

Board of Trustees of the Bonitas Schools Trust

Chair of the Trustees - Rachel Phillips

Having obtained a degree in Food Science, Food Economics & Marketing, Rachel's work over the course of 20 years with British Bakeries (RHM Ltd) and Mars Confectionery, in roles ranging from Factory Controller, Business Unit Director, Sales Development Manager to National Account Manager and Trade Marketing Controller, has provided her with extensive experience in strategic planning, finance, line management and human resources. In addition, her role as Foundation governor from 2008 – 2016 and, subsequently Chair of Governors from 2010-2016 in St Michael's Easthampstead Church of England Primary School and Chair of Governors from 2017-2019 in Jennett's Park Primary School has enabled her to develop a detailed understanding of primary phase education governance. Rachel has also served as a Director on the Board of Trustees since 2017.

Director – Lyn Bailey

Lyn is currently an independent education consultant, having retired as Senior Primary Adviser for the local authority. She has extensive experience of school improvement, having worked as an adviser for three local authorities, been seconded as Headteacher to 5 schools experiencing difficulties and been substantive Headteacher of two Primary schools, one of which was a failing school and in four years was judged as outstanding. Currently Lyn carries out training and development for headteachers and Governing Bodies for several local authorities and Chairs Monitoring Boards and committees which support improving schools

Director – Ruth Jackson

Ruth has over 20 years experience of teaching in a range of primary schools, and is currently Head of a local school which has been graded as 'outstanding' by OFSTED. She has experience of supporting school leaders through mentoring newly appointed Heads and working alongside schools in special measures, providing focused support and advice for leadership teams and classroom staff.

Director – Richard Jolley

Having started from entry level to Directorship Richard has over 50 years experience in industry, working within many large international companies based throughout the world, and has enabled many achievements and much notable success. He has all-round managerial skills including Financial Planning, Targeting, Engineering, Training and HR. In addition Communication skills enabled the appreciation of and develop the specific balance of theoretical vs practical skills.

Richard believes it is important to challenge and motivate whilst ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment encouraging the maximum potential for all to achieve and believes this can be achieved by having a stable financial position with Planning and Guidance from all directions.

Director – Robert Kelly

Robert graduated from the University of Hull in 1995 with an honours degree in Economics, and has worked as an Information Services consultant for over twenty years in a wide range of organisations from multinational corporations to government agencies. He has been responsible for planning and delivering numerous large-scale transformation projects globally.

Outside of his professional life, Robert and his wife Sally are foster carers for Bracknell Forest and are passionate about improving outcomes and opportunities for all children. His close involvement with Children's Services has given him a knowledge of safeguarding and child protection procedures and legislation.

Robert is a committed Christian and takes an active part in Church life. He fully supports the Christian ethos and aims of the Trust.

Director – Rob Price

As a technology leader with over 25 years' experience in the IT industry, Rob has established good business acumen, strong leadership and conflict resolution skills and an ability to communicate a compelling vision. His strategic planning experience at both a national and international level mean that he has contributed to the management of change, the development of business processes and financial efficiencies and to the provision of effective systems of accountability. As a member of the Governing Board of Jennett's Park CE Primary School, he has undertaken responsibility for leading on the development of the school's academy status.

Director - Beverley Stevens

Beverley was appointed as Headteacher of Ranelagh School in January 2015 following ten years as Headteacher at Court Moor School, a large local authority 11-16 school in north east Hampshire. She has a history of commitment to school-to school support having chaired the local 13 strong cluster of secondary and primary schools in Fleet, and the North East Area Headteachers group, covering Fleet, Farnborough, Basingstoke and Alton, prior to her appointment to the post at Ranelagh. During the course of her headship in Court Moor, she was seconded for two terms to lead Eggar's School in Alton as they faced a challenging period of transition between headteachers. She was then asked to support a school in challenging circumstances in Portchester as they too faced a period of leadership transition. As Headteacher representative on the Children and Families standing committee representing 70 secondary schools in Hampshire, she maintained a strategic view of educational provision which continues to inform her contribution to school development and planning in Bracknell Forest. Ranelagh is the lead institution for the School Direct Partnership, and Beverley also chairs the local Church Schools Network.

Director – David Tait

David has an Honours degree in Physics and thirteen years' work experience as a GeoPhysicist managing a remote field crew of 150 staff. In addition, he has spent more than 20 years working in technical solution selling and sales management. He has considerable experience in public sector procurement and contract negotiation and has spent several years selling educational software (Integrate Learning Systems) to Local Authorities, secondary and primary schools. As a result, he has a working knowledge of business finance, strategy and planning and data analysis. David's seven years' service as a governor has included involvement in the conversion of Ranelagh School to an Academy.