Governor Pen Portraits

Diocesan Governors

Julia Carter

I am Chair of Governors at Kettleshulme St James. I became a parent governor in 2010 and then a foundation governor in 2013, before taking over as Chair in May 2016.

I have three children, all of which are either at or have been at Kettleshulme St James.

I am a qualified solicitor initially specialising in HR ad Employment Law. However since 2007 I have been a Co-director of Carter and Carter Personal Injury solicitors. My legal background means that I am organised and well versed in reviewing policies and procedures.

In addition to my duties as Chair, I am the governor with responsibility for the Safer Recruitment and I sit on the Finance committee and the Head Teacher's Performance Management Panel.

Gill Thompson

I am now in my third year as a Governor, helping out at the School for one morning each week. I have four children and two grandchildren.

I have worked in a bank and enjoyed a career in finance for a number of years, and I am now the Finance Director for a business in Whaley Bridge. I have also worked at Good News Nursery in Whaley Bridge obtaining an NVQ qualification whist working there. I am also a volunteer at Charis House in Buxton helping out in the Nursery when required. I foster and have worked with Social Services for quite a while and have recently become the Safeguarding Governor at the School sharing this responsibility

Joanne Lancaster

I am a Service Manager in Adult Social Care including being commissioner for domestic abuse in Stockport. I have a background in service quality and performance review, service redesign and supported housing management. I am currently chair of the Stockport Multi Agency Adults at Risk panel as well as the Stockport Safeguarding Adult Board's subgroup on prevention.

I share the role of Safeguarding governor and I am a Foundation Governor with two children at the school.

I am passionate about the community and landscape of Kettleshulme and am actively involved in a variety of village events including Rose Queen and the annual Pensioners Party.

Don Pries

I have been a Governor at Kettleshulme St James for nearly 25 years starting when my daughter attended the school. I have served on a number of Committees including Chair of Finance and my current role as Chair of Environment. Most of my working life was spent in Finance for an international Swiss pharmaceutical and chemical company including a time in Switzerland.

Since retirement I have, amongst other things, helped out at an "old folks" lunch club — a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Beryl Axcell

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I came onto the governing body for 6 months about 18 years ago! I am chair of the Pupil Welfare Committee and also do assemblies from time to time. I taught RE at Chapel en le Frith High school for a time and also helped to run the Good News Family Care Nursery on old Road, Whaley Bridge. I am currently a Reader in the Parish of St James and Holy Trinity. I enjoy many things, in particular time with our nine grandchildren – just as well!

Reverend Margaret Jones

I taught for over 20 years at a Church High School in inner city Manchester, holding various academic and pastoral roles to a senior level. Latterly, I was School Chaplain.

I am an Anglican Priest and currently Priest-in-Charge of Whaley Bridge.

I served as a Governor in my last parish and latterly as Chair of Governors.

I am a Rotarian. Hobbies include gardening, walking and spending time with my grandchildren.

Parent Governors Joanne Coward

I was elected as a parent governor in May 2016 and have taken the role of SEN (special educational needs) governor.

I am a qualified radiographer and spent many years in clinical practice in the NHS. I now work full-time as a university lecturer teaching undergraduates and postgraduate students whilst studying towards a PhD myself.

I have two children at Kettleshulme St James' School, two at Tytherington School and one at university. I have been involved with Kettleshulme St James' since my eldest daughter started attending in 2002 and I am very much looking forward to my time spent as a parent governor.

Sophie Harvey

I have 11 years' experience teaching science in schools in the North East of England and also in New Zealand, teaching school years 5 to 13. I have a BSc (Hons) Genetics and PGCE Secondary Science. I currently work as an examiner: writing and marking GCSE and A level Biology assessments.

I moved into the village with my husband and son (who attends the school) 3 ½ years ago.

LA Governor

Dominic Medway

I was co-opted to the role of Local Authority Governor at the school in March 2017.

For most of my adult life I have worked in higher education, and I am currently a professor in the Faculty of Business and Law at Manchester Metropolitan University. I also provide consultancy and advice on marketing and strategy to local authorities, charities and blue chip organisations.

I have lived in the area since 2001 and have two daughters at Kettleshulme St James'.

Staff Governors

Paul Quirk

I have worked in education for 25 years, mostly in primary schools although I have experience in further and higher education. For the past 12 years I have been the Headteacher at Kettleshulme St James. I believe it important to develop a child's individuality, together with a sense of social and moral responsibility and a love of learning education is important because it opens up doors into worlds of endless possibilities. Inclusion is at the heart of my work and all children should be valued for who they are and what they bring. Children should be encouraged to take responsibility and take decisions that make a difference.

Hazel Hindle

I have been a teacher at Kettleshulme Primary School since 1999, having previously taught in the Lake District and Stockport where I was a Deputy Headteacher. I became a teacher governor at Kettleshulme in 2007 and I am on the Achievement & Standards Committee and Pupil Welfare.

I am a geography graduate and before taking up teaching, I worked in environmental management. I have two daughters who both attended Kettleshulme Primary School. I enjoy walking, orienteering, reading, music and sewing.