

Members

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Lesley Young

My first term of office as a Governor was when my children were pupils in the 1980s, when I was also Chairman of the PTA. I am pleased to be a governor for a second time, now with grandchildren happily attending the school. My Governance roles have also included being Chairman of Governors of a Middle and a Secondary School.

My career was mostly at the University of Liverpool, where I became Quality and Systems Manager in the Careers Service.

In the past I served for eight years as a member of Wirral Borough Council; and since 1997 have been a Licensed Lay Minister at St John the Baptist Church in Meols. I am currently Lay Chairman of Wirral North Deanery in the Diocese of Chester.

Roger Prideaux

Whilst working for Liverpool based Royal Insurance I spent most of my career in marketing and communications roles spanning business development, public and investor relations, internal and external corporate communications, becoming Public Affairs Manager for the company's UK operations. That role embraced the management of the company's internal and external communications strategies and programmes in support of corporate and product marketing strategies. Disciplines included sponsorship, advertising, press relations, community relations and internal corporate communications, with an annual budget of £6m.

Since leaving the company I developed a consultancy career specialising in marketing communications for organisations largely in the public sector, including branches of the DOE, Treasury and the Department for Media, Culture and Sport. Clients have included:-

- The Office of Government Commerce, (then a Treasury Executive Agency and now part of the Cabinet Office),
- Merseyside ACME, a Merseyside based, European funded, cultural sector economic initiative for whom I also delivered business strategy training courses specifically designed for small new creative sector businesses,
- The National Guidance Council,
- a locally based data management company,
- an internet focussed organisation selling own brand specialist bathroom products.

Over the past 25 years on Merseyside I have been at various times an advisor and board member of Business in the Arts: North West, Chair of the E. Chambre Hardman Trust (a photographic museum and archive project now owned by the National Trust), and served on the boards of Merseyside Young People's Theatre., The Mersey Partnership and the Liverpool Architecture and Design Trust. Also for a short period I chaired the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce's Airport Committee.

I have been a Governor of PLPS since May 2004 and Chair since September 2010. I have also been a member and/or chair of the Strategic Development, Finance, Health & Safety committees, and was a member of the school PTA.

Janet Devine

Janet has been involved in education since she qualified as a teacher in 1976. She developed a particular interest in the education of young children and for the last 16 years of her career before her retirement in 2013, she worked for Wirral Borough Council in the field of early education and childcare. The opportunity to serve as a Trustee is one that she relishes and she believes her passion and professional expertise can contribute to influencing the quality of education and care for all our children. On a personal level she enjoys craft activities, walking her lively goldie and cooking.

Zoe Wakelam

As a former pupil, I spent seven happy years at Stanton Road and I am proud to have been part of the school community since December 2013 as a Parent Governor. I am fortunate that my own education was a very positive and enjoyable experience; an experience I believe every child deserves.

Following secondary education at Wirral Grammar School for Girls, I studied English Literature and Sociology at Liverpool Hope University. After graduation, I joined my current employer, and I have enjoyed working at the same large accountancy firm in Liverpool for some 19 years now. I studied from 1999 to 2001 when I achieved membership of the Association of Taxation Technicians and I now work part time, advising a portfolio of small and medium sized enterprises and owner managed businesses, both in corporate tax compliance matters and ad hoc advisory work such as company reorganisations, acquisitions and disposals, capital allowances, and research and development projects.

In addition to my professional role, I am also responsible for developing the firm's contribution to local charitable and social enterprise community projects and to this end I have built solid working partnerships between our office and local organisations such as Claire House Children's Hospice and The Big Help Project. I also sit on our internal business development groups as part of a team focusing separately on the Liverpool City Region, and Chester/North Wales area, which fuels my interest in our local economy, our business/social community and evolving political landscape.

I am proud mum to my gorgeous 8 year old daughter. Outside of work my interests are, obviously, spending time with family and friends and being a School Governor! I am also a member of Girl Guiding, and have been since joining the Brownies as a child. I became Assistant Guider in Bebington St Andrews in the late 1990's and following the birth of my daughter in 2008, I have helped at Bebington Division units and camps on an occasional basis. More recently, my role has been that of an administrative one and I have been Bebington Division Secretary since 2012.

