



PIKEMERE GOVERNING BOARD

2018-2019

The Local Governing Board at Pikemere School works very hard to ensure that everyone associated with Pikemere School is provided with every opportunity to develop and grow in a secure and safe environment. In order to ensure this happens the Governing Board members all bring different skills and expertise to the role.

The Local Governing Board at Pikemere is smaller than it has been historically as a result becoming an academy. Pikemere School is part of Chancery Multi Academy Trust.

Mrs Elizabeth Martindale

Co-opted Governor

Chair of the Governing Board

Community Partnership / Year 4/ Health and Safety

Governor since November 2013

I have no financial interest and am not related to any member of staff or Governor at Pikemere.

I have worked in education for well over thirty years. I was a primary school teacher for twenty years with a range of curriculum leadership and senior management responsibilities. I began working in Alsager in January 2000 and spent the last five years of my school based employment as head at Cranberry Junior School, prior to its amalgamation. This has given me a good insight into the challenges that teachers and senior leaders face and to working in the local area. I joined MMU as a Senior Lecturer in Primary Education in 2008 and immediately became involved in developing partnerships with schools. In addition to my teaching commitments, I am also one of a team of four Partnership Coordinators and a Partnership Tutor, working with and supporting clusters of local schools. It was through this role that I became involved with Pikemere Primary School and as a result I was invited to join the governing body in October 2013, an opportunity that I was delighted to accept.

As part of my role as a governor of Pikemere Primary School, I am a member of the Data Committee and the Year 3 governor. In addition to attending meetings and acting as a critical friend, I enjoy visiting the school and working alongside Mrs Gohr and the team. I have carried out learning walks, interviewed pupils to find out about what helps them to learn and what could help them more, attended celebration events, carried out book scrutinies to look at the effectiveness of the revised marking scheme and, on occasions, worked in class along with the children who I will move through the school with.

As a parent of two 'boys', I understand the worries and challenges that parents and carers face in today's world. I appreciate how this relates to the education system and to preparing our youngsters for their future.

I hope to use my experiences to help Pikemere Primary School to continue to support, challenge and enrich the learning journey of the children.

Mrs Christine Richards

Co-opted Governor

Vice Chair of Governors / Literacy Governor/ Year 6 Governor

Governor since October 2000. Vice Chair for over eight years.

I have no financial interest and am not related to any member of staff or Governor at Pikemere.

I have been involved in and with education in Alsager for over forty years.

My children attended Pikemere School from the mid-seventies, during which time I was elected as chair of the Parents' Association and subsequently as Parent Governor, serving over the years as Chair and Vice Chair. I taught at Alsager School for over thirty years and became a mentor and monitor of Bachelor of Education students as part of Keele University's Associate Scheme.

Pikemere School has taken on board and met with the many changes and challenges of education initiatives over the decades and is a very successful school, with a highly committed staff and head teacher. It is an establishment which puts the needs of all children first and I have been proud and delighted to have been part of it.

Mrs S L Gohr

Headteacher

The Headteacher at Pikemere School is a Governor unless they elect not to stand. I have been a Governor since January 2009.

I am not related to any member of staff or the Governing Board at Pikemere School.

I am a Governor at another Cheshire East Primary School.

Mr Peter Smith

Co-opted Governor

Maths Governor, Admissions

Governor since February 2010.

I am related to Mrs L Smith who is a member of staff and a member of the Board of Governors.

I have lived in Alsager with my family for 20 years. My children attended Pikemere School and I have maintained contact with the school, helping out wherever I could ever since. My work background is in general management and I draw on this education and experience to support the Data and Buildings and Finance Committees. I have recently taken on the role of providing a focus on the governing body for Maths.

Pikemere is an excellent school and I feel privileged to be part of the governing Board..

Mrs Lindsay Smith

Staff Governor

Governor since March 2014.

I am related to Mr P Smith, a member of the Board of Governors.

I have worked at Pikemere School since 2003 as a TA, before that as a parent helper. Two of my three children attended Pikemere Primary.

I have worked in manufacturing, design and sales previously and studied Education at MMU with a focus on Special Needs. I have worked mainly across Key Stage 2, but am currently in KS1 as well.

I am originally from the North East of England but have lived in various places in the South of England and abroad due to my husband's job.

