

## MEMBERS OF THE TRUST, EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND

1. **Walter Harding:** Walter started his career in marketing in the private sector. After a number of years in marketing he had a career change and embarked on a career in education in 1998 when he supported children with special educational needs in Hackney.

After completing his PGCE, Walter moved to Mayville Primary School and was appointed as an Assistant Headteacher. Whilst at Mayville Primary School, he was elected as president of the National Union of Teachers and became a training officer for the NUT.

Walter retired in 2011 and became a Governor of Mayville. He was elected as the Chair on 22 September 2015.

2. **Stephen Spooner:** Headteacher of Princess May Primary School in Hackney. If Princess May joins the Trust, Stephen Spooner will relinquish this position and another member appointed.
3. **Sir William Atkinson:** Knighted 2008 (service to education and community).

### *Former headships:*

Copeland Community School, Brent  
Cranford Community School, Hounslow  
Phoenix High School, Hammersmith and Fulham  
In all, taught in schools for around 43 years.

### *Current roles:*

Chair of the Canal and River Trust London and Southeast Advisory Board  
Trustee of the Royal Shakespeare Company  
Trustee of the Clink Charity  
Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London.

4. **Marcus Cliff Hodges:**

2005-Present Forest School – London E17  
(HMC Co-Ed Day School 1400 pupils 4-18)  
Main Responsibilities: Warden (Headteacher)  
2016- Present Deputy Warden (Deputy Head) 2005-2016

1986-2005 Latymer Upper School - Hammersmith  
(HMC Co-Ed Day School 1200 pupils 7-18)  
Main Responsibilities: Head  
Member of Senior Management Team  
Head of Middle School 11-16  
Head of Admissions/Head of Professional Development  
English Teacher

1983-1986 Bedford School – Bedford  
(HMC Boarding School) Teacher, Drama Teacher, Sports Coach House Tutor

1982-1983: Gstaad International School – Switzerland  
English Teacher, Boarding Tutor, Outdoor Education Leader

5. **Robert Singh:** Robert is a retired Headteacher with extensive experience of school leadership. He has worked in London schools for over 30 years, recently as Headteacher of a large 3 form entry primary school in North London. He is currently a School Improvement Specialist working in the London Borough of Brent and is engaged in supporting and challenging schools to improve, developing their leadership capacity and pupil outcomes.

He is external adviser to a number of governing boards on Headteacher Performance Management across London boroughs.

In addition to his school improvement specialist work he is chair of a Federated Governing Board in Brent and a board member of a Federated Governing board, chairing one of its committee, of an Inclusive campus in Haringey.

6. **Josh Selfe:** Is a Captain in the Leytonstone branch of the Salvation Army. He is knowledgeable about strategies for working with disadvantaged communities and rising aspirations.

Direct involvement in the school includes teaching clubs. He has been a Governor for many years.

7. **Chindo Singh:** Is a graduate of the University of Lancaster University where she studied law. She has worked as a Solicitor in London for 20 years, specialising in litigation and commercial dispute resolution for Denton Wilde. Sapte. After this, she worked in the HR software market where she was the head of legal and compliance. She is currently working in the business management side in the HR market.

8. **Rahseed Dauda:** Is a qualified and RIBA/ARB registered architect with a wide range of experience including administrating contracts, dealing with contractors and trades, resolving design and detailing issues. He is also a part time lecturer at the University of East London. Former Chair of Governors.

9. **Lorraine Barella:** School Business Manager/Finance Director. With 10 years of experience as School Business Manager and Finance Director, She has put in place tight controls over the financial aspects of the school's budget.

In 2014 project managed a £5million expansion of the school and created space that would best serve the pupils. She was also instrumental in converting the school from a Local Authority School to a Multi-Academy Trust. Lorraine's professional qualifications include PgE in Educational Leadership and obtained a Diploma in School Business Management in 2015. Other qualifications include an HND in Hotel Catering and Institutional Management (completed in 1992) whilst working in Hotel Management (HR Certificate, issued by the Chartered Institute of Career Development).

She has also completed Accounting Courses and other courses with specific reference to Education.

10. **Ann Smart:** Background is in General Practice with an additional interest in education and coaching. Qualified as a GP following training at University College Hospital London and the GP Training scheme at Whipps Cross Hospital. Was a GP at Handsworth Medical Practice in Highams Park for 27 years, until retiring from clinical work in July 2013. During her time in the practice, led the Family Planning Clinic. Was the lead for teaching medical students, training GP's during their year with a named practice and training other health care professionals. Professional qualifications are MA Oxon MBBS FRCGP (and DRCOG and Family Planning qualifications). Became one of the Programme Directors for the GP Vocational Training Scheme at Whipps Cross Hospital in 1999. The role entails providing an educational programme for doctors working through a 3 year programme, but also providing pastoral support. Still performing this role, together with a central role in assessing educational progress for Doctors in London, which is ongoing. Has an appraisal around performance as an educator and regular training in equal ops and information governance for the central panel role.

Other professional roles are in appraising local GP's and in coaching and mentoring healthcare workers through a regulated scheme. Working as an appraiser involves reassessment (last in May 2015) and attendance at professional support meetings. The coaching involves training, supervision and work towards a qualification as well as appraisal. Works on a voluntary basis with a scheme linked to the Refugee Council, offering professional support to refugee doctors attempting to pass the relevant examinations for the UK practice. The scheme operates on Wednesday mornings, attending once or twice a month.

11. **Alex Opoku-Boateng - Parent Trustee:** Works at Wates Construction Ltd as a Quantity Surveyor. Alex has enjoyed an association with the school since September 2008 and became a Trustee of the Academy Trust in April 2016.

12. **Carnett Russell:** Headteacher, Mayville Primary School. Please request further information

13. **Beverly Komorowska:** Has been working within the field of education for thirty years. Her experience includes over ten years as a class teacher, teaching in inner city schools. She specialised in behaviour management and work as an EBD Advisory teacher, as well as the Head of a large Learning Support Centre for Birmingham City Council. Beverley is a qualified Head Teacher and has worked several years as a School Improvement Officer for Haringey LA, with the responsibility for school improvement and leading National Strategies programs.