



I was born 25 May 1967 and brought up in the Village of Westham, and attended Pevensey & Westham Primary School, Willingdon Secondary school and Eastbourne Sixth form College

I began a nursing career in Hastings in 1985, qualifying as a Registered General Nurse in the May of 1988, working initially in paediatrics, then moving on to Adult Cardiac Care. During my nursing Career I completed a BSc. (Hons) degree course with Brighton University.

I responded to a call to Ordained ministry towards the end of the 1990's, attended theological college at St. Stephen's House Oxford, obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in Ministry and was ordained in the summer of 2000.

Having served my Curacy at Eastbourne Parish Church, I have been Vicar of Saint Luke's Stone Cross with North Langney since 2003 and Priest in Charge of Pevensey Parish since September 2021. I graduated with honours with an MA in Christian Spirituality from Winchester University in the autumn of 2017. I will be licenced as Priest in Charge of Chiddingly, East Hoathly and Framfield on Thursday the 8th of June

I am married to Clare and we have two grown up children; Chloe who is a Piano Teacher and lives with her husband in Rye, and Sebastian who lives with his Fiancé in Bournemouth and manages a large Wetherspoons in the town centre.

I'm really looking forward to playing my part in the governance of the schools.

The Reverend James Vine MA

June 2023

Katherine Hall

Foundation Governor



I am currently a full-time mum to Edwin and Gregory. Gregory attends Framfield school.

I moved to Uckfield in 2007 with my now husband having grown up in West Sussex attending both a C of E primary school and secondary school. As a family we worship at Framfield church where both Edwin and Gregory were christened.

I studied Environmental Geochemistry at Reading University and then started work for a design consultancy based in Lewes in 2002. I then undertook a Masters in Soil Mechanics and Environmental Geotechnics at Imperial College London, part time, whilst working.

I progressed through the company to become a senior Geotechnical Engineer working on many large and small highways infrastructure projects considering foundation design. I left the company in 2018 to be a full-time mum after 13.5 years of service.

November 2023

Ken Howell

Parent Governor



I am 64 years old born in East London and moved to the Uckfield area in 1980 when Maria (voluntary netball coach) and I were married.

We have four children and twelve grandchildren, eight of which are current pupils at Blackboys school with two more attendees heading your way over the next few years.

I am semi-retired having spent my working life in the international Logistics industry culminating in the sale of my privately owned business in 2010. I have since spent time consulting air charter brokerage and was lured out of full retirement in 2017 to launch a U.K. branch of a global logistics plc.

I am a keen sportsman, sports fan and poor golfer. I am very family orientated and fortunate to be able to spend considerable quality time with my many grandchildren.

I have experience in school governance, having served as a governor at St Philips School Uckfield from 2001-04.

I have also been involved in local sport for many years providing voluntary coaching for football at St Philips and have been a long standing player committee member and president for a local senior football club. More recently I served as chairman for CD Phoenix Netball Club a highly successful club providing netball for members from under8's to adults competing at a regional level.

I am witnessing first-hand the quality education provided by Mr Sullivan and the team at Blackboys School and appreciate the opportunity to be able to give something back and contribute to the schools continued success.

November 2023

Lydia Cottingham

Foundation Governor



I moved to East Sussex from Hertfordshire in 2007 when I married my husband.

I gave up my career as a midwife shortly afterwards in order to focus on our family. Since then I have been a housewife and stay at home mother to our six children.

Two children have been all the way through Blackboys school, three currently attend and the youngest is starting Framfield Preschool. Our connection to Blackboys school is of much longer duration however- my husband, his siblings and many cousins have all attended the school.

I have been a member of the Blackboys Preschool Committee for a short while. I enjoyed my time working with others to support the Preschool and gaining a little insight into how early years educational settings operate.

As a lifelong Christian, I appreciate the Christian values and ethos underpinning the school which help make it the special place it is.

Blackboys School has given so much to my family, I look forward to giving something back.

June 2023