

Bohunt School Governors



CHAIR: Dr Patrick Ward

I have enjoyed a varied career, starting as a scientist and then a manager in a software house before moving to Hampshire to take up leadership roles in industry and finally in safety and governance.

Both my children attended Bohunt School Liphook and it was during this period I volunteered as a governor, I have always believed in the importance of education and that children should every opportunity to realise their potential.

Away from work I enjoy walking, reading and spending time with my family.



VICE CHAIR: Mrs Emma Winfield

I am a qualified lawyer and currently work as the strategic governance lead, and legal, compliance and risk officer at a senior school.

I advise the Board on best practice, review risk registers, Health & Safety information, analyse data, review statutory policies and have an in-depth understanding of the relevant guidance and legislation.

I have been a Parish Councillor and a governor at the local infants and junior school, supporting the schools through 3 Ofsted inspections. I enjoyed proactively supporting the school to implement its strategy, being a 'critical friend' and reviewing financial and management information.

I understand how central Bohunt is to the community and would love to forge stronger links with local groups and organisations.



Mr Ian Clarke

With three children at Bohunt and living locally, I have a keen interest in the School's short-term success and, as importantly, its central role in offering opportunities for future generations.

I have three decades experience in both the public and private sectors: as a naval officer, British diplomat and now Director Business Development in a growing company. I have developed good people skills and participated in Board-level strategy discussions: I listen, welcome different opinions, assimilate complex issues quickly, communicate confidently while acting discretely, and seek shared success.

I bring to the local governing board what should be a helpful blend of professional and personal experience, developed over years of balancing a hectic family life with senior work positions.



Mrs Laura Cummins

I am a 50 year old mother of 2, living in the centre of Liphook. My older son has just left Bohunt with excellent results and my daughter continues her educational journey successfully in Year 8 currently.

I work full time for Hampshire Constabulary in CID in Basingstoke as an Investigating Officer. This is a role that I am passionate about and means that I have a good insight into some of the local and wider challenges that the young people at the school are facing today.

I hope to bring this knowledge and experience to my role as Governor and I look forward to working with the whole board to bring about positive change.



Mr Alistair Halliday

I have been a governor of Bohunt School since 2008. I am Chair of the Bohunt Educational Trust.

I joined RFEA as Chief Executive in January 2019 and became Chief Executive of the Forces Employment Charity following the combination with the Officers' Association employment services in May 2022. A veteran of the Royal Navy, I have worked in corporate business, government and the voluntary sectors, with extensive experience in media communications, strategy, change and business development. I have had high-level Corporate Communications experience in government, advised many charities, run Raytheon's training business, and commanded three warships. At BFBS I set up and ran the acclaimed Forces Media Academy.



I am Vice Chair of Cobseo and Chair the Cobseo Employment Cluster of 25 employment charities and, sit on the Veterans Employer Group and Veterans Advisory Board. Prior to Raytheon,

I served in the Royal Navy for over 32 years where I commanded 3 warships. I was Military Assistant to the Chief of Defence Logistics before becoming Director Defence Public Relations, managing RN, Army, RAF and Defence media communications. My final MOD post was Head of Reserve Forces and Cadets, responsible for tri-service policy for all Reservists, implementing the Reserves Review.

I am a graduate of Reading University, Manchester Business School and the Joint Service Defence College at Greenwich

Mr Rich Hill

My name is Richard Hill and I am a PE Teacher and Head of House for the Upper School in Curie here at Bohunt.

I graduated from the University of Chichester in 2014 and completed my teacher training at Bohunt nine years ago. I feel very fortunate to work in a supportive and challenging school with lots of amazing young people.

My main interests outside of school are mostly linked to sport and exercise from playing golf to riding my bike.



Mrs. Amanda Jordan

I have lived in Hampshire and southwest Surrey for over two decades and like most working parents have tried to find a good balance between supporting my three children through the education system and my professional career.

I have a keen interest in education and hope that the skills that I have learnt and developed throughout my career can be put to good use in my role as a Bohunt governor.

Since 2010 I have been the Finance Director of a Corporate Communications Consultancy, a role which involves providing operational support on commercial matters, business planning and human resources.

Prior to retraining as a finance professional, I worked for a large publishing house and oversaw the European production of its best-selling magazine, with direct responsibility for a multi-million Euro budget, procurement, supply chain management and distribution.

I have a BA (Hons) in History and Politics from the University of Manchester and started my career as a sports journalist.

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Dr. Ray Morton

I have been a Liphook Governor since September 1992, serving as Chair of Governors for 14 years. All three of my children were pupils at Liphook, where they received a very good education, enabling them all to proceed to university, and thence to good careers.

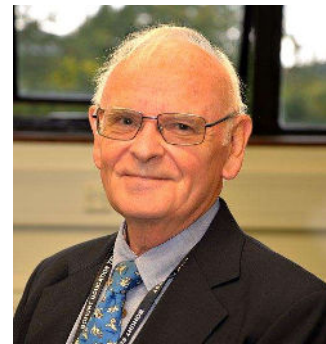
I was Chair of the Bohunt Education Trust until 2025, of which I was one of the founding members. As the Trust grew to its current nine secondary schools, I decided to step down as Chair of Governors in order to devote more time to BET but continue as a governor.

Because my children all had to attend Sixth Form elsewhere, I made it a priority to see a Sixth Form established here in Liphook – after three applications, Bohunt Sixth opened finally in 2017.

I am proud of my role in the growth of Bohunt Liphook (and the BET), which provides equal opportunities for all pupils, and produces well-rounded gamechangers, ready to meet the challenges of adult life.

I hold a PhD in Chemical Engineering and, having retired in 2003 from a career in sales to the chemical industry, I continue to Chair Schools Admissions appeals, as well as appeals against Exclusions, mostly within Hampshire, and occasionally for adjacent education authorities. I was on the Board of a local Housing Association for several years and continue to serve on a couple of NHS committees in the South of England.

My wife and I have four grandchildren in England, plus four more in Australia.



Dr. Sarah Payne

I have been a clerk in the House of Commons for nearly 20 years. I specialise in legislation, giving impartial advice on House of Commons procedure to Members of all political parties. Before that, I was a practising solicitor working in commercial litigation with an international focus.

I became interested in education many years ago when I was a clerk to the Education Select Committee of the House of Commons. I researched the impact of testing and assessment on schools and children, amongst other things, and travelled with the Committee both within the UK and internationally to gather evidence from diverse education practitioners.

I bring all this experience and a deep commitment to life-long learning to my work as a community governor at Bohunt School. As a francophile who has lived and worked extensively in France, I also believe strongly in the power of the study of modern foreign languages to unlock potential in our young people.

Alongside my work, I devote my time to my young family, our rescue dogs, cooking, scuba diving and daily swimming outdoors (a life-long passion).

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Mrs. Gillian Tanton

My name is Gillian Tanton and I am Head of Student Services and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead here at Bohunt school.

I have worked in the Education sector for just over 15 years and prior to that worked in industry in Project Management and HR Management roles. I have worked in International companies in Aviation, Logistics and Oil and Gas.

I am passionate that all students gain the best life chances academically, socially and emotionally from their education experience.

Outside of school, I love to read and spend time in the garden.

