

Governor Profiles – Morecambe Road School

Current Vacancies – There are vacancies for a Parent Governor and Co-opted Governors – please contact school if you would like more details on the Governor role.

Sarah Mainwaring – Chair of Governors



Sarah initially joined the Governing Board as a Parent Governor when her son was in Primary. He is now a young man of 20 attending Myerscough College. Prior to being elected Chair of Governors, Sarah has been Chair of the Health and Safety Committee, Vice Chair, Chair of the Finance Committee and a member of the Extended Services and Curriculum Committees.

During her career she has worked in local business at management level and is now employed as Finance Director for a Wholesaling Group based in Bradford.

Sarah possesses a keen belief in enabling our pupils to participate in varied new experiences, achieving their full potential whilst in a safe and supportive environment.

Duncan Bowring



Duncan was co-opted as a Governor in 2022, having retired from full time employment in the shipping insurance sector, where he has worked for 45 years. He was born and brought up locally, then lived in London for 25 years, before returning to Halton to live in 2001. He sees his major qualification for the post of Governor as having brought up and supervised the schooling of 7 children, having at one point 6 children simultaneously in different places of education. Working with administrators and teachers now comes naturally, and he believes that his experience outside the education sector will bring some different perspectives to the Board. He is a member of the Finance, Health and Safety Committee and Curriculum and Extended Services Committee.

Lisa Crankshaw



Lisa's daughter attended Morecambe Road School until July 2016. At the end of her term as a parent governor, Lisa was asked to remain as a Co-opted governor. Lisa has worked in education throughout her career, working in a local secondary school, at the University of Cumbria as a Secretary in different Departments including Human Resources Service and at Lancashire County Council as a Caseworker in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Team. Lisa is currently employed with Lancaster and Morecambe College. Lisa is experienced in policy work and implementation, procedures and systems. She enjoys interacting with staff at all levels. Lisa chairs the Finance & Health and Safety Committee and is the Deputy Chair. In her roles she seeks to ensure that all pupils are achieving the best outcomes.

Wendy Casson MBE



Wendy worked as the Headteacher of a large Pupil Referral Unit and Hospital Education Service in Blackpool for 12 years, prior to her recent retirement. She was awarded an MBE in the Queens New Year's honours list in January 2022 for her services to education. Wendy has a BEd (Hons) degree in Dance, Physical Education and Art. Having first taught in Devon and then in Liverpool, Wendy returned to her home town in Blackpool, teaching for 18 years in a mainstream school, before taking up the post at the PRU. Throughout her teaching career, Wendy's passion is that every young person has their chance to shine and that is why she wanted to be a Governor at Morecambe Road, where everyone is supported to achieve their potential.

Arthur Jones



Arthur Jones is a retired nurse who qualified and worked in both general nursing and mental health. Trained in Lancaster but enlisted in the Royal Air Force and served over 22 years being awarded a new year honour in 1993.

Arthur is a keen Rotarian and served as District Governor for Cumbria & Lancashire from July 2015 to 2016 overseeing Rotary's response to the effects of Storm Desmond and Storm Eva. Formerly a trustee of the Vera Wolsencroft trust and became involved with Morecambe Road School as a result of a successful funding request made to this charity. Arthur is a former public governor for University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay (UHMB). He is a keen motorcyclist and continues to serve the community through the Rotary Service.

Victoria Holmes



Victoria is the nominated Staff Governor and has been a teacher at Morecambe Road for 6 years. She has worked across both secondary and primary, gaining a wealth of knowledge regarding SEND provision. Victoria loves providing extra-curricular opportunities to the pupils at Morecambe Road School and currently runs dance club and singing club. These clubs have provided many opportunities for the children, in addition to advantageous outcomes for their social, emotional and physical wellbeing. Victoria has also organised and ran school performances such as Pop UK. Victoria undertakes many professional development courses with the needs of the pupils at the forefront. Victoria has a passion to making a difference to the pupils' lives, by providing them with a curriculum which is creative and engaging. The children are at the heart of everything she does.

Lindsey Walker



Lindsey is a Local Authority Governor at Morecambe Road School and has undertaken this role since Summer 2022. She has a long-standing professional relationship with the school in her role as Programme Area Manager of Foundation Learning and Year 10 and 11 Provision at Lancaster and Morecambe College. Lindsey is proud to have played an integral role in the successful development of the school's satellite provision at the college and is passionate about supporting pupils' progression and enabling them to achieve their full potential. Lindsey has worked in Further Education for over 30 years, specialising in SEND and Hospitality and Catering. She enjoys working with the local community and has most recently been involved with a number of food sustainability projects.

Samantha Harding



Sam is a new parent to the school and our new parent governor. Her son started in the Ladybirds Class in 2022.

Professionally Sam works in the area within children's mental health services and has worked with children and families in the area for the last 15 years in varying roles.

Sam brings a wealth of experience around mental health and wellbeing and has a passion for promoting wellbeing for all.

As a parent governor Sam hopes to bring this knowledge, as well as her lived experience as a parent to the role and help bring the voice of other parents and the needs of families to the governing body.