

# THE FEDERATION OF LOWER HALSTOW AND NEWINGTON CEP SCHOOLS

## MEET THE GOVERNORS

Chair of Governors: PETER  
MARSHALL

Local Authority Governor



During my time as both a Governor and Chair of Governors, I have seen many changes in the way the Governing Body operates. Governors are now more involved in holding the school to account through, for example, challenging the Headteacher by taking on the role of a critical friend and setting performance management targets which will further raise standards, monitoring pupil progress and taking responsibility for the school budget.

Together with my brother and sister, I attended Lower Halstow School and almost feel as if I've never left! I continue to live locally and with my brother run a small farming business in the village. Many of the skills used to run my business have proved to be very useful in being a Governor.

I regularly visit both schools and have a good working relationship with senior staff, teachers and support staff. Although I have been a Governor for many years I still find the role challenging but rewarding. Being married to a teacher also helps to keep me on my toes as well as keeping me reliably informed about current educational trends.

Vice Chair of Governors:  
TOM LEDGER

I have managed my family farm for 50 years and enjoy running the business. I have been a member of St Mary's Newington Parochial Church Council for a similar length of time, Treasurer for several years and two spells as Church Warden, represented the village of Newington on Swale Borough Council for sixteen years, Leader of the Liberal Democrat group for thirteen years, four years Majority Leader of the Council.

I was asked to be a foundation governor of Newington CEP School in 2012 and have just been re-appointed for another four years, now for the Federation.

I found the early stages hard work getting to grips with a governors responsibilities and an in depth knowledge of the schools. I have found the effort very rewarding and enjoy the challenge of trying to ensure that the Christian values and ethos are woven into the children's education. I believe both schools are extremely well led, encouraging learning in a happy atmosphere. I hope we will continue to be schools who welcome children from all backgrounds and varying levels of abilities giving them all the opportunity to fulfil their potential and become good citizens.

Diocesan Foundation  
Governor -

I have a very strong attachment to both Lower Halstow and Newington CEP Schools having started as Deputy Headteacher at Newington, moving to Headteacher of Lower Halstow and now Executive Headteacher to the Federation of both schools.

I passionately believe that every child deserves the very best education we can provide for them at the same time striving to ensure our pupils become ready for their future lives as citizens of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



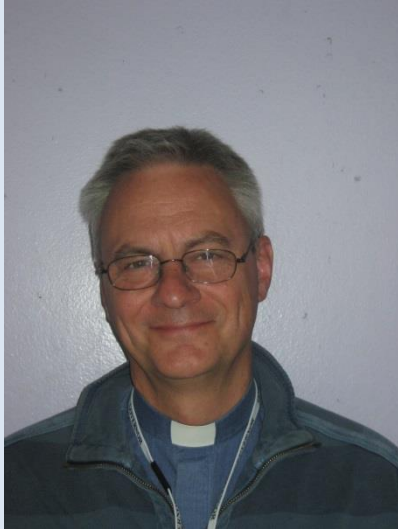
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER: Cathy Walker



FOUNDATION GOVERNOR: Reverend Julian Staniforth

I am the Rector of The Six benefice of churches, which includes the villages of Newington & Lower Halstow. This role brings with it a number of different connections with both schools, not least as the local parish Priest-in-charge of St Mary's Newington and St Margaret's Lower Halstow. By virtue of this role, I hold an ex-officio post as a Foundation Governor on the School's Governing Body. As a Governor I am currently a member of the Finance Team. I am also an ex-officio Foundation Governor of Hartlip C of E School (Endowed), where I am also joint vice-Chair and Chair of their Finance Committee.

I bring previous experience from the world of business, as I am a Chartered Management Accountant, having spent many years in financial management in the electronic and media industries prior to ordination. I am committed seeing how Christian values provide a strong foundation, not only for the children's learning and achievement, but also equipping them for life in a challenging world where they can both flourish as well-rounded human beings and make their own unique contribution.



PARENT GOVERNOR:

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STAFF GOVERNOR:

Lindsay Hayward

(Acting Head of School at  
Lower Halstow)

Having previously taught in another Kent school, I moved to Lower Halstow in September 2010. During the past 7 years my role has progressed from Class teacher and Subject Leader to KS2 Lead. In 2014 I became a Teaching and Learning Advisor, I am very proud to now be Acting Head of School. I strongly believe that children should be encouraged to achieve to the best of their ability and helped to develop the core skills needed to become life-long learners.



CO-OPTED GOVERNORS  
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Simon Krafft (Head of  
School for Newington  
CEP)

I have been at Lower Halstow School since 2007 when I joined as a NQT. I am proud to have played many roles within the school, teaching most year groups and leading many subjects. I have been a governor for the majority of the time and was part of the team that oversaw the federation of Lower Halstow and Newington CEP School.

I have been Head of School at Lower Halstow since September 2014 and am committed to providing a safe, engaging and enjoyable environment for pupils to learn and grow.



Gerry Lewin (Chair of  
Finance)

I am the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning Services at Swale Borough Council and represent the Ward of Hartlip, Newington and Upchurch. Before I retired my last job was working at Lloyd's of London as an IT project manager. I am widowed with two daughters who both attended Holywell School in Upchurch. I had been a Governor at Lower Halstow prior to its Federation with Newington. I am also a Governor at Highsted Grammar School and have previously been a Governor at The Howard School and the Temple School where I also was Chairman of Governors for five years. I am strongly committed to the education of students and support the strong core values and Christian ethos provide at both Lower Halstow and Newington.

I moved to Newington with my family from London in the early 80's, and my son Alex attended Newington school. I was involved with the PTA as it was known then, until my son moved on to senior school.

I trained as a technical illustrator and ran a successful business based in Maidstone typesetting and illustrating scientific and educational books.

On retirement I joined Newington Parish Council and from there I was appointed to the then Newington Governing Body. I supported the union with Lower Halstow and have seen the two schools merge into a successful Federation. I am a member of the Finance Committee and training governor and as part of the governing body support the excellent staff and management team in providing the very best for the children.



Tony Mould – Training and Development Governor



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