



Packington Church of England Primary School

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MEET THE GOVERNORS

Welcome to the new school year at Packington!

The Governing Body is an important part of your school, yet we are aware that not many of you will know what this is. We therefore thought it would be useful for parents and guardians of the children at our school to have an overview of the background of your governing body.



Hello everyone! I am **Lesley Birtwistle** and I am the current Chair of the Governing Body. Although I have retired as an Associate Priest with the Woodfield Team of Ministry, which includes Holy Rood, Packington, I have what is called "Permission to Officiate" so I do still have strong links with the church and continue to carry out a number of duties within the Team. However, my main focus now is on my governor role and the joys and challenges which this brings, especially in my position as Chair.

I have lived in the village for over 40 years and have a strong attachment to the school, which is where my four children all gained a great foundation for their learning. As I have become familiar with the way that the school is run now and the education, in the broadest sense, which it provides, I have been very impressed by the excellent work which is carried out there. I am very happy to be a part of the great team of governors which we have. I work with them to support the staff in their aim of providing for the needs of all the children and helping them to fulfil their potential, and to be the best that they can be.

As well as being involved, with the other governors, in guiding the overall strategic direction of the School, I have some specific tasks. As a Foundation (Church appointed) governor I have special responsibility for RE and Collective Worship, but also am the lead governor in respect of the More Able Pupils and of the teaching of Modern Foreign Languages. In my free time, I volunteer at Measham Community Library and I enjoy conversation, reading, crosswords, playing table tennis and having fun with one or other of my numerous grandchildren!

Hi, my name is **Andy Wilson** and I have been a Parent Governor since February 2011. I live in Packington and two of my children have enjoyed being educated at the school. I have specific responsibilities on the Finance and Strategic Development Committee's plus have shared responsibilities for PE/School Visits/and Extra Curriculum activities and ICT. In my time as a governor I have developed a greater understanding of the role Governors undertake, the challenges our school has to manage on a day to day and longer term basis and more importantly how this all relates to our children's development. I find the role interesting, varied and enjoy having direct involvement with the staff, fellow Governors and the children.



My Name is **Carla Harris-Marsh**, I am a parent governor at Packington. This is my second position as a governor previously holding the position at a school in Nottingham. I am married to Chris and have two children Felix and Georgia. I also have an aesthetically challenged but fab dog called Martha! I have one child at Packington currently but my eldest was also a pupil here. I have a degree in Youth and Community work and have worked in the local authority for many years in Nottingham. In a change of career, I retrained as a teacher and gained my qualified teaching status, before re locating to Leicestershire a few years ago. I currently work for Leicestershire county council as an engagement officer. I live in the village and I run a home based fused glass business making personalised art glass. In my spare time I also co run Packington youth club as well as sitting on the village hall committee.



My name is **Wendy Jones** . I am a Foundation Governor appointed by the Diocese. I have lived in Packington for 43 years. Whilst my children attended Packington Primary school I was elected as a parent governor. As a governor I am responsible for the Foundation Stage and attend the Curriculum, Finance and Pay Appeals Committees. Having worked as an Administrator/Bursar at a Primary School for over 20 years, I have a great interest in primary education. I enjoy travelling (especially Wildlife), watercolour painting and drawing, walking and gardening.

I am **Marian Mugglestone** and I am one of the three Foundation Governors appointed by the Diocese. I have lived in Packington for 40 years and I was employed by Leicestershire County Council Road Safety Education Team spending much of my time working in Primary Schools throughout the County and the City. I am the Governor responsible for English and I am on the Curriculum, Health and Safety and Disciplinary and Complaints Committees. My three children all attended Packington School and I am very much enjoying being involved with the school again.



I would like to introduce myself- my name is **Alan Pearson**. I'm a Local Authority Governor. My daughter was a pupil at the school. I was a Local Councillor at North West Leicestershire District Council with special interests on Planning, Housing and Leisure Services being the lead councillor on this for 14 years, overseeing the building of the Hermitage Leisure Centre and the New Pool at Ashby. I am currently a Parish Councillor. I am a Trustee Director at Building and Social Housing Foundation which carries out innovative Housing Research both in the UK and World Wide. I have previously been a governor at Broomleys, Belvoirdale and Castle Rock schools. I hope to contribute and build on the success of Packington School.

Hi, I am **Catherine Picton** and was elected parent governor in November 2015. I have a young daughter at Packington who keeps me busy and I also run my own Private Physiotherapy Clinic. In my spare time we love holidaying in Cornwall and spending fun time together as a family. I was keen to take the role on as school governor as I am passionate to help to maintain high standards within the school that my child attends and also hope to effectively represent other parents views, concerns and interests whilst on the board. I am sure that there will be some interesting times as a parent governor and I look forward to the challenges ahead.



My name is **Sarah Griffiths**. I have been a parent governor at Packington since January 2017 and I am very much enjoying this role. I am the Governor responsible for Maths and Leadership and also sit on the Finance, Strategic Development and Performance Management Committees. I have 20 years experience working for the Civil Service with my main qualification being in Project & Programme Management, although I have also worked in Tax and Finance. I have two amazing sons at Packington who are both in KS1. I like reading, cycling, travelling (as many holidays as we can cram in) and most of all spending time with my family.

My name is **Christine Hammond**. I am now retired but worked in the voluntary/charitable sector for around 35 years For the last 15 years I worked at a senior management level within a Council of Voluntary Services with an annual turnover of £1.2 million; managing 15 projects ranging from supporting vulnerable families to drugs and mental health rehabilitation. My personal interests are:- painting, reading, cooking and gardening.

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