

## Governing Body at Ernesford Grange Primary School

**Simon Miller**  
**Chair of Governors**



I am a co-opted governor and the vice chair of governors. Having previously had a child attend Ernesford Grange Primary School, I am keen to ensure that the enjoyment and education she received is something that can be maintained and improved upon for the generations that follow.

I am currently Managing Director of a property advisory company and previously qualified as a Chartered Management Accountant and have enjoyed the challenges and using my expertise to support any issues around the school budget and the pressures that brings each year.

I want to help the school provide the best opportunities for everyone and believe that we all have something to offer and a responsibility to improve the future for all children.

**Vice Chair of Governors**  
**Gary Marsden**



Hello, my name is Gary Marsden. I am the Vice Chair of Governors and the Local Authority Governor. I have had three children attend the school who have all gone out to succeed after receiving an excellent level of education in their first steps of school.

I currently work for Fujitsu as a sales account director. I have a busy schedule and travel the world as part of my job but manage to make time to support the school whenever and however I can. My personal interests include sports, particularly rugby, football and running and therefore fully support the school in their quest of sporting excellence.

I am part of the curriculum committee and have vested interest in ensuring the school provides a good quality of education whilst at the same time ensuring school is fun and engaging for all pupils. I believe that every child, regardless of ability or needs, has the right to an outstanding education in order to achieve their full potential.

**Karen Heywood**  
**Parent Governor**



Hello, my name is Karen Heywood, I am a parent Governor. I have a child currently still at our school and my daughter left Year 6 in 2017. I am a paediatric nurse and also worked as a health visitor. This gives me a real understanding of the preschool years and how important they are for our children. I now work with teenage parents and support them in their parenting journey to achieve the best possible outcomes for themselves and their children.

I have a great depth of knowledge in safeguarding children and how we can keep them safe. I believe this is a transferrable skill to support the teaching staff at school and ensuring our children have a safe journey through their education and into the wider world.

As a parent I am proud to say my children attend our school. I have an objective outlook and want to assist the school in maintaining its excellent reputation across the city. I understand and respect the school rules and policies and feel I can contribute to the future successes we will enjoy. Happy secure children are our future.

**Mrs Annette Bull**  
**Co-opted Governor**



My name is Annette Bull and I have been a governor at Ernesford Grange Primary School for several years. I am employed as a Clinical Technologist at UHCW with responsibilities in Renal Dialysis and ITU.

In my spare time, I am involved in Scouting; both as a secretary for Coventry Explorer Scouts Gateway Camp and in a supporting role for the 3rd Scout Group.

Having served as a school governor now for a number of years, I believe I have gained an in-depth appreciation of the role of the Governing Board and its subcommittees. I understand the value that the Governors bring to the school; supporting the headteacher, staff and pupils in their day-to-day activities and ensuring that the appropriate resources, funds, facilities and safeguarding provisions are in place.

I have found great pleasure and challenge in the roles I have undertaken and continue to take as a Governor. I am committed to supporting the school as it strives to deliver high levels of education and personal development to all its pupils, as it did for my daughter.

**Mrs Ruth Coxhead**  
**Parent Governor**



I became a parent governor when my eldest child was in reception in 2010. He has now moved on to secondary school. My daughter is currently at Ernesford Grange Primary School.

I have worked in education for over 10 years; first in a local secondary school, I have also worked as a curriculum team leader in a prison before moving on to teach in a special educational needs school. My career to date has given me training and understanding that has helped in my role as a governor at Ernesford Grange. I use my expertise to support the curriculum team in every way I can.

It is a real privilege to serve on the governing body and to have my time extended as a co-opted governor. My motivation is to assist and support the school and leadership team, so all our children receive the very best primary school education.

**Miss Charlotte Green**  
**Parent Governor**



Hello, my name is Charlotte Green, I have three young children but manage to make time to be a parent governor.

I am a successful director of a catering company and support the school with events whenever possible. I have an interest in accounting and have an interest in the finance element of school and therefore am currently a member of the finance committee. I have a degree in business management and hope to help utilise my skills however possible at school.

On Sunday's I support at Meredith Road Baptist Church by helping out at the Sunday School and try to support the church with community events.

I volunteer at school to help with reading whenever I can and take an active role in school life by supporting the PTA and by helping the school raise funds.

**Mrs Lisa Mulqueen**  
**Parent Governor**



I am a parent governor at the school and have been involved with the school for the last 11 years. My six children have received a fantastic education at the school and with my 3 youngest still pupils I am extremely passionate in supporting the school in any way I can.

With so many children spread across the school I am lucky enough to know many of the children and parents on a personal level and have good relationships with all stakeholders at school.

Being self-employed, I have the flexibility to assist with school trips on a regular basis and help at school supporting many learning activities across all year groups. I have a keen interest in organising events and end of year celebrations. This gives me a valuable insight into school life at Ernesford Grange.

**Miss Hannah Skelton**  
**Staff Representative**



My name is Hannah Skelton I am the Deputy Headteacher at Ernesford Grange Primary School and I am a staff governor representative. I have taught at the school for 12 years, prior to this I have had the opportunity to teach overseas. I am the school designated safeguarding lead and embrace all the challenges this role brings and celebrate our successful pastoral support systems. I am an active member of the school community and thoroughly support all extra-curricular activities.

My own hobbies include running, dance and travel and I currently run the school debating team. I am dedicated to supporting all pupils, ensuring they have a range of high quality activities and wider school opportunities.

**Mrs Annette Watson**  
**Staff Representative**



Hi, my name is Annette Watson and I have worked at Ernesford Grange Primary since 2007 and have been a staff governor for the past 7 years. It is a real privilege to work in such a fantastic school, one that promotes such a nurturing and caring relationship between educators and pupils and one where all stakeholders strive for the very best for every child that we encounter. Approaching 40, I decided upon a career change (having previously worked in business and banking) and decided to become a teacher – a decision that was one of the best I've ever made. This has to be one of the most tiring jobs that I've ever had but also one of the most rewarding careers that I could ever have chosen. I have spent the last eleven years having fun with some of the most amazing children and with some of the most brilliant colleagues. I have two grown up daughters and a teenage son, who try to keep me up to date with all things modern! This academic year I became Assistant Head Teacher and am very excited to work as part of the school SLT and to be involved in a new era of change, to further enhance the life chances of all our pupils and to take our school on a new adventure.

**Ms Sue James**  
Support Staff Representative



My name is Sue James and I have worked at Ernesford Grange Primary for over 23 years and have been the Support Staff Governor for the last 5 years.

I have had experience across the primary age range and I am currently a Teaching Assistant in Year 6. I am known for my excellent dancing skills and am in my element when we produce the Year 6 end of year production. I have one grown-up son, who also attended the school and has extremely fond memories of his time here.

This is a very special place to work and I look forward to the exciting times ahead.

**Mr Ian Taylor**  
Headteacher Governor



My name is Ian Taylor and I have been the Headteacher at Ernesford Grange Primary School since January 2018. I have worked in education for twenty years and have worked as a senior leader at three other Coventry schools. I have had experience of working as a school consultant for Cornerstones Education and have visited schools all over the Midlands during the last three years.

At school I am responsible for whole school assessment data, the strategic direction of our school and I strive to ensure the children are safe, happy, have fun learning and are provided with wider opportunities to thrive.

As a governor I attend all full governors meeting and sit on the personnel and finance committees.

My hobbies include running, reading and playing golf. I used to enjoy playing many sports but, due to time constraints and age, I now tend to spend more time watching sport, particularly rugby and cricket.