I am the Support Staff governor for the school and have recently taken on the role of Safeguarding Governor.

Mr Ben Cox

Co-Opted Governor

Year 3 Governor/ Pupil Premium Governor

Governor since December 2009.

I have no financial interest and am not related to any member of staff or Governor at Pikemere.

I have one child at Pikemere School. I am the Headteacher of a Cheshire East Primary School and also an Ofsted Inspector.

Mrs Sarah Steele

Co-Opted Governor

Parent Forum Governor / Pastoral

Governor since Summer 2016.

With over 10 years' experience in Human Resources I am an experienced HR Practitioner with a comprehensive and strategic understanding of HRM in the UK and experience in delivering global HR practices, specifically in the UK, USA and Spain.

I have lived in Alsager for most of my life and have three young children, two of which have just started their journey at Pikemere school. I am very passionate about the school as it has been at the heart of my family for many years and I am very proud to be on the Governing Body.

I have no financial interest and am not related to any member of staff or Governor at Pikemere.

Mrs Emmaline Taylor

Parent Governor

Governor since October 2016

I grew up in Central Manchester and relocated to the area around 15 years ago for work. I have two young children, my son is currently in Reception at Pikemere and my daughter is due to start Pre-School in April 2017. We fought hard for a place at Pikemere and despite an unsuccessful appeal we were fortunate enough to be offered a place. I believe that the inclusive nature of Pikemere and dedication of the staff is second to none and I am very proud to be given this opportunity to serve as Governor.

Prior to having children I was the Operations Manager for a Property Development and Financial Management company based in Westminster, London. I oversaw the day to day running of the business and divided my time between London and the North West. I studied Business and Management at MMU Cheshire.

I have more recently changed my career path and as a result I am now a Foster Carer for a private fostering agency. We currently have a young person in long-term placement with us who attends Alsager 6th form. Safeguarding children is an issue that both my husband and I are passionate about and we believe that all children should be provided a safe, nurturing environment in order to be able to thrive. I am also very proud that our agency continues to be rated 'Outstanding' by OFSTED. I hope that I can use my experience to assist the school in any way I can.

I have no financial interest and am not related to any member of staff or Governor at Pikemere.

Mrs Carrie Morris

Parent Governor

Governor since October 2016

I have no financial interest and am not related to any member of staff or Governor at Pikemere.

My career in teaching started in 2002, where I spent 7 years teaching in Rode Heath Primary School. I then went on to join the Cheshire East Early Years team, working with the LA to train and support teachers and practitioners in schools and nurseries locally. After 4 years with the team I took a job at Terra Nova independent school as the Head of Early Years. I managed a team of staff and worked on the executive (SLT) team to support and develop the school as a whole. I taught in the preschool and reception classes as part of this role also.

I have recently changed direction slightly in my career to spend more time at home with my children. Sebastian started at Pikemere in September 2016 and Dillan started in September 2017. In September 2016 I started a new job, teaching part time at Vine Tree Primary school in Crewe. I currently work 2 days a week. The rest of my time is spent caring for my young family, trying to stay fit and healthy and enjoying time outdoors.

Mrs Kerry Hulson

Parents Governor

Governor since April 2018

I have no financial interest and am not related to any member of staff or Governor at Pikemere.

I have a child in Year 3.

Mrs Ann Kowalska

Clerk to the Governing Board

Clerk to the Members and Directors of Chancery Multi Academy Trust

Clerk to the Local Governing Board of Pikemere School

I have been a Clerk to a Governing Board since 2001. I am also the Pikemere School Business Manager, Educational Visits Coordinator and a member of the School Leadership Team. I have worked in the education sector for 18 years and previously worked in the financial sector. I have qualifications in School Business Management and am currently responsible for HR and Governance across Chancery Multi Academy Trust. My position requires that I inform and advise the Governing Board in all aspects of governance particularly legal requirements. I work closely with both the Headteacher and the Chair of the Boards of Governance to ensure that all appropriate information is made available and that meetings are recorded accurately.

I am also a Governor at a St Thomas More Catholic Academy, Crewe with a responsibility for Finance Health and Safety and Support Staff.

I am not related to any member of staff or governor at Pikemere School.

I am responsible for managing the school accounts and budget, but gain no financial benefit from transactions.