Role of Governors

School governing bodies are responsible for working with the school to ensure that it delivers a good quality education. Together with the headteacher, who is responsible for the day-to-day management, they set the school’s aims and policies. As well as this they hold the headteacher to account for pupil attainment and progress, performance management, financial performance and have a number of duties which include the appointing and dismissal of staff, ensuring students and staff are safe, hearing appeals and setting standards. The role of the governor is very important to our school.

The Governing Body meets six times a year. There are three committee meetings and three full governing body meetings.

Meet our Governors

PHOTO Tony Cosgrove

Type of Governor: Co-opted

Date appointed:

Term of office: 29 June 2019

PHOTO Isabel Renshaw (Vice Chair)

Type of Governor: Parent

Date appointed:

Term of office: 09 March 2018

I am the mother of Gus Renshaw who has moved through school, was one of the first students in the Green Lane Sixth form, and who has moved to Petty Pool. I was one of the governors who was involved in the setting up of the school youth club and I still run a group on a Thursday evening.

PHOTO Paul King (Headteacher)

Type of Governor: Staff (by virtue of role)

Date appointed: 01/09/2000

Term of office: As long as I am Headteacher

Paul has been a teacher for 35 years and Headteacher of Green Lane Special School for the past 15years. He has led the school through four Ofsted inspections, the last three being judged as Outstanding. Paul was seconded to the LA in 2005 for two terms and was appointed as Executive Headteacher of Grappenhall Hall School for one term before the current head was appointed. His first Headship was at Penkford School in St Helens. Paul was awarded Headteacher of the Year in a Secondary School in the North West in 2005.

PHOTO Trish Chapman

Type of Governor: LA

Date appointed: September 2015

Term of office: 05 December 2018

I became a governor at Green Lane School in 1996 as a parent governor. During this time I also became Chair of Governors for 6 years.

In 2007 I became a member of staff at the school and was elected as a staff governor.

In 2014 I retired and then applied to become a local authority governor.

During this time I was also a local authority Foster Carer. I have always enjoyed working with the staff and pupils and hope to continue for a good while to come.

PHOTO Alan Lee (Chair of Governors)

Type of Governor: Co-Opted

Date appointed:

Term of office: 29 June 2019

Alan has been a Parent Governor for 12 years, and was recently re-elected as a ‘Co-opted governor’. He has long been a strong advocate for the extension of the school’s age range from 4 to 16 years to 4 to 19 years (and is hoping that we can extend this even further). He recently retired after 38 years in the Civil Service, and is aiming to devote more of his time to support the school and its leadership team.

PHOTO Rick Long

Type of Governor: Co-opted

Date appointed:

Term of office: 29 June 2019

I am a co opted governor that has been with the school for over twelve years, I thoroughly enjoy the role and this is my way of giving back something to the school that has done so much for my son, I hope to continue in this role for many years to come.

I am very proud to be a part of a school that has had three consecutive outstanding Ofsted inspections, this I believe is achieved by strong management and leadership, continuous support from totally dedicated staff who always go the extra mile and a very flexible governing body that when all combined make for an excellent team.

PHOTO Tony Kelly

Type of Governor: Co-opted

Date appointed:

Term of office: 29 June 2019

I have been a governor of Green Lane School for over 20years.

My involvement started with my role as Stores Manager at New World Domestic Appliances. The students came for their three weeks work experience I ensured they had an enjoyable and memorable time. During my many years at Green Lane I have witnessed the evolvement of the school to what it is today an outstanding school populated with outstanding staff and pupils.

PHOTO Wendy Bracegirdle

Type of Governor: Co-opted

Date appointed:

Term of office: 29 June 2019

I first became involved with Green Lane School whilst working in an Educational Role within the Private Sector.

Having a particular interest in special needs learning and development it was a natural progression to becoming a Governor.

PHOTO Andrea Machin

Type of Governor: Parent

Date appointed:

Term of office: 09 March 2018

I have been a Parent Governor here for a number of years now and enjoy being a part of an outstanding school.

I am passionate about children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, particularly supporting and representing them and their families.

As I am also a Parent Representative for Warrington Parents and Carers (who work closely with Education, Health and Social Care) and Chair of Families United,  issues can often overlap.  I am able to link my knowledge in these areas to represent families’ collective views.

PHOTO Sarah Delaney

Type of Governor: Staff Governor

Date appointed: October 2014

Term of office: 10 November 2018

I have been a Key Stage 2 Class Teacher at Green Lane School for 7 years and thoroughly enjoy each and every day working with such an amazing group of young people. Within school I lead History from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 3 and am an active member of the Humanities team. In addition to this I am schools Student Mentor and liaise with schools. colleges and universities to plan for student placements which offer an enrichment opportunity for a large number of students across the North West. I monitor and support in house training for external students and teaching staff beginning their career as Newly Qualified and Recently Qualified Teachers. Prior to starting at Green Lane I taught a Key Stage 2 group of pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties for two years in Ainsdale. I strongly believe that the school governing body plays an important role in ensuring that our pupils receive a high quality of education. It is an honor to represent our school staff and understand that it is our collective responsibility to support Mr. King in planning for future development and improvement across the school. This ensures each child and young person receives the highest quality of personalised education, something I am extremely passionate about.

PHOTO Clare Joseph

Type of Governor: Co-opted

Date appointed: September 2015

Term of office: 29 June 2019

PHOTO Joanne Mullineux

Type of Governor: Non-voting Deputy Headteacher - invited member

Date appointed: September 2015

Term of office: 27 February 2017

Headteacher Performance Review Panel

Mr Tony Cosgrove

Mr Tony Kellly

Mr Rick Long

Interested in becoming a Governor?

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