

Statements from our Governors - Reasons for taking on the role

Chris Green - Staff Governor

As the Deputy Head at Longmoor Primary School, I am extremely proud and privileged to be able to play a key role in maintaining and developing the excellent reputation that the school has amongst the local community. We have a superb and highly committed team of governors and an extremely enthusiastic, hardworking, dynamic and talented group of staff. We all share a common vision and set of goals for the school's future and so it is a real privilege to be able to work with them all to help make our great school even better. During my seven years as a teacher, I have taught across Key Stage 1 and 2 and been responsible for a variety of subjects including Maths, Literacy, PE and Modern Foreign Languages. Currently here at Longmoor, I am responsible for Literacy, Pupil Premium, Assessment and Reading.

Jane Wright - Co-opted Governor & Chair

The entire team at Longmoor works very hard to ensure every pupil is able to thrive in a supportive learning environment, with an aim for them to reach their full potential. As a parent governor I want to help and support the team to achieve their aims and to promote continuous improvement for the benefit of all our children.

Roger Wheatley – Co-opted Governor & Vice Chair

I have worked in Educational IT for over 35 years, installing some of the first computers in schools in the country. Since then I have seen many changes in education but the dedication of school staff never seems to change. Both of my children started in the nursery and went right through to Year 6 at Longmoor and now in Years 8 and 10, they are reaping the rewards of a solid foundation in schooling. I am committed to seeing that all pupils have a balanced and positive experience throughout their education wherever their strengths or weaknesses may lie and hope that my small contribution as a governor can help provide this.

Jackie Littlefair – Co-opted Governor

Everybody's lives have been touched by education at some point. I believe education is the foundation of our lives and schools play a huge part in exposing kids to the many different life paths out there. As a school governor, I believe I am helping to shape future citizens of our community. I have previously worked as a Teaching Assistant at Longmoor, therefore I am lucky enough to have seen the positive impact the decisions we make as a governing body have on the pupils of Longmoor Primary School. That's a big part of the reason why I became a governor. It is both interesting and rewarding. With every difficult decision you make, you know you're affecting real people, and helping to make positive change.

Kathryn McKinley - Co-opted Governor

I originally became a governor when my children attended Longmoor because I wanted to be part of the team ensuring that our children got a high quality education. My children have now left but I have great respect for all that the staff, governors, other stakeholders and children have achieved over the last 13 years and want to ensure that our local school keeps its high standards and excellent, enjoyable education which gives it such a good reputation.

Carol Hall - Co-opted Governor

You may recognise me as Mrs Hall from the school office, and you'd be right. I have previously served as a Parent Governor at The Long Eaton School for 3 and a half years. In that time, I have helped to make decisions, sometimes difficult, concerning the pupils and staff. The wellbeing, safety and education of the pupils has always been of paramount importance, and that's why I chose to become a Governor for Longmoor Primary. Having attended this school myself (many moons ago), I know first-hand, that Longmoor is a fantastic school, and I hope to draw on my experiences as a Parent Governor, to ensure that Longmoor provides your child with the best educational start they deserve. I feel both proud, and privileged to serve on this Governing Board.

Sarah Khan – Co-opted Governor

My professional background is in education, and although my formal education and training have prepared me to engage in educational research, it is my interaction with my children that has given me the greatest insight into children's learning. Longmoor Primary is special to me because I have three children who have enjoyed every single day they have been at this school. I appreciate the dedication of all the staff members at Longmoor Primary, and I feel I have a bond with the school, the staff, and some of the parents I know in the local community. As a governor at Longmoor Primary, I want to contribute to the work that goes on 'behind the scenes' to debate and suggest valuable ideas that can be carried forward to make learning enjoyable, meaningful, and measurable.

Mike Perkins - Co-opted Governor

Having worked in secondary education for some 6 years before moving to work in further education, I have witnessed many great achievements of the education system. Now, having our son at Longmoor, it has highlighted the importance of early years education in preparing young people ready for those years ahead. I am proud to be involved with the governors and Longmoor. I am keen to ensure that we all, parents, governors and staff, remain committed to giving every student the very best start available in life and starting them on the path to the many great things they are all capable of.

School should be fun, challenging, nurturing and rewarding. It is my belief that Longmoor achieve this and many other great things every single day. I hope to assist in whatever way possible to ensure this continues. I have been extremely lucky to have been afforded opportunities to progress, now it is time for me to pay that forward to the future generations and help afford others similar opportunities.

Tracy Kendrick – Parent Governor

My children's (and your child's) education is extremely important to me. As a mum to a child who has additional educational needs it is important to me that parents and school work together to achieve the very best outcomes. I understand this sometimes means challenging a school's view and I know as a parent this cannot always be easy but by being a parent governor, I am hopeful you will feel confident in approaching me for any advice or support you may need.

My professional background involves working for children's social care, family support and I am currently a Student Support Manager at Wilsthorpe School. I have a good understanding of the pastoral system and what parents expect from a school, but also the increasing pressures that schools face due to funding cuts and growing pressure to meet government targets. I opted to be a governor as I feel Longmoor Primary School are determined to provide the very best foundations for your children and I want to be a part of this exciting journey.

Simon Lee – Parent Governor

Primary school represents some of our best years and sets our children on a path for whom they will be later in life. Alongside education, Longmoor plays an important role in helping our children to establish those key skills and values, whilst also nurturing their curiosity for careers they will embark on in years to come.

My daughter has flourished since starting at Longmoor, growing in confidence & curiosity every single day. As a parent I wanted to give back to the school and local community and as a Parent Governor at Longmoor I feel I can do that, which I am incredibly grateful for.

My professional background involves governance and strategy roles but I also have a passion for personal development, acting as a sponsor for internal learning & development initiatives. As a Parent Governor I am looking forward to working alongside the other Governor, teacher & parents to ensure we are delivering the very best for our children, now and for years to come.