



**WILKINSON
PRIMARY
SCHOOL
GOVERNOR
PROFILES
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About School Governors

School governors are volunteers who help run schools. They play an important role in managing, supporting and improving schools.

What school governors do

Governors sit on the school's governing board and work with the school to ensure they improve each year. They:

- hold the headteacher to account for a school's performance
- make sure the budget is spent wisely
- set the school targets and ensure they are met
- take part in hearings and appeals
- making sure school buildings are welcoming and safe
- appoint and dismiss staff

Governors attend meetings during the school year to discuss the school's progress.





Mr. Andrew Foster

Chair

Health and Safety, Buildings and Finance

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I am currently employed by Choices housing (part of the Wrekin housing trust) as a manager within an extra care housing scheme.

My areas of interest are Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Human resources. I am trustee and secretary of Bradley Senior Citizens and am also a trustee of Bilston Pensioner Federation. My hobbies include, traditional letterpress printing and local history. I lived and worked in Bradley for some time.

Note from the Chair

As Governors we make many visits to School over the course of a term. Each time we visit we discuss what we have seen and use our knowledge to support Mrs Gibbon and Staff to ensure that the children are receiving the best possible education.

I have personally made many visits to School and I am never ceased to be amazed by the hard work and dedication of the Staff. I am also immensely **proud of the children** in their care. They are a great credit to the School. You as parents/carers have every reason to feel proud of your children.

We care passionately about providing our children with an education that will prepare them for their future. We want our children at Wilkinson Primary School to be confident, independent learners who know how to make informed decisions about the choices they make in life.

As parents and carers you have an important role in supporting your child/children at home and this helps greatly in their learning in School and I would like to thank you all for the continued commitment and support that you all show to Wilkinson Primary School,, it is very much appreciated .I look forward to working in partnership with you all to move the School on to achieve even greater success in the future.



Mrs. Julie Thomas

Vice Chair

Early Years, Pupil premium,
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My name is Julie Thomas and I feel privileged to say I am a governor at Wilkinson Primary School. Some members of the school community may know me as 'Nurse Julie' as I have been the school nurse for the school since 1986.

I lead the school nurse team at Bilston Health Centre, working with pupils, parents, education and many other services. My role is varied and I have experience and knowledge in health, health education, safeguarding, audit, leadership and management, development of policies, training etc. I enjoy working with others to help meet the needs of the pupils, families and staff of the school. I feel pupils, parents and staff find me approachable, caring, empathetic, enthusiastic, and motivated and above all a good listener.

Working in Bilston for almost thirty years has enabled me to have excellent understanding of the area, its needs and the challenges. Prior to working in Bilston I undertook my Registered General Nurse training at The Royal and New Cross Hospitals, working on surgery and paediatrics. I qualified as a Specialist Practitioner in Public Health in 1998 and as a Practise Teacher in 2001.

My hobbies include attending my local gym (I must practise what I preach), gardening and generally having fun.



New Governor

Mr N. Hodges

Staff Governor

Curriculum—Creative / Foundation Subjects

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Having the opportunity to become a governor at the school where I work is an honour - knowing that I get to see the impact of the decisions that are made, and how this benefits the children in my care. I started my education career working in Outdoor Education as a climbing instructor in the Peak District in 2001. During this time, I worked with a whole array of different age groups, varying from children of primary school age to adulthood. After voluntarily teaching guitar in a rural primary school, I was encouraged to 'get into teaching'. Subsequently, I attended a four year degree in primary education and qualified as an NQT in 2008, successfully acquiring a teaching post at a Junior school in the Borough of Sandwell. I joined Wilkinson Primary School in the autumn of 2015 as the Music Coordinator. As a teacher, I'm truly passionate about education; being able to work with children to help and encourage them to become independent learners, learners that are full of questions and intrigue about the world in which they live in, helping to steer them, sharing life lessons as well as exposing them to an inspirational curriculum is an absolute privilege.



Mrs Amanda Winwood

Parent Governor

Core Subjects, Curriculum & Assessment

Job Title: Membership Academy Manager

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I became a Parent Governor because I want to be part of making Wilkinson Primary School the best school possible for our children. We are lucky enough to have these fantastic facilities for our children and I want to help take Wilkinson Primary forward into the future helping to make our children strong independent learners who will have bright futures ahead of them. I myself was a pupil at Wilkinson Primary School, so am a Bradley girl born and bred, which has given me a good foundation as an individual and academically. I have worked in the NHS for the past 22 years and more recently have changed roles as Membership Academy Manager for the Trust Charity. As a governor I am able to utilise the skills that I have developed within the workplace to help Wilkinson go from strength to strength. Within my work I have developed great communication and organisational skills. I am a real team player but have also developed analytical and problem solving skills which I believe could be applied at Wilkinson. I have skills to build and support good relationships within and beyond the school community, especially with parents, pupils and staff by valuing others and bringing out the best in them. I really see the role of Parent Governor at Wilkinson Primary as an opportunity to give something back to my local community and to help to give our children, with the help of committed staff, parents and Governors the future that they deserve.



