



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.

Martin Osborne – Chair of Governors



I have been a school governor for the past 21 years at 4 different schools, holding the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Chair of the Resources Committee. This is my second time of being a governor of Pottery and my second time that I have been appointed as Chair. I am also the Safeguarding Link Governor at school.

Having recently retired after 41 years in the banking and financial services sector where I held positions as Regional Manager for a global Bank as well as General Manager for a regional building society, before running my own business for the last 4 years. These roles have given me great experience in financial management and controls, strategic planning, and staff management.

I have lived in Belper for nearly 30 years, and I am proud to say that both of my children attended Pottery Primary. Throughout my time in Belper I have managed and coached junior football and cricket teams and I currently referee junior football.



Rachel Pecz – Parent Governor/Vice-Chair

I have been a parent governor since 2018 and moved into the role of vice-chair in October 2021. I am also chair of the teaching and learning committee. My children have both now left Pottery School but I still have 3 nephews in the school and am keen to continue to input into the local community and to continue to support the school and the outstanding teachers and staff that work there.

I currently work in law enforcement for the East Midlands region and I have a degree in history. I have also previously served as chair of a committee in an educational setting.



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 5.

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.



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 2 children at the school, in year 2 and year 4.

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 – Parent Governor

I was elected as a Parent Governor in November 2019. I have a child in Year 6 and a child in Reception, 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.



Catherine O'Melia – Co-opted Governor

I became a governor in 2021 and am really pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to the Pottery School community. My son is in Year 6 and my daughter just moved to High School after thriving in Pottery School. As part of the governing body I am learning more about how the school works and have joined the Teaching and Learning Committee. I am committed to working with Mrs Peach and the staff team to help Pottery be the best school it can be.

My professional background is in working with children and families, including children with special educational needs and I currently work for a family support charity. I believe this experience will help in my role as a governor, working with the school to ensure every child in Pottery is supported to reach their potential.



Laura Shepherd – Co-opted Governor

I recently became a Co-opted Governor in January 2022 after my son joined the Reception class in September 2021. I'm very much looking forward to gaining a deeper understanding of Pottery Primary and to contribute to the future success and progress of the school and pupils.

I have a varied vocational background and I'm currently working for a law firm but have substantial experience of buying and sales within the outdoor industry. I previously worked and volunteered as a museum guide, sometimes even donning period costume! I hold a degree in Philosophy, specialising in Ethics/Moral theory.

I have developed a good understanding in Special Educational Needs; as I have a sibling who has Asperger's Syndrome, so have a personal insight into the condition. I believe that education should be accessible to all and understand the importance of fostering an engaging and nurturing environment where children can thrive.



Wendy Roome – Co-opted Governor

Having spent my working life in Derbyshire as a Civil and Structural Engineer, which included projects relating to schools, I retired in 2019 hoping to volunteer with sporting groups and in schools, to give a little back. Unfortunately, this wasn't possible and I had to put a stop to any of my plans for a couple of years.

I'm now keen to put my time and energy into helping and volunteering, and this governor position felt like a great opportunity for me to become involved with Pottery School. I have two daughters, aged 26 and 28 so no longer have any contact with their schools, although my younger daughter is a primary school teacher and keeps me updated on school life. Outside of my volunteering, I enjoy playing the piano and saxophone, as well as keeping fit.



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.

LA Governor – Application in Process

Staff Governor – Application in Process