



**Flockton C of E (C) First School**

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## Governor Newsletter

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Welcome to our latest Newsletter. In this edition, the School Governors will let you know a little bit more about who we are and why we chose to be Governors.

The School's Governing Body is made up of local people who voluntarily give up their time to serve the community by working to ensure that our children receive the best possible education. Governors work with the Head Teacher and staff to set a strategic direction for the school, ensure accountability and financial probity. It is the Governors however, who are responsible for setting the school ethos, agreeing the budget, looking after the welfare of the children, overseeing the curriculum and setting annual targets for both the school's and the Head Teacher's performance. For this reason, Governors need to have experience and interest in these very important areas. The Governors also deal with personnel, buildings, policies, formal complaints and some disciplinary matters. If there is anything you would like to discuss with the Governors they can be contacted via the School Office.

### Your Governors



**Mrs H Boyle - Chair of Governors/Parent Governor.** My first real introduction to school governance came when I was a teenager and my mum won the parent governor election at my secondary school. When my elder daughter started at Flockton First School I decided to try and follow in my mum's footsteps before me and volunteered to become a parent governor. At the time of joining the governing body I didn't have any appreciation of the level of work that goes on 'behind the scenes' from both a staff and governance perspective and am continuing to learn all the time. I have now been a governor for several years and feel really lucky to be part of a committed, hardworking and welcoming team of people who work together with the pupil's as their focus.



**Mrs L Burnett - Vice Chair of Governors/Co-opted Governor.** 6 years ago I asked to become a governor. I had decided not to return to work and my daughter was in Reception at Flockton First School. I had previously had a very busy career in sales management and also many years experience volunteering with a church children's group. I could not think of anything better than to invest my time in the education and well being of our children, our future. I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with school and I hope that my unrelated background brings a different perspective.



**Ms R Woods - LA Governor.** Rebecca works in the legal profession and is a mum to two small children. Living and working outside our area Rebecca is able to offer our board of Governors an impartial viewpoint drawing on experiences in her professional career.



**Mr R Michael - Co-Opted Governor.** I was invited to join the Governing body in March 2016, following the very successful Ofsted inspection, which recommended that there needed to be someone with an Information Technology focus added to the group. At the time I was IT Director with a large multinational construction company and am now Head of Data Management with a European Financial Services business, and so my skills and experience seemed to fit the role that they were trying to fill. In addition my son had started at the school a year earlier and I felt that it was important that I could add something back to our community by joining this group. Since becoming a Governor I hope I have been able to bring some of my insights to the discussions we have as a governing body and I can certainly say that I have also learnt a plenty from my colleagues and just being around the School.



**Mrs L Coates - Co-Opted Governor.** When I retired as a Primary School Teacher a few years ago I found I still wanted to be involved in the education of children. I believe children deserve the best possible opportunities school provides so each child can reach their full potential. I hope as a Governor I can be of help, encouragement and support to the children and the teachers at Flockton School.



**Mrs S Pearson - Parent Governor.** When I was younger my mum worked in the school I attended and I was given a small glimpse at how much more goes into maintaining a school than just the front-line teaching most parents see. Now my children are at school, I'm even more aware of how important it is to have a great school experience. I wanted to be part of the team that supported the school in making it the best learning environment possible for all children.



**Mrs S Rawling - Foundation Governor.** I served as a governor about 20 years ago when my daughter was at Flockton school. The opportunity arose in 2016 for me to join the Governing body as a Foundation Governor, supported by St. James Parochial Church Council. I am part of the Children and Families Committee of the Governing body. I am now retired after spending 30 years as a Health Visitor and I know how important the early years in education are for all children and how essential it is for this to be a positive and enjoyable time.



**Mr T Brooke - Associate Governor.** With a long career in business I became a Parent Governor when my first child was at FFS to offer help from a non educational background. My involvement with the school as a Governor over the past 8 years has been rewarding and a real eye opener. Our pupils are precious and it is a privilege to part of a Governing body that has the children's best interests and wellbeing as the focal point.



**Mr B Anderson – Co-Opted Governor.** I have worked within the Criminal Justice sector for over 30 years. In my current day job I work as an Operation Director with children and young people in a Secure Training Centre. A common feature amongst the children I meet is a lack of formal education often as a result of exclusion or expulsion. Many have undiagnosed learning difficulties such as dyspraxia, dyslexia or ADHA In spite of this what I often find is that these children are hugely talented predominately in the Arts i.e. music, poetry or drawing inter alia. I am grateful of the opportunity to be a School Governor. It enables me to play a part in encouraging children to reach their full potential so that they can have options and make their own judgements about what they want to do with their future.



**Amerjit Sahota – Clerk.** I provide support to the Governing Body in Schools, on a daily basis in fulfilling, their strategic responsibilities by providing effective administrative support, ensuring the governing body is properly constituted and managing information effectively in accordance with legal requirements.

If you would like more information about the role of a Governor or are interested in registering to become a School Governor (either at Flockton or another school) please go to the following websites; [www.governorsforschools.org.uk](http://www.governorsforschools.org.uk) or [www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor](http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor)