**Ivingswood Academy LAC Member Profiles 2023-2024**

**Graham Pickering**

Graham has lived in Chesham Bois for 18 years and has recently retired from his work as a Chartered Surveyor. His stepson attended Chesham Grammar School, where his wife Laura served as a governor.

Graham has served on the Local Advisory Committee and previous Local Governing Body for Ivingswood Academy since 2018 and his hope and aspiration remains to be able to make a positive contribution towards

continuing improvements by the school for the benefit of pupils, parents, carers and staff, as well as enhanced links with the community the school serves.

**Mike Bateman**

Mike has lived all his life in Chesham, attending local schools. He is married with two children who also attended Chesham Schools. He worked for 34 years with BT plc and then for the past 20+ years he has worked as a Business Consultant both Nationally and Internationally. During this latter 20 years he has had the privilege of working with a number of excellent schools in Primary, Secondary and Further Education, across the UK and in Spain. Before joining the Ivingswood LAC Mike had been a school governor for over 35 years, as well as working with the County, providing Governor Training and support to failing schools. Mike is passionate about ensuring that all schools, especially primary schools, provide the best possible start in life for every single pupil.

**Emily Skidmore**

Emily has built a career in education.  She initially trained to be a teacher before moving into managing assessments across primary, secondary and further education. She currently works at the Department for Education.  Emily has two children, both now adults.

**Gillian Davies**

Gillian lives in Buckinghamshire and her children, now grown up, attended Bucks maintained schools. For many years she taught in primary schools and Pupil Referral Units in Bucks, eventually becoming a PRU head. In that role she was privileged to work with primary school staff across the county to improve outcomes for pupils needing special attention. Gillian is a committed member of the LAC and to supporting improved outcomes for pupils at Ivingswood Academy.

**Natalie Stevens**

Natalie has lived in or around Chesham all her life and attended local schools. She is qualified in level one book-keeping and accounts and currently works for an independent 4X4 garage in Coleshill. Natalie has an amazing son who attends Ivingswood Academy. Natalie and her family enjoy being outside and having lots of little local adventures.

**Julie-Ann Swaysland**

Julie-Ann joined Ivingswood Academy as Headteacher in September 2018. Prior to this she worked in a range of schools and roles, both nationally and internationally. Her most recent role was Director of Studies at a British Curriculum School in Dubai. Julie-Ann says: “I firmly believe that all children deserve a high-quality education and that is our responsibility as teachers to ensure that this is the case. Ivingswood Academy has the potential to be an outstanding school and I am excited to be leading us towards this goal.”

**Claire Flynn**

Claire joined Ivingswood Academy in 2014 as a class teacher and Assistant-Head. She has worked in a number of Buckinghamshire schools and has a passion for maths and PSHE. Her hobbies including cooking and reading autobiographies! Claire is passionate that pupils at Ivignswood Academy achieve their full potential and have access to opportunities for further education.