



# Pottery Primary School

## Board of Governors' Personal Profiles

### Liz Peach – Head Teacher



In January 2021, I became Headteacher of Pottery Primary School and I am very much looking forward to working with some new and some familiar faces on the Governing Board.

I have been a member of a Board of Governors for the last twenty years, ten of which were at Pottery Primary School from 2000-2010. I am also a member of the Teaching and Learning and Resources Committees.

My main role is to work with governors to ensure they have a clear understanding of the curriculum provided for our children and to enable every child to reach their full potential. Also, to make sure that the school budget is used in a highly effective way to ensure the children have the best possible teaching and resources available to enhance the teaching and learning.

My vision for the school is that it is the best it can be for all our children parents and staff and I strongly stand by the vision statement, *The Journey of Life* and *Every Person Counts*. The governor's staff and I, want all our children to thrive and have high aspirations for the future whilst succeeding at school and beyond.

### Jane Bate – Chair of Governors



I became a member of the Board of Governors in 2012 when my daughter Lucy started school. As well as the Role of Chair I sit on the Teaching & Learning Committee. I am involved with the Head Teacher Performance Review process and get involved regularly with other working groups, for example compilation and analysis of the parent questionnaire.

My career of over 37 years has involved many aspects of Business Management from financial budgeting, health and safety, facilities, data analysis and more. My area of expertise is within Purchasing and I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply.

My daughter has now left Pottery however, I continue being a great advocate for the school and taking pride in being part of its continued success.



## **Martin Osborne - Co-opted Governor**

I have been a school governor for the past 18 years at 4 different schools, holding the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Resources Committee. I re-joined the board of Pottery School last year having worked away in Cumbria for 7 years where I was a governor of Yarlside Primary School and latterly a Member of the Intelligent Learning Academy.

My whole career has been spent in the banking and financial services sector where I held the positions of Regional Manager for a global bank and latterly as a General Manager for a building society. These roles gave me a great deal of experience in finance HR and development/monitoring of businesses. I now run my own business in wealth management. I hold qualifications in banking and financial services.

Having two children that attended Pottery Primary School some years ago I am delighted to return to the school for my second period as governor to assist the school with its excellent work.



## **Jo Atton – Co-opted Governor**

In 2014 I became a co-opted governor at Pottery Primary School, my main reason for becoming a governor was my interest in children's education and I believe the experience I have gained during my working life would be a great asset to the school. I also have a child at the school in year 4.

I have served on various committees over the years and am currently the Chair of the local Cubs and Scouts group. At present, I am a member of the Resources Committee.

Within my governor role I am currently involved with the Health and Safety inspection of the school to make sure that both children and staff are working, learning and playing in a safe environment. I am also involved with the parent questionnaire and collating the information that we receive from parents. I work with my fellow governors, being involved in the performance management of the headteacher.



## **Rachel Pecz – Parent Governor**

I have been a parent governor since 2018 and am part of the Teaching and Learning committee. I currently have 1 child at Pottery, in year 6 and 2 nephews in years 3 and reception. I made the decision to put myself forward for the role to gain an understanding of how the school works and to continue the high standard that I believe the school works to currently, and to hopefully help the school improve this further.

I am qualified to degree level having completed a history degree through the Open University 2 years ago and currently work for the government with Trading Standards over the East Midlands region.



## **Philip Sellors – Co-opted Governor**

In 2018 I became a co-opted governor at Pottery Primary School, the main reason for becoming a governor was to help support the school. I currently have a child at the school, in year 1, and I will have another child joining in September 2019 in reception.

My background is primarily ICT and I've been working in local government for the last 15 years supporting Social Care and Education departments to make the most of ICT. I'm also studying, in whatever spare time I can find, towards my BSC in Science with the Open University.

As well as being a governor for the school I'm also involved with the Pottery School Association (PSA) helping run additional events to help fundraise towards additional items for the school.



## **Sarah Olney – Co-opted Governor**

I was elected as a Parent Governor in November 2019. I have a child in Year 5 and a child who will start Reception in 2021, so I was very interested in working with others for the benefit of all the children in the school. I am a qualified primary and secondary school teacher and have worked in many areas of education, including Special Educational Needs. I feel the skills I have gained in my working life would help very much on the Board of Governor's at Pottery Primary School. I have also previously served as a committee member for my daughter's pre-school.

## **Sandra Nix – Staff Governor**



I became the Staff Governor at Pottery Primary School in January 2019. I have worked here for 13 years and am currently a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant in Year 6. I left school after 'A' levels and worked in banking for 27 years, both in the private and business banking sectors. In the wider community, I have been involved with local scouting for over 40 years and was also treasurer of St Faiths Church until it closed.

I am very passionate about Pottery School and welcome the opportunity to be a member of the governing body. Every child attending Pottery is given the chance to achieve their full potential. All the staff work extremely hard to ensure that this happens, and I would hope that I can bring to the governing body an understanding of how, within the school, we achieve this to help with decisions affecting the future development of the school.



## **Stacey Cannon – Co-opted Governor**

I became Co-opted Governor at Pottery Primary School in October 2020. I also have a 5-year-old Daughter who started at the School in September 2020.

I have spent my career in Finance. I started this journey studying Accounting and Business Management at Degree level, whilst working as an Assistant Accountant for a Social Inclusion Charity. Since graduating in 2008 I have worked in Practice, and having qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2011, I now specialise in Trusts and Estates.

I am passionate about education and I believe that a strong foundation at Primary School is the key for the future of our children.

My skills and experience in Finance and Business will help with strategic decision making for the School and will assist with part of my role that involves sitting on the Resources Committee.

As well as being a School Governor I am also Vice-Chair for the Pottery out of School Scheme.



## **Stuart Flint – Co-opted Governor**

I became a co-opted governor in October 2020 with the aim of helping the school to build upon its previous success. I have two children who currently attend the school, in reception and in year 1. Currently I sit on the teaching and learning committee.

My background is in sustainable development, primarily working with developers to ensure that appropriate environmental targets are set and

embedded within the design and construction processes for new buildings and infrastructure. I am qualified to Masters level in Environmental Management and a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv).



## **Jody Seaton – Co-opted Governor**

I am a new Governor of Pottery Primary School having joined at the beginning of the 2020-21 academic year. I am part of the Teaching and Learning Committee.

I have a daughter who is currently in year 1 and a son who will be joining at the beginning of the 2021-22 academic year.

I have many years of experience working in further and higher education settings where my focus was on improving teaching, learning and assessment, Maths/English and developing high performing teams. I currently run my own business developing leadership, coaching and motivational skills.

Having not had the best educational experience myself, I passionately believe in education for all and that all students should make outstanding progress both academically and personally whilst having a positive, all-round experience of school.



## **Dawn Pike – Clerk to the Governors**

I joined the Pottery Primary School Community as Clerk to the Governors in September 2020 and my role is to provide clerical and administrative support to the Board of Governors and its committees.