

Board Profiles

Simon Chandler (Chair), Education consultant and experienced headteacher

Simon currently provides external adviser support for a number of schools on behalf of Brighton and Hove City Council and East Sussex County Council. He has also provided support for a range of schools in challenging circumstances including chairing progress groups and carrying out leadership reviews. The positive impact of his support has been recognised by Ofsted in several reports.

Simon has been involved in school governance for many years, as a headteacher, foundation governor and an additional associate member on behalf of the local authority. Simon has also served on a IEBs of several schools, including in the role as chair.

Simon has over ten years of successful primary headship. His passion is to develop the leadership skills of all members of the school community in order to ensure that pupils achieve the best possible outcomes.

Jessica Stubbings, Head of Education: Participation and Planning at East Sussex County Council

Jessica has been a senior manager within the school improvement service at East Sussex County Council for the last 15 years, over this time her role has included: the implementation of the Raising of the Participation Age, leading and managing Governor Services and lead responsibility for school organisation. Jessica was a member of the Hastings Opportunity Area Board between 2017 - 2021, a Department for Education funded programme to deliver improvements in educational outcomes and is currently a member of the Priority Education Investment Area Board in Hastings.

Shaun Jarvis, former HMI and school leader with extensive leadership experience in specialist settings

Shaun's career in education spans twenty years. He has devoted much of this time to working with children and young people facing significant disadvantage and vulnerabilities. He has particular expertise in safeguarding, inclusion, SEND and AP. Shaun holds the National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership. He has held several leadership roles in mainstream and specialist settings, and has worked with governors and trustees, providing challenge and support and helping to strengthen governance. He is a trustee of a multi-academy trust and has previously been a governor and the chair of a learning and standards committee. Following a successful career as a teacher and school leader, Shaun was privileged to become one of Her Majesty's Inspectors at Ofsted. He led high-quality, often complex, inspections of primary and secondary mainstream schools, special and independent non-maintained special schools, as well as alternative provision settings. Shaun's exceptional contribution was praised by the then HMCI. He is now director and principal consultant of a successful education consultancy, supporting schools and local authorities. He continues to lead inspections on behalf of Ofsted.

Linda Pannell, member of the previous Governing Board

Linda is an experienced and successful educational leader. She has worked in the primary sector as a teacher and then head teacher in two different schools. She also

acted as a consultant in nursery education in Harlow, Essex. After retiring she became Chair of Governors of a large primary school in Essex for 8 years. She was appointed to her second headship role under the Government's Fresh Start programme to take over and re-establish a failing school in a deprived area. This involved working with a newly appointed governing body, and the recruitment of a completely new staff team. Her passion for excellence in all curriculum areas is combined with a deep conviction that staff should be well led by example. They must be motivated, supported and trained in order to deliver the best education for the children in their care. This approach ensured a successful outcome in just over two years. She has subsequently carried the same convictions into her governor roles.

Janet Bowen, Lead Human Resources Consultant - Schools at East Sussex County Council (Associate Member)

Janet has worked with governing bodies, school leaders and senior Children's Services representatives to support personnel management across the schools' workforce in East Sussex since 1995. Janet is member of the Human Resources and Organisational Development Advisory management team for East Sussex County Council and has extensive experience in employee relations, managing change, TUPE, recruitment and managing complex HR issues. Janet is a Chartered Member of the Institute of Personnel and Development (MCIPD).

Rose Blaauw, East Sussex County Council Finance Officer (Associate Member)

Rose is a Principal Finance Officer with experience of working within local authority-maintained schools as a business manager since 2011. Rose now works within the Schools Finance contact team supporting schools and governors with their finance systems and finance information. Rose has extensive experience in preparation and monitoring of school budgets.