



## **CONEY HILL AND FINLAY COMMUNITY FEDERATION GOVERNOR BIOS**



**Daniel Gillingham – Co-Opted Governor – Chair of Governors and Safeguarding and Pupil Premium Link**

I am **PROUD** to be a governor for the CHFC Federation as I am passionate about ensuring that all children have the opportunities they need to enable and allow them to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Outside of the governing body, I work for the Local Authority as a Senior Commissioning Manager, with a particular focus of ensuring that voice of the child is central to the work that we do, especially with children who are looked after. I have extensive experience of working in children's services and have had various roles in education, youth work and in social care including working in Local Authority Education in a team that monitors the education provision for looked after children - a role where I worked with many professionals including social care, health, special educational needs services and many school and educational settings. I have a bachelor's degree in Integrative Health and Social Care, a Foundation Degree in Supporting Teaching and Learning and ILM Level 5 Certificate in Coaching and Mentoring in Management. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and enjoy the much needed 'down time' I have. I have also just started being a part of a skittles team!



**Scott Crichton, Co-Opted Governor – Health and Safety Link Governor**

From the military to the financial industry, I have enjoyed a rich and thriving career so far. Having joined a national consultancy firm in 2016 as a Health & Safety Consultant, I have since supported a diverse portfolio of clients, ranging from large manufacturing clients to town councils and even my local school. I have a good understanding of the education sector as I currently advise and support multi academy trusts and independent schools across the South West to achieve health and safety compliance. I'm a Co-opted governor at CHF Community Federation, I



am married, and I have two young daughters within the CHF. I would describe myself as a determined, tenacious individual who strives to see the success in others, and I am relishing the opportunity to help and assist Harewood Infants School.



**James Farragher, Co-Opted Governor**

I am a parent of a child at Coney Hill Community Primary School, and I am also the vicar at St Oswald's Church in Coney Hill. The parish includes St Aldate's Church, on the corner of Reservoir Road and Finlay Road. I grew up on the Isle of Man but have lived in the UK for 21 years and moved to Coney Hill in 2017. I am married to Emma, and we have three daughters. Before being a vicar, I trained as an illustrator and then had a career in church-based youth work, specialising in work in primary and secondary schools.

I am an avid Liverpool FC supporter, I love Star Wars, and I make my own home brew beer and cider.

I am passionate about building community and supporting family life and wellbeing.

I am a member of the Standards and Curriculum committee, and I also am the governor representative for SENCO and looked-after children.



**Philip Corcoran, Parent Governor and IT Link Governor**

I am Philip Corcoran and a partner governor. I have three children at Coney Hill (Year 6, 4 and 1) I enjoy helping the school and making sure the children's interests are always put first, same as the whole governor team.



**Hannah Williams, Co-Opted Governor – Finlay Community School  
Headteacher**

My name is Hannah Williams and I am the Head Teacher at Finlay Community School. In 2012, I was lucky enough to join Finlay as a class teacher and have been here ever since. I believe there really is other place like Finlay and I feel so lucky to be here.

**James Hill – Local Authority, Additional Governor.**

I am an experienced Chair of Governors from another school within Gloucester and was delighted to be asked by the local authority to join the governing body of the CHFC Federation. Both schools offer a fantastic amount to children within the local areas, and I have loved learning all about what the children, staff and parents have achieved, despite challenging times.

As a governor, I have vast experience in change management and strong financial management. In addition, I have worked closely with the local authority, school teams, and parents to support schools on their school improvement journey actively.

My career in retail store management has given me the skills needed to know how to work with large successful teams. I am currently taking time out from work to obtain my BA Hons in Business management, something that gives me a great sense of personal fulfilment as well as enhancing the skills that will allow me to be a better governor and to serve the children, parents and staff at CHFC Federation even better.

Outside of work and governance, I am a father of 3 primary aged children; and enjoy family walks, golf, cycling and reading, especially military history books.



**Sarah Mahoney – Co-opted Governor**

My name is Sarah Mahoney, and I am a co-opted governor at coney hill community school which is part of a federation. I have one child in year 6 and a child in pre-school. I love helping at the school with everything they do. I always put the children interests first in school and outside.

**Sara Onion – Co-opted Governor**

A recent member of the governing body

**Sarah Todd – Partnership Governor**

A recent member of the governing body

**Lynette Smith – Co-opted Governor**