



Great Sankey Primary School

Local Governing Body Members and Pen Portraits

Name	Role	Link Governor	Pen Portrait
Phil McEwan	Chair of Governors Co-Opted	Chair of Governors Safeguarding Leadership & Management	<p>Appointment to the board: Joined the governing body as a co-opted governor in November 2015. Appointed Chair November 2018. Current directorships/business interests: Chair of Governors at Great Sankey Primary School and Trust Board member of TCAT</p> <p>Career experience: Phil was a Police Officer for 30 years retiring in 2016. During his time with the police, as a detective for the majority of his career Phil was a senior investigating officer managing investigations and investigating team in a variety of reactive and proactive criminal investigations. Phil was also a serious case review officer, reviewing the quality investigations. Since August 2014, Phil been involved in working for His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMICFRS), reviewing police forces, providing feedback on efficiency, effectiveness and legitimacy and writing reports for the public. In 2018, Phil moved to His Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation and inspected the provision and quality of probation services across the country. In 2019, Phil returned to HMICFRS and continues to inspect police forces.</p> <p>Skills and experience: As a former parent governor and Chair of Governors at Great Sankey Primary School, Phil has had a great deal of experience at being a school governor. From his roles within the police force, and most recently as an inspector of police forces and the probation service he brings a vast amount of inspection and audit knowledge and experience to the governing body.</p>
Lisa Wilding	Headteacher		<p>Appointment to the board: Joined the school as Deputy Headteacher in September 2016 and appointed as Headteacher in September 2022.</p> <p>Current directorships/business interests: Headteacher at Great Sankey Primary and sits on the Local Governing Body</p> <p>Career experience: Graduating from Liverpool Hope University in 1996, Lisa was a highly effective classroom teacher at Oakwood Avenue Community Primary School in Warrington for 20 years. She gained a raft of experience working across the primary age range and successfully led many different curriculum areas including English. For 8 years she served as a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team and led an effective upper Key stage 2 team demonstrating extremely positive outcomes at the End of Key Stage 2. In 2016, Lisa joined Great Sankey Primary School as their Deputy Headteacher, this role then led her into undertaking the position of Head of School from 2020 until 2022 when she was then successful in the earning the position of Headteacher.</p>

			<p>Skills and experience: Lisa has a vast amount of experience working across all key stages in primary settings. She has experience of leading a variety of subjects and whole school initiatives and improvements with proven outstanding outcomes and delivery. Her subject specialism is in English, and she also has significant experience in leading assessment. In July 2021, Lisa achieved her National Professional Qualification for Headship.</p> <p>As part of The Challenge Academy Trust, Lisa has been able to broaden her sphere of influence through her work as a Lead Practitioner. This role has enabled her to drive the TCAT Reads initiative across the different trust academies and has allowed her to work across key stages with different colleagues to enhance practices. She has also broadened her knowledge and understanding of the Key Stage 3 and 4 curricula through supporting with peer reviews and through her Lead Practitioner work.</p> <p>In addition, Lisa is also a facilitator for the Early Career Teachers across Warrington and delivers regular training to new teachers.</p>
Leanne Keavey	Co-opted	Behaviour and Attitudes	<p>Appointment to the board: Joined the governing body as a parent governor in June 2012 and appointed as an associate governor 2018</p> <p>Current directorships/business interests: Associate governor at Great Sankey Primary School.</p> <p>Career, skills and experience: Leanne currently works for the Civil service as an Executive Business Support to a senior civil servant. She has experience in HR, project management, leadership, complex policy reviewing and writing, resource planning, staff development, training development & delivery, line management, engagement & staff reward & recognition.</p>
Stuart Johnson	Staff		<p>Appointment to the board: Joined the school as a Class Teacher in September 2019 and appointed as a staff governor in June 2023.</p> <p>Current directorships/business interests: Class Teacher and staff governor at Great Sankey Primary School.</p> <p>Career experience: Stuart graduated with a BA (Hons) in English Literature from the University of Chester in 2012 and a PGCE in 2013. He first worked at Hallwood Park Primary School and Nursery in Runcorn for 6 years during which time he taught across Early Years and Key Stage 1 as well as holding subject leadership roles in a range of foundation subjects including history, geography and PE. Stuart joined Great Sankey Primary School in September 2019 and has taught in Lower Key Stage 2 for the past 4 years as well as holding the position of maths subject leader.</p>
Mark Davies	Parent	SEN and Personal Development	<p>Appointment to the board: Joined the governing body as a parent governor in July 2019.</p> <p>Current directorships/business interests: Parent governor at Great Sankey Primary School.</p> <p>Career experience: Mark has been a registered mental health nurse since 2002, working for the NHS in various roles from the 'shop floor' to management positions. He has worked in many aspects of mental health including acute hospital, drug services, criminal justice, child and adolescent and most recently A&E and crisis treatment services.</p> <p>Skills and experience: Mark has significant experience of budget optimisation, HR and personnel management, leadership of staff teams and meeting strategic goals with accountability to stakeholders and the public. Due to his job Mark brings extensive experience in safeguarding to our team. Mark's daughter attends Great Sankey Primary School</p>

