

MONTGOMERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOVERNOR



SIMON WEBBER joined the Montgomery Primary School governing board in 2023. Simon brings experience from outside the education sector and has a 15-year background working in construction. Simon is currently working in Somerset on the new nuclear power plant as a Project Manager and is a Chartered Civil Engineer.

Simon's family has a background in the education sector and Simon understands the pressures that schools are currently under. Simon aims to bring experience dealing with budgets, subcontractors and negotiating contracts which will assist Montgomery Primary School going forward.

Simon Webber - Parent Governor

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ROSALIND BROWN joined the Montgomery Primary School governing board in 2024. After attending Montgomery Primary School herself as a child, both her children and several of her grandchildren have also been pupils at the school. Rosalind has lived in the St Thomas community for most of her life.

Rosalind has a long background in education, working for almost 30 years at Bowhill Primary School in a variety of roles starting as an MTA, then as an HLTA and NVQ assessor, before progressing onto teaching Music and French.

Rosalind wholeheartedly believes in the value of good education within a nurturing environment, the role of schools at the heart of communities and providing equal opportunities to all.

Rosalind Brown – Partnership Governor

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JOSS CHAPPELL joined the Montgomery Primary School governing board in 2023. Joss has been a teacher for just over a decade and has been teaching at Montgomery Primary School since 2017.

Joss has had experience working and teaching children across all key stages in primary education. Currently, Joss leads Computing, Internet Safety and Digital Literacy across the school and spends his days teaching in Year 2. Joss is also part of the school's Pupil Premium team. Joss has a huge passion for the children and families of Montgomery Primary School and has been a part of the school's FoMS. Joss is also the school's resident school disco DJ.

Joss hopes to put his extensive knowledge of teaching and learning to good use and offer a holistic and open mindset to support the positive pathway Montgomery Primary School is following.

Joss Chappell - Staff Governor

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MARK RICHARDSON joined the Montgomery Primary School governing board in 2023. Having two children who thrived at Montgomery Primary School, Mark is delighted to have an opportunity to be involved in the school so that other children may enjoy the same creative and fun educational environment.

While Mark's current job is overseeing the work of Exeter Foodbank his previous roles as an ordained Baptist Church Minister and in musical instrument retail offer very different kinds of experience. Mark also has a great deal of experience in voluntary youth and community work roles.

Mark Richardson – Local Authority Governor

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SOPHIE TUCKER joined the Montgomery Primary School governing board in 2024. In her professional life, Sophie is a solicitor at Ashfords, specialising in commercial real estate and renewable energy.

Passionate about education, social mobility and ensuring that every child has access to wide ranging opportunities throughout their early life, Sophie joined the governing board after witnessing how engaged the school, teaching staff and wider community are about ensuring every child that enters the school has the best possible experience within its walls.

Sophie previously lived in St Thomas and regularly attends different events put on by the school community and plays netball alongside a number of current and former Montgomery parents.

Sophie is excited to play a part in ensuring Montgomery Primary School continues to be a brilliant example of what primary education can offer.

Sophie Tucker – Co-opted Governor

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STEPH WALKER joined the Montgomery Primary School governing board in 2018 as a Parent Governor and more recently as a Co-opted Governor. Steph is a parent and teacher at the school and is passionate about ensuring Montgomery Primary School is the best it can be.

Steph has been a qualified teacher for 17 years, taking a career break of 7 years to have 3 daughters. During this time, Steph worked with friends to set up and run the charity Make Lunch. This is a UK wide charity that partners with community groups to open school kitchens in the holidays so that children always have access to a hot meal.

Steph believes education should be accessible to all and as the school's Pupil Premium lead, is always working to remove barriers to education for all children. Having recently completed an NPQ in leading behaviour and culture, Steph brings knowledge and experience to the board to enable a strategic vision and ethos that is inclusive and welcoming to all.

Steph Walker – Co-opted Governor

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KATRINA WAY is a dedicated and passionate Headteacher, committed to providing the highest quality education for all; striving to create an environment where every child can thrive, achieve their potential, and develop into independent, lifelong learners.

Katrina has developed a strong collaborative leadership team and this is at the heart of its success. By fostering a culture of care, trust, and challenge, they have cultivated a dedicated and loyal staff team that is committed to the school's vision and values.

Katrina's priorities include the wellbeing of both children and staff and creating a nurturing atmosphere where everyone feels valued and respected. In addition, Katrina places high importance on celebrating achievements, fostering an environment where success is recognised and encouraged, and everyone understands what success looks like for them as individuals.

By working together, the governing board can succeed in its aim to maintain a culture of high expectations and continuous improvement, ensuring that Montgomery Primary School remains a nurturing and stimulating environment for all its children.

Katrina Way - Headteacher