



ARNSIDE NATIONAL CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

GOVERNING BOARD PEN PORTRAITS

Chair of the Governing Board
Mr Ian Service



Headteacher
Mr Nick Sharp



Governance Professional
Mrs Sue Glendinning



PARENT GOVERNORS

MR CHRIS HARGREAVES



Chris is a newly appointed Parent Governor and is excited about being able to bring his wealth of knowledge and skills to benefit the school. Chris has a background centred around project delivery, business transformation, finance and IT. Chris has minimal direct experience in the education sector, but he strongly believes his experience and skills to be transferable to help push Arnside National School forward and works towards its vision.

Chris has been renovating his house in Arnside for the last 4 years, but now this is coming to an end, he is excited to concentrate on other things. Chris is passionate about music and loves going to concerts and listening to and buying music. He also loves walking and enjoying the local landscape.

Chris' daughter is in Year 4, and she absolutely loves school - this is a testament to the other pupils, the staff and the Board of Governors at the school. Chris is looking forward to 'giving a little back' and working with the fellow governors and the staff, on the next chapter of the school.

MR CHRIS MYERS



Chris joined the Arnside National School Governing Body in 2021. He has 10 years' recent experience in primary education having taught in Surrey before moving to Arnside and teaching in the Lancaster and Morecambe areas. Chris worked as a class teacher and Assistant Head, leading on curriculum development, pupil progress monitoring and assessment and staff development. He now works for Lancashire County Council as a design engineer, a return to his original career. Chris began his career in the design of major infrastructure projects in the UK and overseas and spent time living and working in the Middle East, specialising in the design of airports. Following a year-long in-school training programme Chris changed career to primary school teaching before a return to engineering design, this time for a Local Authority. He wants to keep an involvement in education and make use of the skills he has developed and hopes that he can support the staff and pupils at Arnside in his role as a governor.

Outside work Chris spends his free time playing cricket, plodding around the local trails, and playing guitar.

LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR

MR GRAEME ARMSTRONG



Graeme joined the Arnside National School Governing Body in 2021. Graeme grew up in Newcastle before studying law at the University of Hull. Graeme has been living and working in the South Lakes since 2005.

Since 2011, he has run his own Solicitors firm in Milnthorpe. Graeme met D'lorna while at university and they got married in 2005 before moving to this area. They have two daughters, Aasha presently at Dallam School in Year 8 and Mahlia in year three at Arnside School.

Graeme and his family attend St Thomas' Church Kendal and are also members of Good News for Everyone (formerly known as Gideons).

As a family, they enjoy travelling near and far especially back to Malaysia to visit D'lorna's family. They also enjoy exploring the local hills of the Lake District.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

MRS JUDITH BRATT



Judith was born and brought up in the West Midlands until she went to university in London. She has taught English in state and independent secondary schools in London and the South East, and in a school in Ohio, USA.

She was also an examiner for O level English Language and A level Chaucer. Judith and her husband moved full time to Arnside in 2005 and have attended St James church since 2007. Judith has been a governor at Arnside National School since 2010 and is the governor with responsibility for SEND. She is often in the school to follow pupils' involvement, progress, and success. She organises Kendal Food Bank collections and collects for 3 Kendal charities. In this capacity, she talks to the children at school church about Christmas and Harvest collections to explain what is needed and why. She is involved with the Arnside RNLI, the Archives group, and St James and Arnside Methodist "Messy Church" monthly gatherings.

Judith is very pleased and proud to be a serving governor and counts Arnside National School among the very best of the many she's seen over the years for its energy, determination and commitment to the success, welfare, and happiness of its children.

MRS STEPHANIE GRIFFITH



I was appointed as a Foundation Governor in 2015 and sit on the Finance, Premises, Health & Safety Committee.

I grew up in the local area and attended Arnside National School as a pupil myself many years ago. My son is currently a pupil at the school.

As a Foundation Governor I represent St. James Church where I have held the position of Parish Church Council Secretary for the last 6 years.

Promoting Christian qualities and an understanding of the Christian faith within the school is very important to me.

I work as one of the Medical Secretaries at a GP surgery in Kendal and enjoy swimming and cookery in my spare time.

THE REVEREND ANDREW NORMAN



The Reverend Andrew Bryan Norman is a native Cumbrian, born and raised in the north of the county in the village of Abbey Town on the Solway Firth. Andrew was an undergraduate at Selwyn College, Cambridge where he studied History after which he completed a Theology degree at the University of Oxford whilst undertaking his theological training for the priesthood at Ripon College Cuddesdon. Andrew was the Assistant Curate of the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry serving nine parishes in the south of the Diocese of Carlisle, prior to moving to Arnside; where he is the Vicar of the parishes of St James, Arnside with Storth and St Michael and All Angels, Beetham, and is the ex-officio Foundation Governor at Arnside as well as at Beetham and Storth Church of England Primary Schools.

