



Gill Hutton – Head Teacher



I have been a member of the Board of Governors at Pottery Primary School for 17 years in my role as head teacher. I am also a member of both the resources and the teaching and learning committees.

My role is to ensure governors have a clear picture of the school and its performance in order that they can formulate a strategic direction for the school, one that enables all children to reach their potential (*teaching and learning committee*).

Secondly to ensure governors have all the information they need to make sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources (*resources committee*).

Jane Bate – Chair of Governors



I became a member of the Board of Governors in 2012 when my daughter Lucy started school. As well as the Role of Chair I sit on both the resources and teaching and learning committees. I am involved with the head teacher performance review process and get involved regularly with other working groups, for example compilation and analysis of the parent questionnaire.

I am qualified to degree level and my career of over 30 years has involved many aspects of Business Management from financial budgeting, health and safety, facilities, data analysis and many more. My area of expertise is within Purchasing and I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply.



Julian Hodgson – Vice Chair of Governors



I have been a governor at Pottery since 2008 when I was appointed as a Local Authority Governor. Over that time, I have held both the Chair and Vice Chair roles. I am currently Vice Chair and am looking to stand down as a governor at the end of this academic year.

I sit on the Teaching and Learning committee as this is where my passion lies, ensuring that our children can receive the best possible education through the resources available to the staff. I am also interested on policy decisions which support good quality teaching and learning. Since joining the Board of Governors I have been able to utilise my knowledge and skills as a Safeguarding Consultant/Adviser in being the safeguarding link governor. Recent changes to my work situation have meant that succession planning has been important, as when I leave, excellent safeguarding practice continues.

Janet Garnett – Staff Governor



I have been Staff Governor since 2009 when I began my role as Office Manager at Pottery. As well as attending meetings of the full Board of Governors, I attend meetings of the Resource Committee where we discuss finance, personnel, premises and Health & Safety issues, all aspects that are encompassed in my day-to-day role.

I have worked in different administrative roles in several schools and network regularly with colleagues in the local area, helping me to bring a breadth of knowledge to the Board of Governors.

Whilst at Pottery, I have studied towards a BA in School Business Management, successfully graduating in 2014 with first class honours. My dissertation focussed on the effectiveness of governing bodies and the expectations placed on them, both at this school and schools throughout Derbyshire.

Over the years I have been actively involved in several working parties, including a consultation with parents regarding communication and developing a subsequent action plan to improve this area.



Helen Cragg – Co-opted Governor



I joined the Board of Governors at Pottery Primary School in 2012 as a Local Authority governor. After re-constitution of the Board of Governors I became a co-opted governor. I have two children in the school, Millie who is in year 6 and Harry who is in year 2. As well as a member of the main board I am a member of the Resources Committee. I am regularly involved in other

activities as a governor, an example being the compilation and analysis of the yearly Parental Questionnaire.

I have always had a strong desire to ensure all children have an opportunity to learn and have all their needs catered for. I have been a Librarian for the last 12 years and have recently started working as an Occupational Therapy Assistant, both which have an important role in children lives.

Jo Atton – Co-opted Governor



In 2014 I became a co-opted governor at Pottery Primary School, my main reason for becoming a governor was my interest in children's education and I believe that the experience that I have gained during my working life would be a great asset to the school. I also have 2 children at the school one in year 1 and one in year 6.

I have served on various committees over the years with currently being the Chair of the local Cubs and Scouts group. At present, on the Board of Governors I am a member of the Resources committee.

Within my governor role I am currently involved with the Health and Safety inspection of the school to make sure that both children and staff are working and playing in a safe environment. I am also involved with the parent questionnaire and collating the information that we receive from parents. More recently I have taken on the role along with my fellow governors of providing Performance Management for the Head Teacher.



Eva Ryan - Co-opted Governor

I have been a governor at Pottery Primary School for over 5 years and feel very passionate in supporting the schools hard work in ensuring high standards of achievement for all the children in the school as well as the schools vision of 'making each person count' is a reality.

I have spent my career working in IT services with the last 15 years working within the education sector helping schools, academies, local authorities, further education colleges and universities to evaluate and adopt technologies that create engaging and interactive learning environments. This has given me an insight into the challenges schools are facing in education today and enabled me through the teaching and learning committee to support the school with the following responsibilities:

- Curricular Policies
- Special Educational Needs
- Pupil Premium Funding and impact on progress
- Data Monitoring



Paul Linford – Parent Governor

I joined the Board of Governors in May 2014 as a Parent Governor. My background is in journalism and nowadays I run my own business managing a recruitment website for media personnel. My daughter Clara is a current Y6 pupil and my son George left Pottery in July 2015. I am a member of the Resources Committee



John Hirst – Parent Governor

I joined The Board of Governors in 2015 as I have an interest, like most parents, in supporting the school in their move to an OFSTED outstanding grade. I currently chair the Teaching and Learning committee and have an interest in all things maths. I try to visit the classroom as often as I can to update my knowledge around practices. Most recently I have visited to familiarise myself with Rainbow Grammar and Maths is Easy. I am qualified to degree level and have spent the last 25 years working with Training Providers, Colleges and Prisons preparing them for a variety of quality inspections. My son Isaac is in Year 5 and like me he is rugby mad.



Martin Osborne - Co-opted Governor

I have been a school governor for the past 17 years at 4 different schools, holding the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Resources Committee. I re-joined the board of Pottery School earlier this year having worked away in Cumbria for 7 years where I was a governor of Yarlside Primary School which achieved an outstanding Ofsted rating.

My whole career has been spent in the banking and financial services sector where I held the positions of Regional Manager for a global bank and latterly as a General Manager for a building society. These roles gave me a great deal of experience in finance, HR and development/monitoring of businesses. Earlier this year I started my own business in wealth management. I hold qualifications in banking and financial services.

Having two children that attended Pottery Primary School some years ago I am delighted to return to the school for my second period as governor to assist the school with its excellent work.



Sam Mair - Clerk to Governors



I have been the clerk to the Board of Governors since January 2016. Before taking on the role I had no real understanding of the role the governors play in the school. I have been amazed by how much influence and responsibility the board take on supporting the school. I have always felt happy to send my 3 girls to Pottery and the more I have learnt about the school's ethos and how hard everyone involved with the school works delivering this, the happier I have become.