I thoroughly enjoy being a School Governor, and consider it a privilege to have a proactive role to play in the school's journey. I am enthusiastic and committed, and in the three years since my appointment I have regularly attended meetings, training sessions and school events. In the last academic year I held the position of Vice-Chair of Finance and in this current year, that of Vice-Chair of Curriculum; both enjoyable, and valuable learning experiences for me. In addition, this year I am Specialist Governor for Literacy and am enjoying learning about that aspect of the curriculum in greater detail. I have strong working relationships with my fellow Governors and staff, and enjoy working as part the Governing Body.

I wish to be considered for the role of Member of our Multi Academy Trust and I hope this brief profile gives an indication as to my dedication, loyalty and enthusiasm. This is an exciting time for all of our schools and I would relish the challenge and opportunity to be involved at that level.

Trustees

Tony Lacey – Headteacher and CEO

Tony Lacey is an experienced Headteacher. Leadership and Management at his previous school were judged to be Outstanding under his Headship. He is currently a Local Leader of Education, and has been seconded 3 times by his Local Authority to support and lead struggling schools. He supported Castleway Primary as Acting Headteacher in 2009 when the school was placed in special measures. He supported Hoyle Holy Trinity for 2 terms in 2014 after the school was judged to Require Improvement by OFSTED. He also was seconded to Woodslee Primary School in 2016 to support the school, eventually becoming Acting Headteacher for a short time. He is a qualified OFSTED Inspector. Tony is a School Improvement Partner for a number of schools in Cheshire. Tony is currently Headteacher of Church Drive Primary School, which moved to good from satisfactory within 18 months of his appointment. Tony is also a key member of the Wirral LA Locality Board and School to School Support Board established in 2015.

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Sarah Goodwin

Sarah is a HR/ Employment Law Professional helping businesses with their HR and employment needs. She became a Parent Governor at the beginning of 2014 and is enjoying using her previous knowledge and experience to assist and support the Governing Body. She is also the Chair of Great Meols Preschool Management Committee, controlling the strategic management of the Preschool. This includes drawing up and implementing the Business Plan and overseeing the management of the Preschool staff.

Sue Cotton

My name is Sue Cotton. I am Vice Chair of Governors at the school. I am Chair of the Curriculum Committee as well as a member of the Resources Committee. I have been a governor at the school since 2011 and thoroughly enjoy seeing the school develop.

My background is in Education. I taught in Wirral from 1978 on a full time basis and was Headteacher of a local primary school for 14 years. I was President of the Wirral Branch of NAHT and also involved at regional level. As a Life member I still take a keen interest in latest moves to influence education in this country. Linked to NAHT, I was a member of the Wirral Schools' Forum.

I was involved as an external assessor and tutor in relation to standards of initial teacher training at the University of Chester. When I retired, I was a coach and mentor for some of the newly appointed Headteachers at Wirral Schools. I thoroughly enjoyed both of these roles as I have strong commitment to Continuing Professional Development at all levels within schools.

I have always been passionate about children being able to achieve the best possible outcomes academically whilst developing confidence and enjoyment of learning. I hope that the leadership and management skills I gained during my career are of some assistance in my role as governor.

Carole Molyneux

Carole is an extremely experienced school Governor, both in the Primary and Secondary sector across 6 schools over 35 years. She has been Chair of Governors at Church Drive Primary for 27 years, overseeing significant changes to the school building and workings in her time at the school. She is a former police officer in Cheshire, worked for Wirral Council as a school escort for 27 years and is now closely involved with the Federation of Small Businesses.

John Davies

John became a Parent Governor in 2008 and was appointed Chair of Governors in 2011 at Great Meols Primary School. As Chair of Governors he sits on all committees. He has a long relationship with the school having attended the school as a pupil and now has four children with his wife Sharon, all of which have attended Great Meols Primary School. In his professional life he is Head of Retail UK for a Global Corporate, Schneider Electric. He brings experience from the corporate sector to the role of Chair of Governors.

Richard Taylor

Currently I am a Local Authority Governor at Great Meols School, with two children currently in years 3 and 5. I have been a Governor at Great Meols School for approximately 3 years and have undergone full Governor Training along with recently attending the 'Academy Conference' in Birmingham. I have also been involved in the Academy Steering Group, helping draft the proposed Scheme of Delegation (SOD).

My other community roles include coach of the Under 8 football team (A C Hoylake Meteors), in the Eastham League along with being a member of the Parochial Council at St John the Baptist Church, Meols.

I am employed as Solicitor at DWF LLP, Liverpool, dealing with Insurance Fraud in the pre-litigation environment.

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