			and he is extremely motivated toward the continuation of the high standards set whilst seeking to further improve and broaden the experiences available to our children.
Toby Tyas	Co-opted	Quality of Education	<p>Appointment to the Board: March 2020</p> <p>Current directorships/business interests: Co-opted governor at Great Sankey Primary School.</p> <p>Career, Skills and Experience: Toby is a technical consultant in the nuclear industry. He has over ten years' experience of project work in a highly regulated sector. Toby's skills include critical review of safety documentation; implementation of and compliance with safety processes; and supporting a safety culture. Prior to joining the nuclear sector Toby worked as a head of science in a large secondary school and has experience of middle leadership in education, focussed on curriculum design and school improvement.</p>
Peter Astley	Co-opted	Behaviour and Attitudes	<p>Appointment to the Board: March 2020</p> <p>Current directorships/business interests - Chair of Board for Warrington Wolves Foundation</p> <p>Career, Skills and Experience – Pete is a born and bred Warringtonian and a former Chief of Staff for Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner. He is also a Physics Graduate holding Post Graduate Diploma in Trading Standards Law. Other areas of experience include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectual Property Crime Consultant advising overseas governments and institutions on policy and strategy to tackle organised intellectual property crime. • Chair of Warrington Wolves Foundation Board and former Great Britain International Amateur Rugby League Captain. <p>Awarded MBE for services to Public Protection in 2010</p> <p>Pete is married to Gillian and Dad to Hayden (talented musician at the RNCM) and Grace & Ava (who attend GSP).</p>
Will Chapman	Co-opted		<p>Appointment to the Board: November 2021</p> <p>Current directorships/business interests: Schools IT Technical Officer for Warrington Borough Council</p> <p>Career, Skills and Experience: Will has worked in the Local Authority for 22 years looking after IT throughout different areas including Leisure Centres, Offices, Crematorium and local councillors to name but a few. He has worked in the Schools team for over 12 years and has a wealth of customer experience dealing with all schools across the borough.</p>
James Gartland	Co-opted		<p>Appointment to the board: Joined the governing body as a parent governor in 2020.</p> <p>Career experience: James was a solicitor before setting up his own company in 2017 that provides services to the legal sector. During his time as a solicitor James spent several years serving in the RAF Reserves.</p> <p>Skills and experience: James has legal experience and a range of skills associated with setting up a company by oneself, including finance, HR, marketing, strategic thinking.</p>
Jane Hardman	Co-Opted		<p>Appointment to the board: Joined the governing body in October 2021.</p>

			<p>Current directorship/business interests: Co-opted governor at Great Sankey Primary School. Jane has 25 years of experience working in primary education and is the Head Teacher at St Alban’s Catholic Primary School in Warrington.</p> <p>Skills and experience: Jane has a wealth of experience of working across all of the primary key stages. She has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills across a range of national curriculum subjects and has successfully implemented whole-school initiatives with positive outcomes. Her specialism is in RE in which she has led her school to multiple outstanding section 48 judgements. She has shared best practice within and across schools as a result of being an outstanding classroom practitioner. She has recently completed her NPQH. Jane is now in her third year of headship and enjoys all of the challenges that come with being the headteacher of a busy primary school.</p>
John Barlow	Co-Opted		<p>Appointment to the Board. John joined the governing body in December 2022.</p> <p>Current directorships/business Interests: Director of teaching and learning at Penketh High School. Lead Practitioner for teaching and learning at TCAT</p> <p>Skills and Experience: John is an experienced teacher and school leader who has worked in education for 18 years. He has held senior leadership positions in three secondary school in Merseyside, Salford and Warrington, where has strategically led on improving student outcomes, quality of teaching, quality assurance of provision for SEND and most able pupils, and curriculum development in these roles. His leadership has led to improvements in Ofsted judgements in both of his most recent schools. John now works for TCAT as a lead practitioner one day per week to lead on Warrington’s Early Career Teacher programme, and has a keen interest in how coaching can enable teachers and leaders to become improve and be highly effective in their roles.</p>