

Nicky Chell

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Chair of Governors and Chair of Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committee



I am a housewife and I have two children one attends the James Bateman Junior High and one who is about to start her last year at High school.

I have been a volunteer at Knypersley First School for about seven years doing a multitude of different things, from reading with the children to wall displays and going on various school trips.

I am a Co-opted Governor but started out as a Parent Governor nearly six years ago. Currently I am Chair of the Governing Body and Chair of the Finance Committee.

I became a governor because I felt I had more to give than just helping and I had the time and interest in children's education. I am an active member of the PTFA and help out in all fundraising activities such as the Summer Fayre and Bonfire Night.

My passion is reading and used this to help set up the schools new lending library with the Deputy Head.

Jackie Shelley

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 1 Year

Committee: Vice of Governors

Other Responsibilities: Link Governor - Inclusion and Chair of Governors at James Bateman Junior High School



I have been a governor for over twenty years, joining the governing body at Knypersley as a parent governor. As Chair of Governors I sit on the Finance and Staffing Committee, Curriculum and Standards Committee, and attend meetings of the Biddulph Schools Partnership Trust. I am also a link governor for Inclusion. I meet regularly with Mrs Rourke Executive Head Teacher to discuss the strategic direction of the school and to offer my support and challenge when it's needed. In my role as governor I strive to ensure every member of the school community reaches their full potential. I am extremely proud to be a part of the LFF and nothing gives me greater pleasure than seeing the pupils develop into confident well rounded young people. I am also Chair of Governors of James Bateman Junior High School and also volunteer as the school librarian there.

Lesley Drumm

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 1 Years

Committee: Vice Chair of Governors

Other Responsibilities: Link Governor - Science & Computing



I have lived in Biddulph all my life; my grandmother, mother, father, myself, my children and now my grandchildren all attended or attend Kingsfield first School and many of my relatives attended or attend Knypersley First School. I am, therefore committed to helping ensure the success of the schools and also to giving the local children the best possible educational experience. I was a governor of Kingsfield First School for three years and was Chair when Kingsfield and Knypersley federated. I am now Vice Chair, Chair of the Governing Body and Link Governor for Science and Computing. I am employed at Staffordshire University where I am a Senior Lecturer in the Computing Department and manage two Computing Awards.

I have seen, while working, the difference that an open attitude to learning and a thirst for knowledge can make to the achievement and career of individuals, this needs to be fostered from Primary level and being able to encourage this is why I enjoy my work as a governor on the Learning First Federation so much.

Jill Bassett

Category of Governor: Staff

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Curriculum and Achievement



I have worked at Knypersley First School for around 13 years now and currently teach in Year 3. As well as being a class teacher I am currently the Deputy Head teacher. I am the English leader and I also lead the other subject leaders within the school. I am currently the staff governor for Knypersley First School and the link governor for the federation for the EYFS. I wanted to be a governor as I wanted to be involved in making sure our school gave everyone the skills to achieve and succeed their ambition as well as supporting and being involved in the local community. Out of school I am a Stoke City season ticket holder and have been for many, many years. I also go to tap, ballet and dance fitness lessons and swim with a local swimming club!

Carl Clulow

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Curriculum and Achievement



I'm excited to become a governor to give back to the federation especially because of the fantastic start to school life that my children have received since joining Kingsfield First in September 2015. In my day job I'm a director of an IT support provider; I work in local primary schools providing a range of IT services. I've also worked in IT across a range of industries

including Transport and Banking.

As a governor I aim to provide the necessary experience and challenge to help ensure that the federation delivers excellent education and experiences to all of the children; as well as developing and sharpening my own skills.

On a personal level, I'm a husband, father of 4 and a Stoke City supporter. I also enjoy reading, and being outdoors.

Sarah Bradley

Category of Governor: Parent

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Finance, Buildings and Personnel

Other Responsibilities: Link Governor - Health and Safety



My name is Sarah Bradley and I have been a Parent Governor for almost two years now. I serve on the Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee and I am currently vice chair and within this committee I am also the Link Governor specialising in Health and Safety. I meet with the leaders of the school every term.

