



ARNSIDE NATIONAL CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD PEN PORTRAITS

Chair of the Governing Board
Mr Chris Myers



Headteacher
Mr Nick Sharp



Governance Professional
Mrs Sue Glendinning



PARENT GOVERNORS

MR CHRIS MYERS



MRS GILLIAN SINGLETON

LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR

MR GRAEME ARMSTRONG



Chris joined the Arnside National School Governing Body in 2021. 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 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.. 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.

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 CATHERINE FIRTH



I was appointed as a Foundation Governor in July 2024 and sit on the Curriculum Committee. I moved to Arnside in 2015 and worked as Lead Practitioner of English at a local secondary school until August 2022 when I retired from teaching after 27 years in secondary education. I have held different positions in schools, from teacher, second in department, head of department and finally lead practitioner. Being a Foundation Governor will enable me to continue my involvement in education and support the Christian ethos of the school; something as a Christian I feel is very important. I attend Arnside Methodist Church and am part of the team that organises ACT (Arnside Christians Together) events for the local community – in particular I help with the children's events. I am married to Alan who is a member of the Coastguard. We have two daughters and a lovely granddaughter. I enjoy walking in the local area, reading and spending time with friends and family.

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 studied history at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and Theology at the University of Oxford. Andrew 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. Andrew 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 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.

MRS TRACEY TAYLOR

Tracey joined Arnside National School Governing Board as a Foundation Governor in 2024. As a retired primary school headteacher, with many years' experience, she is now delighted to be able to support her local primary school. Tracey spent most of her teaching time in the Early Years and is extremely passionate about the enormous impact that outstanding early years teaching has on our children's future. She was also a very experienced SENCo and is now very pleased to be the Governor with responsibility for this area. Tracey was headteacher in two schools, a small village primary and then a large three form entry infant school and nursery. She thoroughly enjoyed her leadership roles but now loves living in Arnside with her husband, enjoying the stunning walks on her doorstep.

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 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.

MRS STEPH WOODBURN

I have been resident in Arnside for over 50 years and involved with Arnside Primary School for over 40 years. My 2 sons and 4 grandchildren have all attended the school. I was a foundation governor 15 years ago and returned to the role in 2021.

I am a trained children's and general nurse and worked locally until my retirement.

At present I am on the finance committee and my responsibility is to oversee how pupil premium funding has an impact upon pupils educational outcomes.

Continuing my involvement with the school and seeing the Christian ethos put into practise is important to me and I am privileged to be a part of school life.

I am very involved with St James church and enjoy singing, swimming, charity work and many village activities.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY**STAFF GOVERNOR****MRS CARLA HARTROPP**

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.

GOVERNANCE PROFESSIONAL**MRS SUE GLENDINNING**

Sue served as a school Governor from 1996 - 2022 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. She was Vice Chair of Governors at Fir Ends Primary School, and was a member appointed governor at Trinity School in Carlisle.

As a governor in primary schools, she was chair of the staffing & finance committee; the premises, health & safety committee; official complaints committee; staff redundancy committee; and the headteacher appointment panel. At Trinity School, 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 worked with Cumbria Clerking Advisory Service, since 2012. This followed 13 years' service with the LA, where as a Governor Development Officer, she was responsible for developing and delivering training to governors countywide, and for working with GB's 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 train 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. When her children started school, Sue did further training, which enabled her to work in school with children requiring 1-1 tuition in English and maths. She worked for 3 years in a local primary school before being asked to join the Governor Development Team at Cumbria County Council. Sue's voluntary roles/hobbies include:- Past President of Carlisle Rugby Club; Chair of Age Grade Rugby; patchwork and quilting; embroidery; gardening; reading; music/theatre and travel.