



### **Janice Wainwright**

I have been a Governor at Woodlands for over 18 years. I started as a Parent Governor when both my children were attending the school and was later elected as a Community Governor.

I was part of the transitional Governing Body which assisted with the amalgamation of the Infant and Junior Schools.

I have undertaken various roles within the Governing Body, including Safeguarding and Numeracy Governor and Chair of Personnel.

My children are now grown up, but I am still supporting them, standing on the touchline watching American Football (my son) in all weathers and helping my daughter in her new bridal business.

When I have a spare moment I work part time in the administration department of an Accountancy firm in Liverpool.

My husband, myself and six friends started an Investment Club 10 years ago and have learned a great deal about shares and the stock market and I believe we have even made a little money!

### **Ken Abraham**

I have been a Governor of Woodlands for nearly 12 years, having first been elected as a Parent Governor for the Infant School in 2002. I was elected as a Community Governor in 2010.

I was a member of the transitional Governing Body which assisted with the amalgamation of the Infant and Junior schools.

I am currently Chair of the Health and Safety / Premises Committee and prior to this had been Vice Chair of this Committee for some years, as well as being a member of the Finance and Personnel Committee's.

I am also a Parent Governor at the Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School in Chester. My wife Alison and I have been blessed with two sons, Alex and Thomas, who currently attend Bishops'. Both have fond memories of their time at Woodlands.

I enjoy working with my fellow Governors and the Senior Leadership Team.

As a Local Authority my Solicitor I am well aware of the pressure and demands placed on educational establishments and the education system itself and will endeavour to do best to ensure that all children at Woodland's receive the best possible education.



### **Christina Coaker**

Hello, I am Christina Coaker and I am Support Staff Governor. I have worked at Woodlands for 15 years, first as a Teaching Assistant, before becoming a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in 2006.

I work mainly in Y6, helping the children with Maths and preparations for SATs, as well as carrying out booster sessions for the children during the school day and after school. During the afternoons I plan and deliver ICT lessons across Key Stage 2. As part of my role I have helped to implement a new scheme of work for ICT which includes coding software called Scratch.

I have recently been elected to join the Governing body and am looking forward to be working alongside the rest of the Governors to help raise standards at Woodlands as well as helping the school to develop and grow further in many new and exciting projects that will give the children the best education and experiences possible.

I sit on both Health & Safety/Premises and Curriculum Committees.



### **Jill Cushing**

Hello, my name is Jill Cushing and I have been at Parent Governor at Woodlands since November 2015. I have two children at school, Phoebe in Y3 and Isabelle in Reception.

My current roles on the Governing Body are:

- Lead for Year 3/4
- A member of Curriculum Committee
- A member of Personnel Committee
- A representative on the Parent Forum

Away from school, I work in Public Health supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people. In my spare time, I play netball and love to read.

I care passionately about our children's education and inspiring them to achieve. I am proud to be part of the Woodlands team helping to raise our children as confident, independent individuals.



### **Vanessa Edwards**

Hello, my name is Vanessa Edwards and I am a Community Governor. I have held this position since December 2006.

I have two children, Charlotte and William, both now at high school after an enjoyable primary school experience at Woodlands.

My current responsibilities are as Chair of the Curriculum Committee and a member of Personnel and Finance Committees. I am also the Y2 link Governor.

Currently, I work full time as a Primary School Teacher in a successful primary school on the Wirral. Prior to my teaching experiences, I have held senior management positions in both the private and public sector.



### **Chris Founds**

Hello, as a relatively new Parent Governor and resident of Great Sutton for 20 years, I understand how important good education is for our children. Married to Sarah, with two boys who have previously attended Woodlands, I am known to many parents, carers and children as a dad and Junior Rugby Coach at Ellesmere Port.

My Governor role will be overarching across a number of committees and as a link back to Parents and Carers to help improve and grow what Woodlands can offer as the top performing Primary School in Cheshire. I am also the Y6 link governor.