I have two children, Charlotte coming into Year 4 and Georgia who will be starting in Nursery school both at Kingsfield. I work full time as a Prison Officer and have done that job for over nine years. As a Parent Governor I represent the views of parents. I know that I am not always around on the playground but if anyone wishes to contact me they can do so through the office and leave a message for me to get back to you. I feel privileged to be a governor for both schools and this allows me to give something back to the school. As part of this new Governing Body I can ensure that my children and yours receive the best education possible within a secure and safe environment.

Rebecca Butler

Category of Governor: Associate

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: All



I have worked at Kingsfield First School for over twenty two years. During this period of time I have taught throughout the school and have taken on a variety of responsibilities, including being a governor for over a ten year period. Over recent times I found that I am teaching the children of pupils, who I have once taught, so yes I am officially one of the more long standing members of staff!

I have two children, who when I am not at school keep me very busy, even though they are now teenagers. They both enjoy competitive swimming, live music and art, which has probably been influenced by my husband who is a swimming coach and once played in a band. My game is tennis, although I have not played for some time. I also enjoy gardening but only when the sun shines!

Stephen Chaddock

Category of Governor: Trust

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Finance



I'm a new Governor starting with the Learning First Federation in 2016. With two young children of my own starting their journey through school, I hope to provide the best opportunity for them and their peers by complementing the excellent work the School staff and Governors have already undertaken in creating strong foundations for our children's education to be built upon.

I have a strong belief in continuous improvement through the promotion of high standards. By profession I am a Senior IT Systems Administrator for a leading financial services firm. I live in Biddulph with my partner Jodie and our two daughters.

Amy Cheetham

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Curriculum and Achievement



I have worked at Kingsfield First School for around six years now and currently teach in the Early Years. As well as being a class teacher I recently took on the role as Assistant Head and I lead the Early Years Foundation Stage and English. I became a co-opted governor at Kingsfield First School in October 2013. For me, the reason I wanted to be involved in the governing body was to be a part of making our school and our school

community the best it can possibly be. In and out of school life I have a creative side; I make and create nappy cakes, bunting and other gifts for young children and babies.

Debbie Farr

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Curriculum and Achievement



I am currently Assistant Head, and Head of English at Woodhouse Academy, which is a partner school of Knypersley. I have worked in education for fifteen years now and really love the profession I am in; contributing to the changing lives of students is incredibly rewarding and constantly challenging.

I am a Co-opted Governor, currently serving on the Finance Committee, and a relatively new member of the Governing Body. I requested a position as a governor as I wanted to gain a better insight into how the body was operated and felt that the link between the schools would be invaluable. Knypersley is a very successful school and I was interested to know why, how and what the future plans were.

As Assistant Head, I have attended governor's meetings in my own school, am conversant with the analysis of data and used to discussion with colleagues about strategy and impact.

Outside work, if there is ever an 'outside work' as a teacher, I love thriller novels, holidays with my family and dining at good restaurants.

Liz Goodyear

Category of Governor: Associate

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: All



I have worked at Knypersley First School since March 2016. I have been involved in education for a long time now and have taught across many counties before settling in Staffordshire in 2004. My last role was working for Entrust Education as the Lead for Behaviour Support allowing me to support pupils and schools across the county.

I have two teenage children who adore playing rugby so you will usually find me in wellies and waterproof coat for the majority of weekends in winter. My husband also plays and coaches rugby so we spend a lot of our time at Newcastle Rugby Club!

Sarah Haydon

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Finance, Buildings and Personnel and Chair of Strategic Development Committee



I have been a co-opted Governor since the spring term 2015. I am a member of the Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee. I am still learning what the role of Governor involves, but so far I am really enjoying it! My background is in Housing, but I am currently enjoying time at home with my two young children. I became a Governor to understand more about how schools work and to learn new skills. I had managed people and large budgets in my previous roles, and so thought these skills might be of use in this environment.

Pete Johnson

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Curriculum and Achievement

Other Responsibilities: Link Governor - Safeguarding



I have been a governor for the past 6 years starting at Kingsfield First School. I am a co-opted governor and my role in the federation is the link governor for Safeguarding. I'm also on the curriculum committee. My role as link governor for Safeguarding includes ensuring that the appropriate systems and procedures are in place to cover all aspects of the safeguarding agenda. Through doing this role I also have to maintain my own Safeguarding awareness training. I have also completed the safer recruitment training so I can sit in on any selection panels for new staff.

