musical Theatre Company for 12 years, appearing in many productions at the Elgiva Theatre, of which he was until recently a member of the advisory board.

Annmarie McNaney (Executive Headteacher and Accounting Officer)

Annmarie has been the Headteacher at Chesham Grammar School (CGS) since September 2015. She joined the school as Head of Sixth Form in the late 90s before being promoted to Assistant Head and then Deputy Head, a role she held from January 2007 until her appointment as Headteacher. During her time on the Senior Leadership Team, she has introduced several new initiatives and was the driving force behind 'CGS Learning', the school's bespoke approach to teaching and learning. She was an integral part of the CGS journey from good to outstanding and is very proud of what was achieved during this process.

Before moving to Chesham Grammar, Annmarie taught at Backwell School, a large, nine form entry comprehensive school just outside Bristol, where she was Assistant Head of Sixth Form. Annmarie is a graduate of the University of Bristol where she read Theology and Sociology and where she also did her PGCE. Annmarie is married with two sons, both of whom are students at CGS.

Sue Walton (Chair)

Sue has been a Trustee and Chair of RKST since 2015 and is also a Member of the Trust. She has extensive experience of school governance across the primary and secondary phases and is currently Chair of Governors at two local primary schools – Ivingswood Academy and Hawridge & Cholesbury CE School. She was previously a governor at Chesham Grammar School including roles as Chair and Vice Chair.

Sue has always been interested in education and her professional life has always been linked to the schools sector. Early in her career she worked in educational publishing working closely with teachers to commission materials for use in UK primary and secondary schools. She then moved into educational assessment and was project director of an onscreen national test project for the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and also oversaw trialling of onscreen marking for the National Assessment Agency. Since becoming freelance in 2010, Sue's has focussed on consultancy and project management specialising in educational assessment, particularly for primary schools.