




## Meet Our Governors 2020

The following people make up our Governing Body along with Mrs Janet Potter (Headteacher) and Mrs Susan Brooke-Mawson (Staff Governor)

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|    | <p><b><u>Mrs Becki Beaumont</u></b><br/>I am Becki Beaumont, Chair of the Governing body. I was first elected in February 2014 and I am a co-opted Governor. I have 12 years' experience of being a school governor and I serve on another Kirklees school's Governing body.</p> <p>I visit school regularly – I normally attend class assemblies, school services in church and parents' evening.</p> <p>I am strongly committed to seeing our Governing body work hard as a team, to support our Headteacher and all staff in achieving the best possible outcomes for our children. I encourage our governing body to be both supportive of the school and appropriately challenging and to be fully committed to staff development and pupil outcomes.</p> <p>I believe every child deserves the best education possible.</p> |
|   | <p><b><u>Reverend Mark Umpleby</u></b><br/>I am Rev Mark Umpleby and I have been a governor since I arrived to be Associate Priest in the Parish of St Paul's Hanging Heaton.</p> <p>I am a foundation Governor. I have had previous experience of being a school Governor as well as my previous post being full time chaplain in a High School in Leeds for seven years.</p> <p>I see the education of children as one of the most important activities that takes place. I want to support the wonderful work of the school (staff and students) and help it to continue to be a beacon in Hanging Heaton and beyond. As a local parish priest I hope to bring my links/knowledge in the community and help the school in any way I can.</p>   |
|  | <p><b><u>Mrs Wendy Lister</u></b><br/>I am a foundation governor who is elected by the church. My position is to support the school in its continuing development of the Christian ethos.</p> <p>I have been involved with the school for a number of years as a reading friend and love working with the children. I believe that each child should have the opportunity to learn and develop their own personality.</p>   |



**Mrs Frances Binks**

I have been a School Business Manager in Kirklees for 25 years I enjoy my job immensely. I gained experience of being on a Governing Body at Hepworth School during which time I completed a Btec in School Governance giving me a wide knowledge of the work conducted by a School Governing Body. I am a school governor at Crow Lane Primary School and have previously served on the Governing body of Hanging Heaton School. I believe that education is very important and a right for both young and old



**Mrs Elizabeth Exley**

I am a co-opted governor, formerly a community governor. My interests include 20 years as a reading partner at the school and as a member of the Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Chaplaincy Team. I am a deacon at Dewsbury Baptist Church and have been secretary of Churches Together in Dewsbury for 22 years. I run a drop in and advice centre CARE Dewsbury for people on the margins of society.

I am passionate about fairness in society and hope to make a difference and help to ensure our children leave school as well rounded individuals who will achieve their full potential in life.



**Mrs Lindsey Towler**

I am a co-opted governor at Hanging Heaton, starting in September 2019 and sit on the Standards and Effectiveness Committee.

My background is in Primary Education - I have been a teacher for over 35 years and am now semi-retired. At the moment I am working part time at the school I have worked at for 30 years in West Ardsley. I am a member and steward at Tingley Methodist Church and this plays a big part in my life. I am married with three grown up children, a son-in-law and a dog!

Since taking early retirement and being lucky enough to keep working a little, I have more time to dedicate myself to other things. The Governing Body plays a huge role in the life of a successful school and I am looking forward to joining the team at Hanging Heaton and being an involved and supportive governor.



**Mr Craig Bardy**

I am your parent governor here at Hanging Heaton and have been since January 2018. I am Evelyn's dad, Evelyn now in her second year here. We live locally, just along from the school.

Whilst I had no previous experience of being a governor, I bring a wealth of experience from almost 30 years of volunteer work, including previous senior roles within the local scout association, running a church youth group for the last 17 years, and currently serving a third term on the PCC at St Michael's Church, East Ardsley. I work at Yorkshire Water as a Configuration Analyst, but I also volunteer as a speaker at work for both the company and Wateraid.

I believe our children have the right to the best education that can be offered and hope my role as a governor will help the school to deliver first class education in a wonderful setting that Hanging Heaton School is. I also sit on the resources sub-committee. If you wish to chat or have a query I can take to the Governors meetings, I am in the playground on Fridays, bringing Evelyn to, and collecting her from School.



**Mr Paul Ockwell**

Hi, I am Paul Ockwell and this is my first opportunity as a Community Governor.

I have over 30 years of experience at Yorkshire Water, currently as an IT Business Liaison Manager. I am looking forward to applying my skills in a volunteering capacity, making a contribution to the local community.

Finally and most importantly, I am a parent myself. Grace is currently at Woodkirk High School and George at Hill Top Academy.

I look forward to helping the school in any way I can.



**Mrs Mellisa Dean**

I am your new parent governor here at Hanging Heaton. I am Vinnie's mum; Vinnie is now in Year 2.

I am an experienced teacher of both primary and secondary students; my current role is Programme Leader for KS3 English. I believe in a well-rounded education. I believe in the joy of learning and I am passionate about everyone getting a fair opportunity.

This year I began working alongside the council to develop our local woodland at Caulms Wood and have successfully created an outdoor classroom for our children to access. I firmly believe in wild play and learning whilst being outside.

I hope my role of governor brings positive developments to the school and the community. I am hard working and dedicated to making real change.