I enjoy pursuits like Sailing, Swimming, and Astronomy, with Oliver and Harry keeping me busy with their Karting and Trials riding.



### **Sharon Liversey**

My name is Sharon Liversey and I have worked at Woodlands for over six years in KS1. I am currently teaching in Y2, and I am Learning Culture Leader for Y1 and 2. I am a member of SLT, and I also have responsibility for Literacy in KS1, working closely with the KS2 Literacy leader to ensure progression across the school.

I am a parent to Rebecca, who spent her primary school years at Woodlands; she is now in Y13 at Whitby High School. Cameron, my son, has just started his first year at Whitby High School after enjoying a highly successful primary school experience, also here at Woodlands.

I am now in my second year as Teacher Governor and I am looking forward with great anticipation to the successes and challenges this role continues to bring. I am looking forward to working alongside fellow governors to ensure Woodlands Primary School continues to raise standards through strategic planning and development initiatives.



### **Ray McHale**

I am a Local Authority Governor, nominated by the Labour Party. I live on Strawberry Fields. My daughter Jessica attended both Woodlands Infants and Woodlands Junior before going on to Whitby High School and Chester University. I have been a Governor since she was at the school – some 17 years.

I spent 30 years working for Cheshire County Council and latterly Cheshire West and Chester Council. Originally that was as a Town Planner, but in more recent years I was seconded to my trade union UNISON – which represents Council and School support staff. I am knowledgeable in areas of Job Evaluation, terms & conditions, health & safety, employment policy and law. I closely follow political developments affecting schools, such as “academisation” and Free Schools.

In 2013 I took early retirement, as the council made many staffing cuts, and cut facilities for the trade union. However, I remain an active trade unionist, community campaigner and Labour Party member.



### **Jayne Price-Smith**

My name is Jayne Price-Smith and I have been a Governor since September 2007. I have had two children progress through the school and am currently a Community Governor.

My current roles on the Governing Body are:-

- Training Liaison Governor
- Safer Recruitment Governor
- Performance Management Governor
- Lead Governor on the Wellbeing Strategy Group
- Personnel and Curriculum committees

Having acted as a Parent Governor, and previously Chair of Governors, I have supported the school through three Ofsted inspections. Schools are going through challenging times but I feel proud to be a member of the Leadership Team, supporting the school on its journey to become outstanding.

The highlights of my role are: visiting the children in class during the learning walks; interviewing inspiring candidates; meeting the School Council and listening to them talk proudly of their work; listening to the teachers’ accounts of the childrens’ learning environment; making a difference, even if only in a small way.

Although much of my career has been in Human Resources, I now run my own home-search and relocation business which gives me the flexibility to visit school whenever is needed

### **Tracey Sadler**



My name is Tracey Sadler and I am a fairly new Parent Governor having been elected in November 2015. I have three children at Woodlands, Drew who is Y1, Evie who is in Y5 and Abbie who is in Y6.

My responsibilities at the moment include being one of the Y5 Governors as well as offering ICT support. I am a member of the Premises and Curriculum Committees. I am an active member of the PTA and Parent Forum and enjoy all aspects of supporting our school.

Outside of school I am a self-employed Digital Programme Manager and deliver online and mobile app solutions mainly in the Financial Services sector.

### **Helen Till**



I'm Helen Till and have been a Parent Governor since October 2011. I am Mum to Drew in Y1 & Lexie, Y8 at West Kirby Grammar School.

As well as working part time in the local cinema, I currently sit on two committees as Vice Chair, Curriculum and Premises/Health & Safety, and I also hold the role of Children in Care and Arts Governor. I am also the dedicated Early Years link Governor.

Curriculum Committee involves me in the implementation of the National Curriculum and monitoring pupils' progress and as a Premises Committee we look after the fabric of the buildings and all that goes with it.

### **Sue Wilkinson**

Information to follow.