



School Governors

David Riddle – Chair

David is a former local authority Chief Executive, and a practising solicitor. His leadership experience includes large scale organisational change, cost reduction programmes, organisational strategy, and performance management in local authorities and in the Metropolitan Police Authority. His legal experience includes public law, human rights, and professional regulatory law.

David has extensive non-executive governance experience as chair of the national governance board of the Ministry of Defence Police, chair of a NHS Primary Care Trust, and as a Governor of an NHS Hospital Trust.

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Patricia Lankester – Vice Chair

Patricia was Head of Humanities in two North London comprehensive schools and then taught in a community college in the USA. She was Head of Education for the National Trust and then Director of the Paul Hamlyn grant making Foundation. She is a former trustee of various cultural organisations including the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Tate, the National Gallery, the Sage Music Centre in Gateshead and a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company Learning Panel. She is a current trustee of the Chelsea Physic Garden and the Holburne Museum in Bath, and a founder member of the Cultural Learning Alliance which works to ensure continuing access to culture for all children and young people in the current climate.

Alastair Ogle - Principal

Alastair has led APHS through significant change since his appointment in September 2010 resulting in a year on year rise in pupil attainment. During this time pupil numbers have also risen significantly, from 305 to approximately 570 in September 2021. Alastair sits on the UEA Secondary PGCE Steering Group, is a Trustee for Wells United Charities, a Trustee for Wells Sea Cadets and is a practicing Ofsted Inspector.

Stephen Humphries

Steve has previous experience as a school governor, in two primary schools. He is a scientist who worked in industry for most of his career, specialising in agronomy. He was involved with research and standards setting at national and European levels. Steve has a keen interest in science education. Steve lives in Wells Next the Sea, where he is involved on the Wells Carnival Committee which is a central part of Wells' community life.

Sally Garrett

Sally is an experienced and effective Head Teacher. She is currently Head Teacher at The Ashley School Academy Trust, Lowestoft, Suffolk. A special school for 140 pupils with MLD/Complex needs, many with associated disabilities such as autism, speech language & communication disorders and SEMH needs. The school has residential facilities and a highly effective and respected outreach service supporting mainstream schools. This is her third headship totalling over 22 years as a senior leader within the specialist sector. During this time Sally has striven for continuous improvement and ensured that every pupil achieves their very best outcomes. Sally works as a National Leader of Education (NLE) within Suffolk and Norfolk, is a Senior Partner within Challenge Partners, a member of SSAT (The Schools Network) and works collaboratively with 'World Class Schools'. Sally lives locally, just outside APHS catchment.

Robert Hill

Robert is a retired senior teacher and a graduate of Music from Trinity College, commencing his teaching career in

1972. Robert has held several senior roles in education during his career including Deputy Head of a large inner London Secondary School and as a Council and National Executive member of the Secondary Heads Association (now ASCL).

Robert has a particular interest in teacher training having been a driving force in a DFE project entitled 'The Independent and Maintained Schools Partnership', on School Leadership and developing cohesive teams, and since his retirement in 2003

Robert originally joined the Governing body in 2005, taking a break in 2014 re-joined in 2016

Erika Sperry

Erika has been a volunteer in scouting for the last 25 years and group scout Leader at Holt for the last 8. Passionate about young people and the difficulties they can face, particularly overcoming barriers and hurdles along the way, Erika has worked at APHS for a number of years and is our Pastoral Manager.

Barney Rimmer

Barney is a parent of 4 children who attend Alderman Peel High School, as well as being a Primary Headteacher for 2 Norfolk schools. Barney has previously worked in Secondary schools, including Alderman Peel High school, and made the transition into Primary in January 2018. He has experience of all aspects of mainstream school in both Primary and Secondary, with a particular interest in curriculum development across all phases and pastoral care. He has a strong belief in a holistic approach to education, with developing a growth mindset and lifeskills being important to ensure that the children are best prepared for the next stage of their education.

Barney is a keen sportsman and enjoys a variety of different sports, including playing Touch rugby for the Norfolk Nomads in Fakenham.

Vicky Etheridge

Vicky is a parent governor with one child at the school and another to soon follow. Vicky currently manages the Business Improvement District in King's Lynn and has held a wide variety of management roles in the public and charitable sectors, covering a range of different issues including European policy and funding, nature conservation, regeneration and community development, and public health. Vicky has been a Governor at Norfolk primary and nursery since 2007, and Chair since 2015. Vicky is also a Director of Neutral Futures, a CIC set up to encourage investment in carbon sequester schemes such as mini-forests, re-wilding and the restoration of natural habitats.