



Mrs Leigh Clark

I first became involved with Ivy Road Primary school as a parent when I moved to Newcastle in 2005. Volunteering at the school evolved into becoming a parent governor and latterly a member of staff, being employed as an Administrative Assistant in the school office in 2011.

I have been on Governing Body in since 2006 and feel that my interest and enthusiasm in making a difference to young people's lives has helped me develop my role. Having a young family I am extremely passionate about learning and ensuring that children receive an enriching education.

I have a Trade Marketing background having worked for retailers such as the Co-op, Iceland and Biscuit Manufacturers over the years and feel that this experience has helped both in an analytical capacity and a creative approach to being a Governor.

I helped set up the Friends of Ivy Road group to raise additional funds to do exciting things in school such as provide a free school trip each year for every child. This funding also buys additional equipment for the school to enhance the children's learning.

I have 3 daughters, 2 dogs and a husband to keep me busy but also enjoy camping in my campervan, sewing, walking and reading when I have the time.

Ms Lindsay Davis

I have been a Teaching Assistant at Ivy Road Primary School for over 3 years and an elected as staff governor in 2015. I currently work in Year 2, in previous years I have been linked to Nursery and Reception.

I have over 8 years' experience working within education and previously been a parent governor when my son attended primary school. My son is currently in high school and a daughter who attends Ivy Road. In my spare time you will often find me on the side lines of a football match cheering on my son and his football team, where I am also a committee member. I enjoy spending as much time as I can with family whether it is Sunday lunch, days out or holidays.

I believe that Ivy Road Primary School has an enriching environment for children to learn where they experience many memorable moments.



Miss Rachel Green

I am a new member of the Governing Body and keen to get started in this exciting and important role. For over 14 years, I have worked with children, young people and their families and am passionate about supporting children to reach their true potential. I began in this field following completion of my psychology degree and working as a volunteer co-ordinator with homeless teenagers. This experience awakened my passion for working with young people and led me to gain qualified social worker status. I went on to work in safeguarding, adoption and family support as both a social worker and a team manager. I hold particular interest in attachment, trauma and dissociation and currently work as a therapist with children and their parents where these issues are identified.

I am looking forward to contributing to the work of the Governing Body and supporting the school in its ongoing development.

A little more about me- I have two energetic little girls, an artistic partner and a pet cat at home.

Mr Andy Howorth

After taking early retirement from the NHS 3 years ago, I felt that I was able to commit time and energy in becoming a school governor. As the parent of a child at Ivy Road, the school was my preferred choice. I spent 20 years in the private sector, mainly working for an American computer manufacturer before moving in to the public sector, with management roles at Newcastle University and then the local Health Authority. My main role as a co-opted governor is in Safeguarding and Child Protection.

In my spare time, I enjoy walking, cycling, DIY and the occasional round of golf.

Miss Judith Knowles

I am relatively new to the role of parent governor but am keen and happy to be able to support the school in continuing to provide an excellent education for our children. As an experienced primary teacher in North Tyneside, I appreciate the work put in by all staff to give our children the best possible experiences at Ivy Road. The thing I always notice is the really positive atmosphere in and around the school and that is always a sign of something great!

I hope that my teaching experiences and local knowledge can prove useful during my time on the Governing Body and that I can represent the views of the parents to the best of my ability.



Miss Donna Murray

I am a manager within the Civil Service where I have worked for 15 years. I have had some great opportunities working away from home, being part of some of the biggest projects & helping to role out some of the biggest changes the Civil Service has introduced. I'm currently employed with The Department for Work and Pensions where my role is mainly front line customer service.

I became a School Governor in June 2016. I have a personal interest in the school as I have a child who attends. I am a co-opted Governor which means I was voted on to the Governing team & I am part of The Resources Committee. I am 110% dedicated to this voluntary appointment & want the best for all of the students, focusing on their welfare & education.

I take great pride in everything I do & hope I can bring lots of positive outcomes to the school as a whole.

Mr Paul Quinn

I was born and brought up locally and live in North Tyneside. I have been a teacher in North Tyneside high schools for 30 years and have a real passion for young people making a real difference to their future through education. I am particularly keen to ensure that the school provides the best possible education for students from all backgrounds and abilities and that students fulfil both their academic and personal potential during their time at Ivy Road.

I joined the Governing body of Ivy Road in 2016 as I felt that I had the skills to help out at a time when the school were looking to improve the governance of the school. I know the local area and people very well; I am Headteacher at Longbenton High School. As a maths teacher and have been so impressed by the work in this subject of the pupils and the hard work of the teachers and liaise with lead staff at Ivy Road around the maths curriculum. In addition I Chair the Resources Committee of the governing body.

As a Newcastle United fan I enjoy watching football as well as many other sports.



Ms Gill Wilson

I am the founder of Generation Training and Development and an experienced Early Years practitioner, having worked in the sector for over 30 years. As well as holding Early Years qualifications I also hold a BA(Hons) Applied Management Degree.

I have experience of working for North Tyneside Council and previous to that in the private sector. Since 2001 I have been a member of the Governing Body of an Outstanding Secondary School in North Tyneside with responsibility for Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Performance Management and PSCHE and joined Ivy Road Primary School as Chair of Governors in March 2017.

I have a passion to ensure children get the best start in life surrounded by adults who understand them and help them thrive.