

Lynne is one of our co-chairs. She is now retired from a long-standing teaching career, which saw her take on a number of different roles, including her final years being spent at AFJS. She is now enjoying retirement and being 'Nanny daycare' for a growing number of grandchildren. Lynne joined the Governing Body to continue her 'Farmers Forever' experience.



Deb has been a governor for 15 years both at Abbots Farm Infant and Junior School. She originally joined as a parent governor to give back to the school community for the incredible start they had given to her children. She is now Joint Chair and still enjoys supporting and being part of the Abbots Farm family.



Lauren has served as a co-opted governor since autumn 2024 and is a parent at the school. She works in higher education and is interested in students' educational outcomes and achievements as well as student well-being. She is particularly drawn to data and metrics that can help support and understand student populations.



Lisa is a secondary school teacher and has been a governor at AFJS for many years. She has found the role to be rewarding and particularly enjoys working alongside fellow board members who each bring unique skills and perspectives to effectively challenge, support, and monitor the school's performance.



Meet our Governors!



Denise, or Mrs Beech as many of you will know her, is our staff governor and has been on the board for many years. She has a wealth of teaching experience and a particular interest in PE, sport and physical activity.



Aisha is a parent governor who has had 2 children that are 'former Farmers', 1 who is a current 'Farmer' and 1 more 'future Farmer' who will be joining us next year. She monitors finance on behalf of the board but has also enjoyed starting to look at curriculum alongside more experienced governors this year



Amy is a relatively new member of the Governing board. She works as a consultant lawyer specialising in dispute resolution, bringing many years of professional experience to the role. Amy is keen to bring a fresh perspective to the Board, drawing on both her legal expertise and her experience as a mother of two young children.



Could this one be you?



GOVERNORS NEEDED

at Abbots Farm
Junior School



Would you like to join one of the largest volunteer forces in the UK by joining the governing board at Abbots Farm Junior School? Governors provide schools with strategic leadership and accountability for educational and financial performance.



We are looking for people to join our governing board who have **energy**, **enthusiasm** and **time to commit** to our school.

We would love to have people join us who also have links with the local community and/or links with local businesses to enable us to extend our Farmers Family even further!

For more information, please call 01788 576074 or email admin2421@welearn365.com to arrange a visit or a chat with Mrs Webb, our headteacher



Abbots Farm Junior School is more than just a school; it is a family that sits proudly within a wonderful wider community. In addition to academic development, we also value our children's social, emotional and pastoral development. It is our aim that every child and their family enjoys many happy, memorable years at Abbots Farm Junior School and stay Farmers Forever in their hearts as they move on to new adventures.

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What is a school governor?

School governors have a varied and important role in helping our school run effectively. They have 3 core functions:

- Planning the strategic direction of the school
- Overseeing financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent
- Holding the headteacher or school leadership to account

The governor role is strategic rather than operational. Governors don't get involved with the day to day running of a school, instead supporting and challenging the school's leadership team to drive school improvement. They champion the work the school does.

Our governing board

Our board consists of 12 people and we meet in person 6 times per year. We also have a pay committee which meets once a year. A governor's term of office lasts for 4 years.

Our governors come from our local community and in their role they:

- get to know the school, including visiting the school occasionally during school hours and in agreement with the headteacher, and gaining a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses
- attend induction training and regular relevant training and development events
- attend meetings (full governing board meetings and committee meetings) and read all the papers before the meeting
- act in the best interests of all the pupils of the school, behave in a professional manner, as set down in the governing board's code of conduct, including acting in strict confidence

Being a school governor is a commitment and a responsibility, but offers you the chance to see first-hand the impact you can make in improving education for children in your community.

Do I need to have certain qualifications?

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work.

Although not essential, the ideal candidate will have experience of being a board member in another sector or a governor/trustee in another school.

Ideally, to help us ensure a wide balance of skills on our board, you will also be someone with knowledge/experience of:

Financial planning/management

OR

Experience of procurement or purchasing/Best Value

OR

Experience of premises and facilities management

How do I apply?

If you would like to apply, please complete the application form on the Governors for Schools website (<https://governorsforschools.org.uk/apply-to-become-a-school-governor/>) specifying Abbots Farm Junior School as your preference, so that they can support our recruitment process and provide you with additional resources and training for the role.

If it's something you might be interested in we hope you'll apply.

We really are keen to have more local community voices within our school.