

Westdale Junior School Board of Governors

What governors do?

School governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools; they appoint the head and deputy head teachers. It is governors who work with the head to make the tough decisions about balancing resources.

Each individual governor is a member of a governing body, which is established in law as a corporate body. Individual governors may not act independently; decisions are the joint responsibility of the governing body.

The governing body's key functions are to:

- set the aims and objectives for the school
- set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives
- set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives
- monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives
- be a source of challenge and support to the head teacher; a critical friend

The head teacher is responsible for the internal organisation, management and control of the school and the implementation of the strategic framework established by the governing body.

The governing body meets every half term for a formal meeting. There are also meetings and schools visits that governors attend, to do things like monitoring the subjects they have responsibility for, attending parents' evenings and being on the interview panel for new members of staff.

At Westdale Junior School our governing body is made up of 11 governors.

Executive Head teacher – Mrs Hayles, Mr Slater (Head of School) is an associate member of the governing body.

Staff governor – Miss White.

Authority governor – Mr Sam Smith.

Parent governors – Mrs Amarpreet Lakha-Dunkel, Mr Dan Pitt, vacancy

Co-opted governors – Mrs Anne Yates (chair), Mr Phil Williams, Mrs Caroline Vernon, Mrs Pamela Ede-Cooper.

Over the page you can find more information about the individual governors.



I'm Anne Yates and have been a governor for some 11 years. I am the current Chair and also have responsibility for safeguarding, health & safety, school & the community/extended schools/community cohesion. I am a Brownie and Guide Leader working in the area for many years and have always helped in school since my daughter attended the Westdale Schools many years ago. I enjoy

working with young people and hope that through our Guiding activities I am helping them learn new skills and have fun.



I'm Revd. Phil Williams, Vicar of St. James Church and community governor for the last 13 years. I'm also responsible for monitoring PE, RE and PSHE in school. I am particularly interested in how Westdale Juniors can play its part in building a deeper and stronger community in the area.



I'm Dan Pitt, parent governor, responsible for monitoring personal development, behaviour and welfare in school. I have 2 daughters, both of whom are at or have attended Westdale Juniors and I became a governor so that I could have some input into their education and support the school. I work at the University of Nottingham, counselling students and staff. I have an active interest in supporting mental health.



I'm Caroline Vernon and have been a governor for 6 years. I am currently Chair of the Resources, Development and Planning Committee. I have 2 secondary school children who previously attended Westdale Juniors. I work as an Internal Auditor at the University of Nottingham. I became a governor to gain an insight into my children's education and to support the

school to give all children the chance to be the best that they can be.



I'm Pamela Ede Cooper. When I moved to this area, I was fortunate to be co-opted as governor to Westdale Junior School in September 2016. I have an abiding interest in ensuring children have the best possible school experience and opportunities. I have been extremely lucky to have followed a career about which I felt passionate for over 35 years – teaching! I was Head of Sixth form for

14 years with governance experience in my own school and in a primary school. I am very appreciative of the warmth of the welcome of the children and the staff (and parents I have met) and impressed by their engagement in learning.



I'm Sam Smith, Local Authority Governor since September 2016 and responsible for training. I became a Governor at Westdale Junior School to support the school in delivering an effective and enjoyable education to the local community. I work for HomeServe as a Contact Centre Coach and have an active interest in education and politics.

I'm Amarpreet Lakha-Dunkel, I have a daughter in year 3 and a son in the infants. I want to help support the school so that each child, including my own, will experience an enjoyable education, giving them the confidence to be inquisitive and to excel in whatever they wish to become in future years. I work as an environmental compliance officer for the city council district heating scheme.

Amarpreet's photo will follow shortly.....