	Steve Hayes - Chair and EDI Link **Contact by email**: shayes@hellingly.e-sussex.sch.uk Steve has been a school governor since March 2024. Steve's son currently attends Hellingly and his daughter left in July 2025. He is deeply invested in the success of both Hellingly and Grovelands and to develop the LAC since transferring to the Wandle Learning Trust. Professionally, Steve is a Chartered Loss Adjuster, bringing a wealth of expertise in problem-solving and strategic decision-making to the LAC
	Darren Brand - SEND Link I have two children whom attended Grovelands and thrived in the supportive and positive environment provided by the school. Professionally, I am a registered nurse, currently employed as a Principal Lecturer by the University of Brighton as one of the co-leads for Nursing Sciences. This primarily involves supporting nursing and other healthcare students as they seek to gain registration as registered practitioners. Since qualifying 20 years ago, I have held clinical and managerial roles within the NHS locally. I have a long-standing interest in education, which has led me to both my current work role and my involvement in school governance. I have supported local primary schools as a governor since 2010 in various roles, including as vice-chair of governors and committee chair. I joined the Grovelands Board as an associate governor in 2018 and now enjoy working with the federation board to support both Grovelands and Hellingly, and particularly so in my SEND link role.

	Michelle Brown - Safeguarding Link I am an experienced public service professional with over 20 years working within a local authority, currently at middle management level. My career has focused on supporting children, young people, and families, with specific expertise in child safeguarding, early intervention, and multi-agency working. As the Safeguarding Link Governor, I take a keen interest in ensuring that robust safeguarding systems and practices are in place, and that the school maintains a strong culture of vigilance and care. I work closely with school leaders to provide both support and appropriate challenge, helping to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of all pupils remain a central priority. I am passionate about creating environments where children feel safe, supported, and able to achieve their full potential. My professional background gives me a strong understanding of the complexities some families face, and I bring this insight into my role as a governor. As a parent of 5 children, 4 of whom have attended Grovelands, I also value the importance of strong relationships between school and home and I am committed to supporting the school in delivering the best possible outcomes for every child.
	Bekki Hutchinson - SEND and Community Link I have been a member of the LAC since January 2025. I joined shortly after my son began attending Hellingly Community Primary School. I was impressed with the supportive environment and community-minded attitude that the school demonstrated and was keen to contribute. I am passionate about education and supporting children to learn and develop in a safe and supportive environment. Professionally, I am a qualified midwife with several years of experience in caring for local families. In this career I have worked within multi-disciplinary teams which has required collaborative working as well as challenging practices in a professional manner when necessary. I have also supported many families with safeguarding, SEND and mental health complexities. My professional experience supports the work I do as a LAC member, particularly in my SEND/Community link roles.

	Steve Hutchinson - Staff Link I joined the school governing body (now LAC) in March 2025 prior to Hellingly joining the Wandle Learning Trust. My eldest grandson attends the school. I am recently retired. Prior to that I had a professional background in further education for over 30 years. I worked with FE colleges all over the country specialising in finance and resources.
	Jamie Wood - Community Link I joined the governing board in March 2024 shortly after my daughter started attending Grovelands as I was so impressed with the school and wanted to learn more about the governance and to contribute going forwards. My son will be starting Grovelands in September 2026. I have lived in the local community my whole life and know it well. My background is in Law and I am a Director and Solicitor within a local firm. I specialise in family law helping client's to navigate family breakdown and specifically the legal aspects of divorce/separation, finances and child arrangements.