



Horn's Mill
Primary School

Who are the Governors?

2023/24

Nicola Cash

Term of Office - 1/9/18 – 27/11/23

Chair of the Governing Board

I'm currently in my 18th year of teaching English in a Cheshire High School, as a result, I have relevant knowledge about education. But, as a parent governor, I am also able to offer a different perspective that ensures that the parents of children at the school are represented. My main role as a Governor at Horn's Mill Primary School relates to my specialism in English. I became a Governor at Horn's Mill Primary School in 2016 when my eldest son started at the school. I was impressed by the drive, determination and commitment the staff demonstrate for all the children that they work with. The ethos and atmosphere of the school is a real strength. In my spare time (when I have any!), I enjoy reading, working out at the gym and socialising with friends.

Abi Hughes

Term of Office - 10/7/23 – 11/7/26

Co-opted Governor and Vice-Chair of the Governing Board

EYFS Governor

My two godchildren both attend Horn's Mill Primary School, beginning in the pre-school. Whilst attending various school events to support my godchildren, I was struck by the engaging atmosphere of the school and upon finding out there were vacancies on the Governing Board, I was happy to offer my services as the Early Years Foundation Stage Link Governor. I was appointed in November 2018. I work for a local company as Business Development Manager; my role comprises of meeting with clients, developing business and relationships, maintaining high audit results and company development. I have experience in policies, compliance, recruitment and target achievements. I feel these skills will support me during my role as a Governor.

Geoff Collins

Term of Office - 13/3/20 – 12/3/24

Co-opted Governor

Finance, business management and health and safety Governor

I was appointed as a Co-opted governor in 2020. I have served as a parent governor at another school in Chester, with experience in school finance, health & safety, building related issues. I feel very much part of the Helsby community being a member of Helsby Running Club and the Community Sports Club. I have been the Helsby 4 Villages Half Marathon race finish coordinator at the school for the last 2 years and have got to know the school well.

Sue Huntbach

Term of Office - 5/7/22 – 5/7/25

Co-opted Governor

SEND Governor

I am married with two children, both of whom attended Horn's Mill Primary School. I have four amazing grandsons and thoroughly enjoy spending as much time possible with them. I have lived in Helsby for over 40 years and I am the Manager of the onsite Horn's Mill PreSchool. I truly believe our years at school are some of the most important years of your life and lay the foundations for the future. I have been a co-opted governor at Horn's Mill since 11th May 2015 and take particular responsibility for Safeguarding and Health and Safety in our school. I am very proud to be a governor at this lovely school. An exciting and aspirational place to be, allowing all our children to reach their full potential.

Ian Duffell

Term of Office - 29/11/19 – 28/11/23

Co-opted Governor

Pupil and Sports' Premium Governor

I am currently in my 20th year as a teacher at Helsby High School and so feel very much part of the local community here. I have taught, and continue to teach many pupils who came to Helsby High from Horn's Mill. I have been privileged to work in a range of key roles in the school, including as Head of Modern Languages, and currently as Assistant Head teacher and Director of Sixth Form. I hope that my experiences in my career to date will help me to enable Horn's Mill to build on current successes and I am particularly keen to support pupils by helping to develop transition work between primary school and high school. I am looking forward to supporting the school leadership team in the next stages of the school's development, whilst also offering challenge and scrutiny to decisions where appropriate.

Vicki Thomason

Term of Office - 22/10/20 – 21/10/24

Parent Governor

Safeguarding Governor

I am married and have twin girls who are currently in Team 5 at Horn's Mill, so as the parent governor I will strive to ensure parents and carers views are shared and listened to. I have worked for the Safeguarding Children in Education team within Cheshire west and Chester since 2012 - this working knowledge of safeguarding will enable me to ensure school is compliant with all statutory safeguarding duties, whilst providing challenge and scrutiny where necessary. Outside of work, I love spending time with my family and friends, having adventures, being outside in the sunshine especially near the sea and keeping fit at various exercise classes.

Peter Russell

Term of Office - 22/10/20 – 21/10/24

Parent Governor

Wellbeing, behaviour, attendance and staffing Governor

I am Peter Russell, parent-governor, I have responsibility for behaviour, attendance and wellbeing at Horn's Mill. It is a wonderful opportunity to support the teachers and pupils and help them flourish. I have a previous background in the police, teaching and in the commercial sector and bring with me a skillset that supports and challenges the school to continue to deliver outstanding quality education to all at Horn's Mill. I have a daughter in year 5 and a son who was in with reception who have loved every second of their learning journey at Horn's Mill.

Andy Lawrie

Term of Office - 7/2/20 – 6/2/24

Staff Governor

I am married with two children and have worked at Horn's Mill Primary School for nine years. I currently lead Maths and Computing at Horn's Mill as well as organise sporting events for our school. I am passionate about helping the children at our school receive the best possible education and supporting our families. Horn's Mill is a wonderful school and I am very proud to be the staff representative on our governing board. My role is to ensure that the views of staff are considered when any decisions are made.

Sharon Wyatt

Ex-officio by virtue of office as headteacher since 1/9/14

Headteacher

My name is Sharon Wyatt. I am proud to have been Head Teacher at Horn's Mill Primary School for the last seven years. Since I arrived the team has progressed and developed into a group of passionate and dedicated individuals providing a really good quality of education to our children. Prior to my appointment at Horn's Mill, I worked as a teacher and deputy-head teacher in Blacon for twenty years. Teaching has always been my passion, and after twenty-five years in the profession I still consider it a pleasure and a privilege to do this job.