



## Introducing your parent governors

As we begin a new school year, we thought it would be useful to introduce our new parent governors.

Governing bodies are an integral part of school leadership, setting the ethos of the school, driving continuous improvement, supporting, challenging and holding the Headteacher and other members of the school leadership team to account for improvements in standards. Governors also oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

Our governing body operates through committees. You can get more information on what our committees do through visiting our governors page on the school website:

<http://www.inglefieldprimary.co.uk/meet-the-governors/>

### Mr Tom Cheney

I have been actively involved in the education sector for nearly two decades, working in a variety of roles, Classroom Teacher, Head of Department, management, pupils wellbeing, safeguarding and charitable fundraising. I am currently an Assistant Head at Pangbourne College. As a parent to a child currently attending Englefield Primary School, I have a vested interest in the school's continued growth and success. I am actively involved in my child's education and have also enjoyed volunteering for Englefield school events. I will actively encourage and promote parent involvement, working towards fostering a strong partnership between the school, parents, and the wider community.



### Mr James Menhenitt

I am a dedicated, passionate *parent* of 2 children (in FS2 and Year 3) and an experienced finance professional, I believe I can make a significant contribution to the school's governance, particularly in the area of finance.

As an ACCA qualified accountant and with over 15 years of experience in financial management, I have developed a strong understanding of budgeting, strategic planning, and overcoming financial challenges. I have successfully managed finances in various capacities, including my current role as Finance Business Partner at RM Education and in my previous role at the secondary/FE multi-academy trust, Activate



Learning. This experience has equipped me with the skills necessary to identify cost-saving measures, explore revenue and funding opportunities and make informed decisions that prioritise the best interests of the school and its students. I have experience in local authority funding and SEN funding and am very aware of the challenges our schools currently face.

Additionally, I am a strong advocate for *parental* involvement and engagement. I believe that by promoting open lines of communication between *parents*, staff, and the Governing Body, we can work together to create a positive and nurturing environment for our children's educational journey.