

Meet Lew Trenchard School Governors



Amy Crompton (Parent Governor & Chair of Governors)

I'm Amy but a lot of you know me as Daisy's Mum. I'm currently your Chair of Governors and my specific roles include safeguarding, whistleblowing and personnel. I'm very passionate about our school and feel very privileged to be a part of our thriving school family. I am married to Mark and have three children: Josh, Oliver and Daisy. I love walking and gardening, and I especially enjoy being at the beach with my family.



Louise Hussey (Executive Head Teacher)

I was born in London but grew up in Cornwall from the age of 5. I gained a First Class BEd (Hons) in Maths from Exeter University and then taught and lived in Plymouth for 8 years, marrying and having my first child before moving to Manchester (my husband's home town). There I had 2 more children and carried on teaching part time for 6 years before deciding to return to bring up our family in Cornwall. I now live just outside Bude where I enjoy coastal walks with my children and dogs and have just taken up gig rowing. After working locally as an assistant head and completing my Headteacher qualification, I was thrilled to be able to join St Catherine's as Head of School where my passion for teaching is directed daily to the challenges of ensuring high quality, inspiring education for every one of our wonderful pupils.



Liz Davy (Head of School)

I was born in Portsmouth but grew up in Devon and Cornwall from a very young age with my parents. After a long career in retail management and after having three children, I decided to pursue my life-long ambition to train as a teacher. I gained a First Class BA (Hons) in Education from Worcester University and then taught at St Catherine's C of E school for several years. I was blessed to be offered the opportunity to join Lew Trenchard C of E as Head of School, where I can lead a passionate team of staff who are driven to deliver our school vision for every pupil in our care. I still live in Launceston with my partner, our four children and our dog. I love exploring the beaches and moors on foot and most recently paddle-boarding.



Emma Bending (Co-opted Governor)

Hello, my name is Emma Bending and I am really pleased to be part of the Lew Trenchard family as a Governor. I was born and brought up in North Devon before moving away to University and embarking on a teaching career in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. I returned to the county 7 years ago with my husband Joe and we have our lovely Labrador Merlin. Whilst in education I had a particular interest in Literacy and Additional Special Needs and continue this interest in my Governor role. I love the outdoors and gardening. We live in a beautiful part of the country and I love to explore both coast and countryside.



Joy McSmythurs (Co-opted Governor)

I am the one on the right!

I trained as a Chartered Surveyor and became an Investment Banker working in London and the Middle East.

In 2018 my husband and I moved to Devon when, for health reasons, I retired early. I live at Marystow about 10 minutes from Lewtrenchard. I first visited Lew Trenchard C of E School because I joined the local Open the Book team who visit the school telling Bible stories. I fell in love with the school, it's ethos, the energy and love generated by Liz and her fabulous colleagues. So, when the opportunity came to apply to be a Governor, I was very keen.



Rev. Phillip Parker (Foundation Governor)

Hi, I'm Rev'd Phill, and I live in Lewdown with my wife, Morag. I am really pleased to be supporting our local school in the community where we live. My family are from Devon, but I grew up in Hertfordshire, so I was really pleased to move back around 20 years ago when I joined Devon & Cornwall Police. After leaving policing I lectured in Computing, IT and Forensic Science at a college in Mid Devon for 8 years, before starting work for the Diocese of Exeter where I was a safeguarding advisor. In 2020 I started training for ordained ministry, and now I am serving the churches of Marystowe, Coryton, Lamerton, Sydenham Damerel, Milton Abbot and Dunterton as their Curate. Coming in to the school to deliver the Open the Book stories is an absolute delight, so I look forward to doing more with the school in future.



Martin Hampton (Parent Governor)

Hi, I grew up in Somerset, then went to University in London to study Architecture at UCL. I started a film production company called Squint Opera and worked in London for over fifteen years. I would often escape to the West Country to surf at Croyde and walk on Dartmoor. In 2012 my wife Léonie and I jumped at the opportunity to live on the Lewtrenchard Estate, renting the rambling Dower House, where our two children Mia and Kestor have grown up, and I seem to have spent a lot of time keeping nature at bay in the garden. Léonie and I now work together making socially engaged art projects as "Still Moving CIC". I am committed to the role of creativity in education and life and hope to be able to bring my experiences in the creative industries to the Parent Governor role.