



Lakeside Primary School

GOVERNORS



Mr Stuart Vale Chair of Governors

I'm the Chair of Governors at Lakeside Primary School, which means I work with a really enthusiastic and talented team of staff and governors.

In the 22 years I have been governor, I've been involved with a whole range of topics, from appointing head teachers to getting the school fence erected. It can be hard going and emotional, but I can honestly say that the pride and sense of achievement in seeing Lakeside School develop outweigh the odd niggles that come along.

I moved onto Lakeside, where I still live, when my son was about 1 years of age, knowing that I intended him to start his school life at a great school, Lakeside. He is now 28 with two degrees and is a fully qualified paramedic for the ambulance service. My daughter, who is 26, also with a first degree, also attended Lakeside school. I fully believe both of my children have achieved their educational success thanks to the outstanding groundwork provided by our great school.

Why did I become a governor? One reason is that I wanted to give something back to the education system. The other is that it is in all our interests to make sure our children achieve to their full potential. Therefore, when my son started in Reception class, which happened to be Mrs Dolphin's first class, I was asked to become a parent helper. Being a Boys' Brigade Officer at the time, I had the experience of working with children of all ages, so I felt I had something to offer. I was soon approached to become a governor at Lakeside school and was appointed in 1996. I have held various positions of the Governing Body including Chair of Finance, Chair of Performance Management and Vice Chair of Governors. During my term of office at Lakeside I have also previously served 8 years on Belgrave High School's Governing Body, again in various positions.



Claire Kennedy Vice Chair

I have been a **Co-opted Governor** at Lakeside since 2014 and have a daughter who is currently at Lakeside. I am an advisory teacher for pupils with Social Emotional and Mental Health difficulties in Solihull and in this role I work with pupils who have a range of special educational needs as well as with staff and parents. I am the link governor for Special Needs at Lakeside and liaise regularly with Mrs Dolphin, Special Needs Co-ordinator at the school. As a professional and parent I believe that children learn best when they feel happy, safe and supported in their learning environment and that this is best achieved within a school that reflective, inclusive, has a clear vision and recognises the importance of the partnership between home and school.



Neil Probert

I have been **Headteacher** at Lakeside Primary since September 2018. I believe in working closely with parents, the local community and other schools in the local area to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to achieve excellent outcomes. I fundamentally believe in providing an education that will help produce well rounded individuals that are successful in anything they aspire to be. It is important to me that the school has a 'family feel' and I am passionate that we work with the whole school community to maintain a safe environment that promotes resilience with a 'can do' attitude.



Alison Dolphin

I am the Deputy Headteacher at Lakeside Community Primary School. My role also includes Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo), Inclusion, Pupil Premium Champion together with working with all staff in moving the school forward with the best interest of the children at the core. I am an **Associate Governor**.



Jane Downes

I became a member of the Governing body as a Parent Governor about 16 years ago. I am currently a **Staff Governor** and my role at Lakeside is Teaching Assistant. Before joining Lakeside, I worked for 25 years in retail. I have been married for 30 years and have 2 grown up children and am a very proud Grandma. My hobbies include travelling around the UK in our motorhome.



Hayley Meads

I joined Lakeside's Governing Body in 2017 as a **Parent Governor** after having many years of involvement with Lakeside Primary School through family members, I am now proud to say that my own two children are pupils there too.

I feel excited to be part of an amazing team, to be the voice of the parents and to help the school continue to succeed.



Neil Rose

Although I have been a governor at Lakeside since 2016, I have a history with the school having completed a teacher training placement in 2013. I have a solid understanding of educational practice as I have a degree in primary education and whilst I no longer work as a teacher, I am a firm believer in providing a safe and solid foundation in the form of education. I am heavily involved in community work through the Scout Association. I am also the link governor for Health and Safety. In my spare time I enjoy mountain walking and rock climbing.



Whitney Davies

My name is Whitney Davies and I joined Lakeside as a Newly Qualified Teacher in 2012. I have worked at Lakeside for 6 years now, and have loved every second! I am responsible for overseeing the curriculum for Music and Foreign Languages, and also PE, where with support of the Governors, help manage the way our annual sports premium is spent. I recently qualified with a Masters degree in Education which I feel has helped me improve as a teacher, and will hopefully be a valuable resource to the Governing body. I have been fortunate enough to work in a range of year groups in my time at Lakeside, which gives me a good understanding of what we need to do as a Governing body to improve teaching and learning even further at Lakeside.



Anne Jones

My role is **Clerk to the Governors**. I have wide and varied experience in education, working across several different Local Authorities as a teacher and as a Headteacher in two schools in Staffordshire.

On retirement I went straight back in schools working with Governing Boards as a nationally accredited Clerk for Staffordshire (now Entrust) Governor Services in a wide and varied number of schools and Academies. My work with Entrust has further developed into undertaking Governance Reviews as an Associate Consultant, as well as developing/writing and delivering Governor training both bespoke and generic.

I am an NCTL Associate (previously NCSL) and was invited to present a paper I had written on Network Learning at an International Conference in Barcelona some years ago. I am the Facilitator for Belgrave Learning Network Community (BLNC) and this enables me to have another connection with Lakeside school.

I am passionate about education and love to travel.

I feel very privileged to be able to work with and support the Governing Board, Headteacher and Staff at Lakeside in their pursuit of excellence.