

Newton Leys Primary School Governors

Penny Dent

My name is Penny Dent. I was a parent governor for 13 years, at both primary and secondary level, during my sons' schooling. I always enjoyed the opportunity of being given an insight into the workings of those schools and felt engaged in the decision-making process. I decided to start again as a co-opted governor in 2016, as I believe that I have comprehensive business skills, which will be useful to the school. I set up and ran a business for 20 years, which I then sold to my management team. I grew the business continually over that period and it was extremely profitable. That business gave me extensive experience working with Local Authorities, for their SEN departments. In addition, I have worked and am qualified in HR; during my time as Parent Governor I was regularly involved with staff recruitment.

I am now working as a business consultant, focusing on helping others to grow their businesses. I also own and breed Border Collies and volunteer with one of my dogs, taking her into schools to work on reading with children.

Sam Beckley-Lines

My name is Sam Beckley-Lines and I am a parent governor; I am a mother of two, to which my eldest daughter is currently in Year 4. I am a qualified teacher with experience of working within both primary and secondary schools. I have work related skills in analysing data to raise attainment and implementing change within my school. I am in charge of financing my department and prioritising areas to spend; ensuring students have the correct resources to make progress with their learning.

Anthony McGee

My name is Anthony McGee, I have been a Governor of Newton Leys School since April 2015, having been keen to get involved in making a positive contribution in our local community. I am married with two daughters.

I have worked in the logistics industry for 20 years and am responsible for running multi-million pound large-scale change & implementation projects, managing large numbers of cross-functional teams. In addition to this, I have extensive experience in contract management, project & programme management and consultancy.

I have achieved success across multiple sectors, geographies and cultures, with transferable skills, competencies and attributes, including several years working overseas. I am qualified in PRINCE2 & Six Sigma project management methodologies and am also a certified Lead Auditor.

In March 2015 I returned from a 3 year international assignment, where I was responsible for dangerous goods Logistics Contractor Management, with budgetary control of £22m. Whilst increasing the capability, safety & maturity of contracts and contractors, my role developed and delivered best operating practice and significant, implemented, cost-saving initiatives.

I am looking forward to working with the Governing Body, school and community in ensuring we deliver and sustain a school of excellence that serves and reflects the local community.

Aina Tanzeel

My name is Aina Tanzeel. I am a mother of two beautiful children and am passionate about working with young people to achieve their goals through education and extra curricular activities. I became a governor because I wanted to gain a better understanding of how the school functions and to offer my help and support at a strategic level. With a masters degree in finance and a previous experience of teaching , I have a mix of skills that I believe can benefit the school and its pupils.

Shepherd Kombo

My name is Shepherd Kombo, one of the Parent Governors for Newton Leys Primary School. I am a social worker, registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), and my professional background is Children's Safeguarding. Since I qualified in 2005, I have always worked with vulnerable families, including children who suffered or were at risk of significant harm. The focus of my work has always been to ensure the safety of all children, including those unborn, by empowering parents and linking them with various resource systems to achieve this goal. Throughout my work with children and families, I have gained experience and understanding of families from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds, and the child development process. I find this experience relevant to my role as a Parent Governor, as I bring to the Governing Board my knowledge of the family institution, and critically think about issues from a parent's perspective, and making relevant contributions as such. In these days of 'spending cuts', Children's Social Services have not been spared. In my work as a social worker, I am actively involved in contributing to decisions on how to spend limited financial resources on so many areas demanding scarce financial resources. I bring to the Governing Board my experience in making difficult financial decisions, including achieving best 'value for money' in a world of limited financial resources. I find this skill to be relevant to my role as a Parent Governor as I am able to think critically and make contributions that I believe would help the school make the most of the limited resources.

Kate Everall

My name is Kate Everall. I am owner and director of Kate Everall Ltd, having previously been a team manager and Managing Consultant with an international firm of management consultants (specialising in organisation design and development). I have a Masters in Business Administration, and have been a member of both the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Prior to joining the Governing body of Newton Leys Primary School I had previously been on the temporary and permanent governing bodies of both Oxley Park Primary School and Priory Rise Primary School (as Chair) at the time both schools were opened.

Andy Shaw

My name is Andy Shaw, and I am a Parent Governor. I work in the information/cyber security industry, managing a team of varied security professionals. My skills include analysis, problem solving, forensics, risk management, incident response and consultancy. My role also includes implementing and managing

various controls and protections, as well as auditing various parties. My previous experience includes IT technical support, including working for a series of schools. Education is very much at the heart of my family, with a number of my family members being experienced teachers or involved in governorship for many years.

Our other Governors are: Pippa Villa , Laura Halsey and Amanda Gibbons