

Laura Farris MP

Newbury



Laura was elected as the MP of Newbury in December 2019, having previously stood in the safe Labour seat of Leyton and Wanstead in 2017. She was born and grew up in Bucklebury, West Berkshire. Both her father, Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury) and uncle, Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest) were Conservative MPs. She studied philosophy, politics and economics at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, graduating in 2000 with an upper second class degree. Farris worked as a journalist for the BBC and Reuters and also worked for Hillary Clinton when she was a United States Senator for New York.

She qualified as a barrister in 2007, practising mainly in employment law. Farris was appointed to the panel of counsel operated by the Equality and Human Rights Commission in 2015.

She has been a member of the Justice Select Committee since June 2021 and the Privileges Committee and the Standards Committee since March 2022. In the House of Commons, she has a particular interest in employment, the environment, education, young people and justice.

Laura is married with two daughters.