

## Meet our Governors



**Pam Gent**

I have been a governor at Aycliffe Drive Primary School since September 2008. I became Chair of the Governing Body in 2009. Previously, I taught primary school children before becoming headteacher and as I feel that the education of our children is one of the prime responsibilities that we have I became a school governor. I have also continued my interest and committed to education by sitting on the Admissions and Exclusions Committees.



**Maria Green**

Before becoming Headteacher at Aycliffe Drive Primary School in May 2002, I worked here as a class teacher and Deputy Headteacher. I have always been interested in children's education and find being Headteacher is challenging but even more rewarding knowing my staff and I have a huge impact on these children's lives. My son, who attended Aycliffe Drive as a pupil, is now a teacher here. In my spare time I enjoy seeing my family, especially my granddaughters.



**Rosamund Russell**

I am a Local Government Officer with 30 years of experience and currently my role is a Research Officer in the Corporate Research Unit of a London local authority. Outside of work I am a chorister at St Mary's Church (Old Town) and am interested and do many craft activities such as knitting, sewing and jewellery making. I have been a Governor at Aycliffe Drive since 1999 (17 years) and am currently chair of the Staffing and Admin committee and a member of all other committees (and responsible areas for SEND and curriculum areas, PHSE and Science). I became a school governor to give back to the community I live in and also because I am interested in children's education having married into a family of teachers. I have an interest in SEND as I have 2 sons, both have Dyslexia which runs in the family, and one who has an Autistic Spectrum Disorder as well as Auditory Processing Disorder.



**Paul Roberts**

I have been a Governor at the school since January 2011, as a Community Governor and now as a Co-opted Governor. Having previously lived in the area for many years, I have strong links to the local and school communities. I was also employed within the school for a short time. I take great pride in this voluntary role, helping the school towards achieving it's goals to ensure every child maximises their potential, in a safe and nurturing environment. Working for Herts for Learning Ltd, my professional life intersects with my Governor role, and my previous accountancy training lends to my chairing of the Finance & Premises Committee. My main personal interests include computing programming, cinema and listening to a wide variety of music.



**Lisa Lambert**

I joined the board of governors at the beginning of 2018. I have played an active part within the school during the years that my daughter has attended, from volunteering in nursery, forest school and Chair of the PTA to my current position as a teaching assistant in Chestnut Class. I am also part of the finance committee which helps me to see how the funds we raise are used. Prior to my daughter being born I worked as a Senior Health Care Assistant at Hemel Hempstead Hospital which helped me to gain experience of working with and meeting people from all walks of life.



### **Erin Walker**

I became a parent governor in January 2020 when I began my primary teacher training. I wanted to see how a school was run 'behind the scenes' as well as day-to-day classroom life. I am now a qualified teacher working in another local school, I am currently in year 4. I am chair of the curriculum committee and have a strong interest in understanding how children best learn. I also have two children at the school a daughter in year 6 and a son in year 2. This allows me to have a good insight into the school from another perspective.

### **Steve Preston**



I joined the board of governors in 2020 when my eldest son joined Aycliffe Drive School. Having been educated locally and still living in the area I'm incredibly keen to be involved in my children's education. I have a background in property and business development, as a Parent and Co-opted governor I'm keen to share ideas to help build upon the excellent work and results created by the staff and pupils alike. I now have two children attending the school and couldn't be happier with their progress.



### **Gemma Long**

I became a Governor in September 2022 and form part of the curriculum and strategy Committees. I have worked at Aycliffe Drive since my first year of teaching, initially in our Reception class and then became the foundation Key Stage leader. I am currently teaching in Chestnut our year 2 class and responsible for KS1 and English within the school. As a teacher and a parent, I believe it is important that all children can access a varied curriculum and develop a wider knowledge of the world around them.