I am also a Police Community Support Officer with both schools being in the area I work. I have done this job for just under 9 years and I am based at Biddulph Police Station. This helps me maintain a close relationship with the schools and often has me making regular visits to talk to the pupils about safety issues. In my free time I am a keen sports fan and will often be playing a game of cricket or riding my bicycle around the area.

Margaret Meehan

Category of Governor: Trust

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Finance

Other Responsibilities: Link Governor - Health & Safety



I am married with three children all former pupils of Knypersley First School. I also have three grandchildren that attend Kingsfield First School. I have served on the Governing Body for nearly twenty years, first as a Parent Governor and now as a Trust Governor. I am a member of the

Finance Committee and I am the Health and Safety Link Governor at Knypersley First School. I have found the role of governor interesting, challenging and extremely rewarding.

I have been in School Catering for over twenty years and in my spare time enjoy spending time with my family, reading and gardening.

Clare Nesbitt

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Vice Chair of the Curriculum and Achievement



I am currently a Year 4 teacher at Knypersley and have been teaching at the school for some sixteen years. I have served a few years ago as an elected Staff Governor at Knypersley but more recently as a Co-opted Governor at Kingsfield First School prior to the federation to Learning First Federation. I work as part of the curriculum committee and I am currently vice chair with a focus on Maths, but have previously worked within the Finance Committee and been involved in the interviewing of a number of members of staff at Knypersley. As Maths co-ordinator at Knypersley and part of the Senior Leadership Team, I work closely with the Maths co-ordinator at Kingsfield, Emma Park and with the Learning First Federation Math Link Governor Jill Salt.

Outside of my busy school life, I enjoy spending time with my husband Paul and stepson Michael, especially touring the UK and France in our caravan. I enjoy having time to relax and cook and when I get the chance I am a keen bread and cake baker.

Abigail Rourke

Category of Governor:

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: All



As Executive Headteacher, I lead and participate in all full governing body and committee meetings. I have relished the challenge of creating the Learning First Federation and thrive on ensuring all children get the very best start to their learning journey. As a member of the Governing Body, it is an absolute privilege to work alongside such a dedicated team of individuals who give up their time and share a vast array of experience to lead and sustain the development of our Federation.

Outside of work, I have 3 children who attend schools in Biddulph, I enjoy horse riding, running and I am a long serving Stoke City ticket holder.

Jill Salt

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Chair of Curriculum & Achievement

Other Responsibilities: Link Governor - Maths



I have been a Parent Governor now for two years. I wanted to be a part of my children's education and ensure that Knypersley was the best it could possibly be and was striving to achieve the best outcomes for each and every child. Since the federation, this commitment also applies to Kingsfield, after all our towns children will all meet up at the High School and it is important that all children have had the opportunity of a first rate education. I have been a teacher of older children/young adults for over twelve years and realise the importance of those early, formative years.

I currently serve on the Curriculum Committee as the Chair and I am a Mathematics Link Governor. I meet regularly with the Mathematics staff, keep an eye on key data sets, ask pertinent questions should the need arise, fight their corner to make sure Mathematics plays a key part in all aspects of the curriculum. I am also privileged to speak to children and take on board their views.

In terms of life outside my governor role, I am a lecturer in further and higher education. I am a Town Councillor and I am very honoured to have the role of Deputy Mayor. I enjoy working on my small allotment, I am an active member of the Biddulph branch of the Royal British Legion, Biddulph Twinning Association, Knypersley's PTFA and I am a board member and volunteer of Biddulph Youth and Community Zone. Most importantly; I am a mum to Tom and Sam, both of whom attend Knypersley First School and last but not least I am wife to James.

Lisa Weatherson

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Curriculum and Achievement



I am married to George and am mum to Libby (7) and Isaac (4) who both currently attend Knypersley First School. I am a new governor who is looking forward to learning more about the governor role and supporting the school. I have been on the Sunnydays Playgroup Committee for 5 years, serving as secretary for the past 3 years.

I studied music to degree level at Huddersfield University and went on to qualify as a primary school teacher. I am currently teaching mainly music in a special school which I find hugely rewarding - I have a particular interest in delivering a music therapy approach

to the pupils who require such sessions.

In my spare time I enjoy playing snooker and pool, listening to all kinds of music and playing piano and guitar. As a family we go climbing, trampolining, swimming and caravanning and we love to walk our dog, Lola.

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