

An Introduction to the Governors

Jemma Monkhouse

Co-opted Governor and current Chair of Governors

I joined the Governing Board in November 2013. Prior to this I was a teacher and literacy subject leader at a primary school in Chesterfield.

I now work as a senior lecturer in primary and early year's education at Sheffield Hallam University, specialising in English and computing. I live with my husband and enjoy reading, acting and travelling.



Lisa Grigoriou

Parent Governor and current Deputy Chair of Governors

I joined the Governing Board in November 2014. I am a mother of two boys – Loui who attends Ashgate Croft School and Miles who attends Brookfield Community School.

After spending 10 years living in Cyprus, we moved back to the UK in 2011. Whilst living in Cyprus, I ran a small property management company.

I am a member of the PTFA at Brookfield Community School and I also volunteer at Old Hall Junior School with the cooking programme. In my spare time, I enjoy running and reading.



Vicky Pealing

Local Authority Governor

I became a school governor in January 2017. I am married to Gaz and we have 2 grown up children. We also have 2 large black dogs who are part of our family and we are foster carers.

I work for Derbyshire County Council as the Participation Manager for Children's Service and I am also Derbyshire's Children's Rights Officer. I am passionate about all children and young people having a voice and understanding about their rights.

In my spare time I love walking my dogs, gardening and spending time with family and friends.



Ian McIntosh
Parent Governor

I joined the Governors in September 2014. I am married to Lisa and we have two children, twins Rhianna and Chester. Chester attends Ashgate Croft School and is in Silver class.

I am an ageing rocker that loves rock music! Other interests are running 3 times a week and gardening. I spent 17 years working and living in London.

My last position of employment was working with clients with Alzheimer's and Dementia.



Lisa Hodgson
Parent Governor

I joined as a Parent Governor in March 2016. I am married to Kraig and have 3 children. Jessica, my eldest, is a student of Ashgate Croft School since September 2013.

I am the Parent Forum Co-ordinator of Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice, a constituted group funded by the Department for Education. Although as a Co-ordinator, I am employed by Derbyshire County Council. I work with parents and carers to influence changes to services to improve lives for families with children and young people with special education needs and disabilities.

In my spare time, I enjoy crafting, going to the gym, running and most of all spending time with my family.



Simon Oxspring
Co-opted Governor

I became a school governor in November 2014. I am married to Sylvia and between us we have six grown up children and nine grandchildren.

I work in Chesterfield for Techman Engineering Limited, where we manufacture drilling tools for the world's oil exploration companies.

With the little spare time I have, I enjoy golf, watching rugby and travelling.



Michael Noon
Co-opted Governor

I joined the Governing board in January 2015.

I graduated from Sheffield Hallam University in 2014 with a degree in Sport Coaching and now work for Chesterfield FC Community Trust as the Activities and Education Officer. Through this job, I help provide sporting opportunities to people in Chesterfield, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire.

I also enjoy playing all sorts of sports, not just football, and I am looking forward to playing lots of different sports with the children at Ashgate Croft.



Rebecca Lane
Co-opted Governor

I joined the Governing Board in January 2016.

I am a Dentist working in the local area. After graduating from Newcastle University in 2009, I worked in Lincoln in a variety of Community and Hospital positions. I recently made the decision to move back to Chesterfield, which is the area where I grew up.

In my spare time I play the clarinet in a local Wind Orchestra and enjoy baking, walking and Zumba.



Chris Power
Co-opted Governor

I joined the Governing Board in May 2017.

I am currently Head of Upper School at a Secondary School in Sheffield. I have been a Geography teacher in Sheffield for the last 9 years. Alongside this role I am also the Vice-chair of Governors at Spire Infant and Nursery school in Chesterfield.

In my spare time I enjoy travelling. I have most recently come back from working in an orphanage in Ghana.



Marie Old
Staff Governor

I joined the Governing Board in February 2015. I am a teacher in the Primary Department and Subject Leader for English. I am passionate about providing our students with the best possible opportunities for development, both personally and academically.

I have two young children so most of my spare time is spent with them. However if I do get a minute, I enjoy reading, spending time in the Peak District and running.



Claire Jones
Head Teacher and Staff Governor

I joined Ashgate Croft School in 2001 as Deputy Headteacher. During my time as Deputy I was Head of Primary department twice and taught across the entire age and ability range at Ashgate Croft School.

I have previously worked in Special Schools in London and Herefordshire. I am married with two grown up children.



Governing Board Committees

<u>Curriculum & Progress Committee</u> Monitoring progress of the School Improvement Plan (SIP), progress and attainment, achievement of pupils and reviewing curriculum policies with staff. Monitoring the quality of teaching.	<u>Resources Committee</u> All matters relating to the setting and managing of the school budget and the development and maintenance of the school buildings and grounds.
<u>Discipline Committee</u> Considers matters relating to individual pupils and permanent exclusion.	<u>Pay Committee</u> Meets annually to review teachers' salaries and made decisions on pay.