



# The Vale Academy Governor Profiles

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## **Nigel Hodgson :**

Chair of Governors

Pupil Outcomes

Health & Safety

Parental Complaints



I am a Civil Servant, and I have served as a Councillor in the Houghton Regis Ward.

Both my grandchildren attended The Vale; I have been involved with the Governing Board for over 10 years and have been Chair for the last 5. The school has seen some significant changes in this time and challenging situations but has overcome them.

The Governing body is committed to supporting the school and ensuring all our pupils have the best learning experience possible within a positive and safe environment.

## **Martin Baldock:**

Vice Chair

Finance

Pupil Premium

Sports Fund Grant



Hi, I'm Martin Baldock, although my wife and I were born and grew up in London, Dunstable has been our home for more than half our lives now. I still commute every day to London where I work as a Chartering Manager for a shipping company, which in essence means I find cargoes for our oil tankers, then negotiate the freight and contract terms. Leisure time is spent watching West Ham United with my daughter Freja, who insists she will still want to come to watch them even when at university from September 2017.

I became involved with The Vale a few years ago when Freja attended here, first as a parent governor, then upon conversion became a member of the Academy Advisory Board. I was delighted when asked to become a co-opted governor on the Local Governing Body as although no longer the parent of a child at Vale I relished working with the Staff and existing governors and see it as my opportunity to contribute something to the local community. Although not an educationalist, I hoped that experience gained in my professional career coupled with past experiences as a trustee in two occupational pension schemes would complement the skill set that we have in the LGB and help us go from good to outstanding



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## Claire Pearson:

Co-opted

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Hi, I'm Claire and I have been teaching for over 15 years. I am currently the Head of Individual Development at Aldwickbury School which is linked with The Vale. I am keen to work alongside staff and parents to ensure all children are happy, have a love of learning and can fulfil their full potential.

I have three children of my own, a daughter and twin boys who attend our local primary school.

I am excited to work with the governors, staff and pupils of The Vale Academy to support the school to thrive and provide the best possible care and education for all.

## Richard Farrugia:

Co-opted

English



Hi, I'm Richard Farrugia, a Business Transformation Manager for BT, which in a nutshell means I manage & deliver a variety of service development, business integration & business change programmes, and when I'm not working I'm also husband to my lovely wife Michelle, a dad to my daughter Brooke who's going into Year 2, and my son Riley who's going into Reception, both in September 2016 at Vale. I live in the local area only a few minutes walk from the school and enjoy spending time with my family at weekends.

I think The Vale Academy is a great school delivering high quality learning opportunities both within and outside the classroom, and I believe that the first years of a child's education are crucial to their later academic achievements, and just as importantly to the development of social and other life skills

As a co-opted governor and part of the Governing Body, along with teachers, other staff and community representatives, I felt I could contribute to the strength of the academy by bringing an external perspective and my professional experience to the mix.

I feel passionately about school education and was honoured to have been elected and hope that my enthusiasm to help Vale Academy maintain high standards and meet future challenges pay off.



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Hi, my name is Sabrina and I have two sons. My eldest just started university and my youngest attends The Vale Academy.

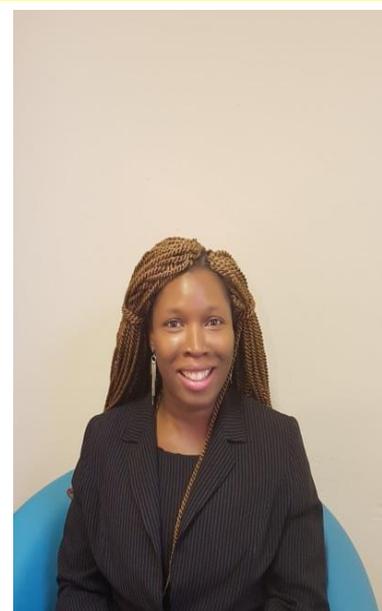
I studied BSc Social Work and graduated with BA (Hons) in Applied Social Studies and I have a Medical Secretarial background and work within the NHS.

My goal is to work with children in a holistic manner with their best interest at the forefront of what I do. My aim is to enable them to achieve academically and contribute positively to our society. I am passionate about the wellbeing and safety of our children and young people which I hope will reflect in the work I do.

I hope the parent governor role will allow me to contribute to the school positively as well as represent the under-represented minority. I am approachable and would also like to focus on communication between the school and parents.

I feel honored to be a part of The Vale Academy team and will strive to continuously extend my knowledge to keep up to date with the ever-changing policies and procedures. I am proud to have been chosen to be a part of the team and know that we can go from an Ofsted good to outstanding.

Thank you.



**Sabrina Clarke:**

Parent governor

Safeguarding

I am a busy working mum. I have over 13 years experience as a behavioural therapist, supporting children and young adults from the ages of 3-16 years old.

I am committed to pushing for a fair and appropriate education for all children. Making sure their abilities are appropriately recognised and celebrated. When time permits I enjoy cooking and reading.

I have 3 children, 2 of them attend The Vale Academy my oldest has just left to go to high school.

Karen Stephenson



**Karen Stephenson:**

Parent governor

Maths & Science