Mrs Naomi Wharton

Parent Governor

Curriculum— Creative, Foundation Subjects , Extended Schools

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I was delighted to be selected as a Parent Governor in September 2016 and I feel its a great privilege to hold this important role. I wanted to volunteer as a Parent Governor because I fully recognise the importance that education and the environment in which that education takes place has on to the successful development of children. I have one child at Wilkinson Primary School, who is thriving and fully enjoys time in school.

I have worked with my employer for the past 16 years and currently work as part of an in house legal team as Senior Legal Counsel advising certain areas within the UK commercial finance business. I hope that the skills I have in my job role have provided me with some useful skills for my role as Parent Governor!

I passionately believe that all of our children should reach their full potential and the core function of the governing body is to help every child achieve. We have a fantastic environment and facilities for the children at Wilkinson Primary School and my aim is to support the good work done by the staff to continue to develop the school in an ever changing environment.

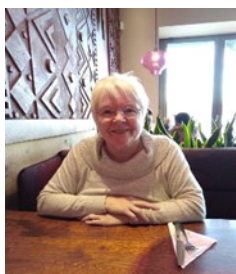


Miss C. Duffield

Staff Governor
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I qualified as a teacher in 2000 and have been working at Wilkinson since 2004 initially as a Reception teacher. I progressed to the position of Early Years Coordinator and worked across Foundation and Year 4/5 also taking on a safeguarding role until 2013. Since then I have been the Designated Safeguarding Lead here at Wilkinson and am a member of the Senior Management Team. My role is to ensure that school meets statutory requirements for Child Protection and Safeguarding. My responsibilities include dealing with concerns and disclosures at school, recording and referring where necessary. I work closely with other professionals in order to keep our children safe. This involves compiling reports and attendance at Early Help, Child in Need and Child Protection meetings and conferences representing the views of both school and families. I am also the Designated Lead for our Looked After Children completing Personal Education Plans and leading on meetings as well as reporting progress at LAC reviews. I also coordinate the PTA team and arrange training and events for parents and families. You will find me at the school gate most mornings and I deal with day to day concerns about individual children with specific needs and liaise with parents where necessary.



New Governor

Cllr. L. Moran

Local Authority Governor
Safeguarding

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I have begun my second 4 year term as an elected Wolverhampton City Councillor including a period as Cabinet Member for Education and Skills. I chose Bilston East in 1995 and have lived there ever since. During the eighties, I was drawn to become a Councillor in Oxfordshire when the County Council at the time threatened to close all the nursery schools. Oxfordshire still has nursery schools and I have been a firm supporter of good Early Years Education ever since.

I retired from the Probation Service a year ago having trained as a social worker. I remain committed to the welfare of women and serve on the Board of the Haven, and Anawim in Birmingham.

I look forward to participating in the life of Wilkinson Primary School.



Mrs Clare Bratt

Parent Governor

Website, Core Subjects, Curriculum & Assessment

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I have quite a varied working background, spending some years in business managing large business accounts and the last 9 years working as a secondary school teacher in the local community. When I left university, I didn't really know which career path I wanted to follow so I worked in a variety of roles ranging from membership consultant to financial account manager and finally into education.

My daughter is at Wilkinson. She is a happy and confident young individual who is thriving and taking on new experiences every day.

I wanted to become a governor because I feel that if our children are getting the best education and learning experiences now, their futures will look brighter than ever. I feel I can be a fundamental person in ensuring the children at Wilkinson are safe, engaged and challenged to be the best they can be emotionally, socially and academically.



New Governor

Mrs. J. Pressdee

**Community Governor
SEND, SMSC**

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I have been a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for West Midlands Police for 13 years. The last four and a half years of this have been spent working in Bilston. I had a few different jobs prior to joining West Midlands Police, mainly in administrative/customer service roles.

Whilst working as a PCSO in Netherton, Dudley I held a role as a Community Governor at Hillcrest Secondary School (now The Link Academy).

I deal with the Bilston community every working day in one way or another, and know many of the local people, particularly the children very well. I feel I understand the community and their needs and try to support or give help whenever I can.

As part of my role I quite often get asked to go into local Schools to work with the children and give presentations/talks on various topics which may be of concern to the school, or that form part of the curriculum.

Downtime, I love nothing better than to sit and relax with a good film or have a girly night out. I love animals and my dream would be to win the lottery and run an animal rescue centre.

