

Nicky Chell

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

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

Other Responsibilities: Link Governor -Pupil Premium



I am a housewife and I have two children one attends the Biddulph High and one who is studying History at Oxford University.

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. I am also the pupil premium link governor and work hard to ensure the very best outcomes for our pupil premium funded pupils.

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

Lesley Drumm

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Curriculum and Achievement

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 Curriculum Committee 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

Other Responsibilities: Link Governor -EYFS



I have worked at Knypersley First School for around 13 years now and currently teach in Year 2. As well as being a class teacher I am currently the Assistant 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!

Sarah Bradley

Category of Governor: Parent

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Finance, Buildings and Personnel

Other Responsibilities: Link Governor - Safeguarding



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 Safeguarding. 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 Key Stage 1. As well as being a class teacher I recently took on the role as Assistant Head and I lead the 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.



Carl Clulow

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Vice Chair of Governors and Chair of Curriculum & Achievement

Other Responsibilities: Link Governor- Maths

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. I am currently Maths Link governor across the Federation and have enjoyed looking at the impact of approaches such as CPA.

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

Gemma Crutchley

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Curriculum and Achievement



As a new governor I want to ensure that the schools continue to give 100% and more into our children's start in education which is so important for them to thrive later in life. I want to be a part of making the schools and school community the best it can be.

I have worked in education for over 14 years and currently work in Further Education at Cheshire College. I work with a wide range of students starting at the age of 14 +, all at different academic levels and learning needs.

I am married to Mark, a busy mum of two boys Ollie and Charlie, who currently attend Kingsfield and are enjoying their learning progress in year 2. I have step children also, Sam who attends Biddulph High School and is in year 11 and Leon that is currently doing his sports degree at MMU.

As a family we love to travel, spending time exploring countries and cities, our favourite been Florida. When we are not travelling you will usually find us spending time with our extended family, eating and enjoying quality time together. When I get the chance (with a house full of boys and lesson planning, this isn't often) I love to read.

James Flowers

Category of Governor: Trust

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Finance, Buildings and Personnel



I have recently been appointed as a new Governor on the Finance, Buildings and Personnel committee across the Learning First Federation in 2017. Having a young child recently undertaking his first years within Knypersley First School I have been incredibly impressed with the amazing work and commitment seen to date from all involved at the Federation which as no surprise, has come at the same time Knypersley First School achieving outstanding status with Ofsted.

Having moved to Stoke-on-Trent in 2002 from my home town of Leicester and subsequently becoming married to Leanne and now the father to two children, I consider myself to now be a local and as a result want to help continue the amazing work to date within the Learning First Foundation.

Outside of my role as governor, I am a full time Risk Manager for a National Professional Services firm and enjoy all things 'techy', supporting Leicester City (sorry) as well as spending time with my wife and two children exploring all that Staffordshire has to offer.

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.

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

Other Responsibilities: Link Governor- English



I am currently a Year 2 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.

Lisa Weatherson

Category of Governor: Co-opted

Term of Office: 3 Years

Committee: Curriculum and Achievement

Other Responsibilities: Link Governor- SEN



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.