

Meet the Governors

Rachael Anderson (Parent Governor, Chair of Governors)

I became a Parent Governor in 2011, and Chair of Governors in 2012. I have three children in the school. Most of my career has been as a commissioning editor in book publishing, but I now work for a charity, leading a team of people who work in schools in disadvantaged areas, helping ensure no child starts the day too hungry to learn. I am deeply immersed in the world of education, and working with dozens of schools across the North of England is very useful in my governance role.

Andrew Taylor (Vice Chair of Governors)

I am a Professor at the University of Sheffield. Currently, I have daughter in upper KS2. I believe I bring a deep interest in, and commitment to, education to the governors; I am particularly interested in the delivery of inspiring teaching to all children.

Charles Kaye (Foundation Governor)

As a Foundation Governor, I am involved with both Brockholes and Honley churches as an active member of the Church PCC.

I have extensive school governance experience, not only at Brockholes but also Honley Infants, and previously with high schools and Greenhead College. My role enables me to remain actively involved schools, after retiring from business. I have excellent financial and governance skills that are well used in my role at Brockholes.

Stephen Dey (Co-opted Governor)

I originally joined the governing body as a parent governor in 2012, having two children at the school. I feel the school is the heart of the community, of which I am proud to be a part. Having run my own businesses for the last 18 years, I bring a range of knowledge and skills to the role. I am the governor with responsibility for health and safety.

Neil Drake (Co-opted Governor)

I have been involved in Brockholes School since attending as a pupil in 1985! I currently have a child in KS2, and links across the community, especially St George's Church. In my professional life, I am a Process Manager at Asda, which equips me well with the skills to be Chair of the Resources Committee.

Granville Dews (Co-opted Governor)

I have lived in Brockholes since 1967 and am a member of the Methodist Church. I am a retired qualified mechanical engineer, having worked in industry for 45 years. After retiring from a management position in a local engineering company, I consider that my professional life brings experience and management skills to the governing body, where I consider myself a listening ear (if required) and voice (when needed) for the school and community.

Roger Kenworthy (Foundation Governor)

I am a Chartered Accountant and retired in 2015 after 45 years in practice and industry in financial and general management roles. I attend St George's Church and am a Foundation Governor with an interest in maintaining the Christian ethos within the school. I believe that a good education gives young people the opportunity to make the most of their lives; it is the best gift we can give them and I am glad to have the opportunity to bring my skills and experience to that process.

Tim Taylor (Parent Governor)

I work in Public Health in Leeds. My job is to help people live well and longer and reduce health inequalities. I work closely with primary care, the council, the universities and other partners to do this. I have experience of managing programmes, budgets and staff in large organisations. I am a dad of two children, and I am in my second term as a Parent Governor.

Wendy Hawe (Non-teaching staff governor)

I am the catering supervisor in school, and have been in post since 2011. I became a governor in 2012. I know all children in school by name, and I attend as many school events as possible, and see school through different eyes; not just as a parent or staff member. I believe this makes me a useful addition to the governing body.

Lee Sobo Allen (Co-opted governor)

As well as being the father of two children currently attending the school, I teach child safeguarding and protection. My previous experience and on-going registration as a social work practitioner and my current teaching role in this area enable me to make a valued contribution to the governing body. I'm also interested in increasing the engagement and

involvement of both parents equally in the school and in the education of their children.

Tamara Jackson (Local Authority governor)

I am a married mother of two girls aged 3 and 7 years, and live in the Holme Valley. I have been a qualified teacher for 15 years and am currently working full time in a newly developed through primary school. I have strong interests in Additional Needs, Growth Mindset Learners and Computing / Technology. I am passionate about children learning and having an inquisitive mind about the world we are living in; past, present and future. I joined Brockholes Governing Body in 2016, and am looking forward to working with the school.

Jacqueline Torley (Co-opted Governor)

I first joined Brockholes governing body as a Parent Governor. My eldest two children came through Brockholes and are now at Holmfirth High School; my youngest is in KS2 here. Having such a long involvement with school as a parent gives me useful perspective. Having graduated and worked in engineering, I have spent time in school supporting science teaching projects.

Alison Heeley (Staff Governor)

I am the Deputy Headteacher, Reception class teacher, Special Needs Coordinator and Foundation Stage Leader at Brockholes (pew!). I have worked at Brockholes since 2002 and see many children that I taught in Reception now in their secondary school uniforms! I have been a staff governor since 2009, and I am a mum of two children.

Clare Thomas (Ex Officio Governor)

As Head Teacher, being a governor is part of my role, but I genuinely enjoy working with such a diverse team of people who give their time to support the staff and children in helping Brockholes improve!

Liam Beadle (Ex-Officio)

I am the vicar of both St Mary's Church in Honley and St George's Church in Brockholes. As with Clare, being a governor is part of my role, and I am often in school, leading Collective Worship with the children.