

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.



Simon Oxspring Co-opted Governor and current Vice Chair of Governors

I became a school governor in January 2015. 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.



Vacant Position Local Authority Governor

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.

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.



Carol Lee
Co-opted Governor

I shall be filling the vacant position on the Governing Board in September 2018. I was married to Rob who sadly passed in 2009 and have 2 grown up children with partners and children of their own. I worked in Derbyshire in the past as an O.T. but most recently I worked in Health Promotion for Derbyshire. I am now fully retired and ready for a new challenge.

I have early onset arthritis which means I have mobility issues but enjoy swimming and am restarting pilates this summer. I also enjoy reading, cooking, baking, sewing and various crafts, most recently taking a linocut printing course. Now I have grandchildren I love to share my pastimes with them, which they seem to enjoy at the moment.



Rob Dawe
Co-opted Governor

I joined the Governing Board in April 2018. Through my role as a Community Learning Disability / Transition Nurse, I have been working with pupils and staff at Ashgate Croft for 2 years now, and help with transition from school into various colleges and also adult services for future health input.

In my spare time I enjoy going to football matches, swimming and attending live music events. Lots of pets – 3 dogs, a cat, tortoise, tropical fish and shrimps! I also look after 3 people with learning disabilities, providing both day and weekend respite services.



Lisa Randall
Co-opted Governor

I joined the Governing Board in May 2018. I live with my husband David and our 2 teenagers. I work for the Community Learning Disability Team as an Occupational Therapist supporting individuals with their independent living skills. I am also a Pilates instructor and teach group sessions locally.

In my spare time I like to keep active, I run with friends and enjoy road biking; I also walk my 2 whippets Wilf and Jasper.

I love craft activities and like to try out new skills; this year I learnt how to make a lampshade! I also enjoy reading, meals out and trips to the cinema with my family. I am quite partial to live music too!



Emily Gilthorpe
Staff Governor

I am currently in my 5th year working for Ashgate Croft and teach in one of the specialist behaviour classes. I thoroughly enjoy every moment in class and seeing the pupils progress.

I have 3 beautiful children aged 7, 3 and 2 and enjoy my time with them by getting outdoors as much as possible.

I enjoy going to the gym, swimming and watching films.



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.