In the wider church, Andrew serves on several. He enjoys good quality television, exploring, reading, learning new things, a wide range of music, singing, a good podcast, and laughing. He also has ambitions to be better at cooking, baking, and gardening - but these all remain works in progress.

MR IAN SERVICE



Ian moved to Arnside 8 years ago, having retired after 39 years as a secondary school mathematics teacher. He has taught in Knowsley, Papua New Guinea, Stockport, and Manchester, being on the Senior Leadership team at St Bede's College prior to retirement. He has been involved in GCSE and A level examining for over 40 years and is currently a Lead Examiner at AS level. Ian is Churchwarden and Lay Reader at St James' Church, having been a Lay Reader for 45 years. He is well known to the children as co-leader of the weekly school-church. Ian

THE REVEREND HANNAH WALLACE



Hannah joined the Governing Board as a Foundation Governor in the summer of 2022 following her ordination as a minister in the Church of England. At the same time, her two children began attending the school, so she has a vested interest not just as a parent, but as someone who desires to help the school uphold its Christian values. Hannah also brings with her many years of experience in teaching. She taught curriculum Music in secondary schools, also giving private music tuition in Kent and Surrey along with

MRS STEPH WOODBURN

has been a Governor at Arnside School for 7 years, with oversight of mathematics. Married to Yvonne, Ian has two daughters, who are both teachers, and two grandchildren, Aidan and Opal. Ian's hobbies are fell walking and bird photography.	involvement in local and county level music education organisations. Hannah and her family moved to Cumbria 7 years ago and, in their spare time, enjoy exploring the great outdoors in the glorious north.	
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FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

STAFF GOVERNOR	GOVERNANCE PROFESSIONAL
<p style="text-align: center;">MRS CARLA HARTROPP</p>  <p>Carla Hartropp joined the Governing Board as a staff governor in July 2022. She teaches 'Otter Class', which is the Year 1 and 2 class at Arnside National C of E School. Carla joined Arnside National School in 2018, covering the Reception/Year 1 teacher's maternity leave. Before working at Arnside, Carla worked as an EAL specialist at the Casterton Sedbergh Prep School. Originally, Carla is from New Zealand. She grew up in the beach city of Tauranga before moving to Auckland to train as a primary school teacher in 1995. After working in Auckland for four years she moved to Suzhou, China to teach expatriate children. She lived there for 8 years. That is where she met her husband Ben, who grew up in Heversham and their daughter Emily was born in Shanghai, in 2011. They moved to the UK in 2012. Their son Nikau is currently at Arnside National C of E School and Emily is at QES in Kirkby Lonsdale. Carla enjoys living in 'The Lakes' as it reminds her a little of New Zealand. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time in The Lakes with her family. They enjoy sailing on Windermere, paddle boarding on Coniston and riding their bikes around the local area. In addition to teaching Otter Class, Carla leads Science, Design Technology, and the school's Eco Team. She is also the EYFS/KS1 support for English.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MRS SUE GLENDINNING</p>  <p>Sue has served as a school Governor since 1996, in three schools within the Carlisle area of the county. She served for 18 years at Belle Vue Primary School, being Chair of Governors for 10 years. During this time, she was chair of the staffing & finance committee as well as the premises, health & safety committee. Sue also served on the board of governors at a small rural primary school to the north of the county at Fir Ends Primary School, where she was vice chair of governors and chair of the staffing, finance, premises, health & safety committee: official complaints committee and the staff redundancy committee. Sue's governance experience is not limited to primary education, as she was a member appointed governor at Trinity School in Carlisle, the largest secondary school in the county. During her time at Trinity, she was Chair of the Finance & General-Purpose Committee and served on the student disciplinary and exclusion panel and the headteacher appointment panel. Sue has been the Chair of Finance, Staffing, Premises, Health and Safety Committees for over 25 years. Sue has been the director of Cumbria Clerking Advisory Service, since 2012. This followed her 13 years' service with the local education authority, where as a Governor Development Officer, she was responsible for developing and delivering training to governors countywide, and for working with governing bodies to raise their standards of leadership and management in governance. She also mentored newly appointed chairs of governors. Sue moved from Newcastle to Carlisle to start her career as a nurse, then trained as a midwife in Scotland. Sue worked in East Anglia and completed her Neonatal Intensive Care qualification before returning to Cumbria to work as a Community Midwifery Sister and midwifery tutor. Following her time spent raising her children, Sue did further training, which enabled her to work in school with children with special educational needs, and those requiring 1-1 tuition in English and maths. She worked in a local primary school for three years in Year 1 and Year 6, before being asked to join the Governor Development Team at Cumbria County Council. Sue's voluntary roles/hobbies include:- President of Carlisle Rugby Club; Chair of Age Grade Rugby; First Aid mentor; patchwork and quilting; embroidery; gardening; reading; music/theatre and travel.</p>