

Introduction to the Present Governors of Thurlton Primary School

Updated March 2023

Ms Jess Balado – Interim Headteacher

Jess joined Thurlton Primary School as acting Head of School in January 2023.

Mr John Betney - Vice Chair of Governors- Appointed Governor

John was appointed as a parent governor in June 2019. He is an Operations Manager at The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and has 15 years' experience of managing teams and people in Service Delivery. John has lived in Norfolk all his life, relocating to Thurlton in 2004. He has two children currently at Thurlton Primary School.

Mrs Sarah Eastes – Staff Governor

Sarah joined the Local Governing body as the staff governor in September 2022

Mrs Donna Elson– Appointed Governor

Donna grew up in Thurlton and attended Thurlton Primary School herself before moving to Kent in 2010, she has been back living in the village for 4 years. Donna has 9 years' experience working with, and managing services for, children, young people and vulnerable adults, she presently works for Norfolk County Council's Children's Services Quality Assurance Team. She has one child who attends Thurlton Primary School.

Mrs Victoria Powles – Appointed Governor

Victoria has 12 years' teaching experience at secondary schools around Norfolk and Suffolk. She currently teaches History and Sociology at Bungay High School and Sixth Form. Victoria has previous experience in leading a department and as a Head of Year. She has two children; her eldest child currently attends Thurlton Primary School.

Mr David Simington – Appointed Governor

David is a retired Primary Headteacher and UEA University lecturer of Art and Technology. He has extensive knowledge of Education in Norfolk and Suffolk from Primary through to University and is dedicated to educational standards. Now a practicing artist designing creative programs for local and regional schools at the UEA.