



Horn's Mill  
Primary School

# Who are the Governors?

## 2023/24

### **Nicola Cash**

**Term of Office - 1/9/18 – 27/11/23**

### **Chair of the Governing Board**

I'm currently in my 18th year of teaching English in a Cheshire High School, as a result, I have relevant knowledge about education. But, as a parent governor, I am also able to offer a different perspective that ensures that the parents of children at the school are represented. My main role as a Governor at Horn's Mill Primary School relates to my specialism in English. I became a Governor at Horn's Mill Primary School in 2016 when my eldest son started at the school. I was impressed by the drive, determination and commitment the staff demonstrate for all the children that they work with. The ethos and atmosphere of the school is a real strength. In my spare time (when I have any!), I enjoy reading, working out at the gym and socialising with friends.

### **Abi Hughes**

**Term of Office - 10/7/23 – 11/7/26**

### **Co-opted Governor and Vice-Chair of the Governing Board**

### **EYFS Governor**

My two godchildren both attend Horn's Mill Primary School, beginning in the pre-school. Whilst attending various school events to support my godchildren, I was struck by the engaging atmosphere of the school and upon finding out there were vacancies on the Governing Board, I was happy to offer my services as the Early Years Foundation Stage Link Governor. I was appointed in November 2018. I work for a local company as Business Development Manager; my role comprises of meeting with clients, developing business and relationships, maintaining high audit results and company development. I have experience in policies, compliance, recruitment and target achievements. I feel these skills will support me during my role as a Governor.

## **Geoff Collins**

**Term of Office - 13/3/20 – 12/3/24**

**Co-opted Governor**

**Finance, business management and health and safety Governor**

I was appointed as a Co-opted governor in 2020. I have served as a parent governor at another school in Chester, with experience in school finance, health & safety, building related issues. I feel very much part of the Helsby community being a member of Helsby Running Club and the Community Sports Club. I have been the Helsby 4 Villages Half Marathon race finish coordinator at the school for the last 2 years and have got to know the school well.

## **Sue Huntbach**

**Term of Office - 5/7/22 – 5/7/25**

**Co-opted Governor**

**SEND Governor**

I am married with two children, both of whom attended Horn's Mill Primary School. I have four amazing grandsons and thoroughly enjoy spending as much time possible with them. I have lived in Helsby for over 40 years and I am the Manager of the onsite Horn's Mill PreSchool. I truly believe our years at school are some of the most important years of your life and lay the foundations for the future. I have been a co-opted governor at Horn's Mill since 11th May 2015 and take particular responsibility for Safeguarding and Health and Safety in our school. I am very proud to be a governor at this lovely school. An exciting and aspirational place to be, allowing all our children to reach their full potential.

## **Ian Duffell**

**Term of Office - 29/11/19 – 28/11/23**

**Co-opted Governor**

**Pupil and Sports' Premium Governor**

I am currently in my 20th year as a teacher at Helsby High School and so feel very much part of the local community here. I have taught, and continue to teach many pupils who came to Helsby High from Horn's Mill. I have been privileged to work in a range of key roles in the school, including as Head of Modern Languages, and currently as Assistant Head teacher and Director of Sixth Form. I hope that my experiences in my career to date will help me to enable Horn's Mill to build on current successes and I am particularly keen to support pupils by helping to develop transition work between primary school and high school. I am looking forward to supporting the school leadership team in the next stages of the school's development, whilst also offering challenge and scrutiny to decisions where appropriate.

## **Vicki Thomason**

**Term of Office - 22/10/20 – 21/10/24**

**Parent Governor**

**Safeguarding Governor**

I am married and have twin girls who are currently in Team 5 at Horn's Mill, so as the parent governor I will strive to ensure parents and carers views are shared and listened to. I have worked for the Safeguarding Children in Education team within Cheshire west and Chester since 2012 - this working knowledge of safeguarding will enable me to ensure school is compliant with all statutory safeguarding duties, whilst providing challenge and scrutiny where necessary. Outside of work, I love spending time with my family and friends, having adventures, being outside in the sunshine especially near the sea and keeping fit at various exercise classes.

## **Peter Russell**

**Term of Office - 22/10/20 – 21/10/24**

**Parent Governor**

**Wellbeing, behaviour, attendance and staffing Governor**

I am Peter Russell, parent-governor, I have responsibility for behaviour, attendance and wellbeing at Horn's Mill. It is a wonderful opportunity to support the teachers and pupils and help them flourish. I have a previous background in the police, teaching and in the commercial sector and bring with me a skillset that supports and challenges the school to continue to deliver outstanding quality education to all at Horn's Mill. I have a daughter in year 5 and a son who was in with reception who have loved every second of their learning journey at Horn's Mill.

## **Andy Lawrie**

**Term of Office - 7/2/20 – 6/2/24**

**Staff Governor**

I am married with two children and have worked at Horn's Mill Primary School for nine years. I currently lead Maths and Computing at Horn's Mill as well as organise sporting events for our school. I am passionate about helping the children at our school receive the best possible education and supporting our families. Horn's Mill is a wonderful school and I am very proud to be the staff representative on our governing board. My role is to ensure that the views of staff are considered when any decisions are made.

# **Sharon Wyatt**

**Ex-officio by virtue of office as headteacher since 1/9/14**

## **Headteacher**

My name is Sharon Wyatt. I am proud to have been Head Teacher at Horn's Mill Primary School for the last seven years. Since I arrived the team has progressed and developed into a group of passionate and dedicated individuals providing a really good quality of education to our children. Prior to my appointment at Horn's Mill, I worked as a teacher and deputy-head teacher in Blacon for twenty years. Teaching has always been my passion, and after twenty-five years in the profession I still consider it a pleasure and a privilege to do this job.