

Angela Darnell (Appointed) (Chair)

Angela Darnell started her teaching career at Framwellgate School Durham in 1975. She left in 1990 to take up a post as Deputy Headteacher at Eggescliffe School in Stockton on Tees where she was promoted to Headteacher in 1994. She retired, after twenty years of headship, in July 2014. Eggescliffe School was graded outstanding in three consecutive inspections (2005, 2008, 2013). The school was characterised by high levels of achievement, excellence in teaching and learning, a longstanding commitment to the importance of pastoral care and a belief in holistic education. In 2010 Angela was awarded an O.B.E. for "services to education". Since retiring Angela has worked with a range of secondary schools in Stockton L.A. as a School Improvement Adviser. She has also done some work for Durham University School of Education in her role as Honorary Fellow.

Joanne Thorns (Vice Chair)

Joanne joined the Governing Board as a parent governor in 2006. She is Vice Chair of the Governing Board and Chair of the Personal development, Behaviour and Attitudes sub-committee. She worked for 10 years as the local parish priest at All Saints Church on Newton Hall and was involved in many community groups, activities and worked with other local schools. She is now the Regional Officer for North East Churches Acting Together, a charity that encourages churches to work together and engage with their local communities. Joanne originally qualified, and worked locally, as a pharmacist before training for ordination to the priesthood. She is passionate about the education and well-being, believing that every child should have the chance to fulfil their potential. She has been Chair of Governors at a local primary school. She has one daughter currently at the school.

Tracy Bell (Co-opted)

Tracy chairs the Quality of Education sub-committee. She holds a degree in Computing and IT. She currently works in an analytical role in Durham Local Authority within their Education and Social Care sector. She has held a governor's role for more than 10 years, previously as an elected parent governor within a maintained primary school and has experience as a Vice Chair. Tracy has two current children within Framwellgate School Durham. She joined the governors through the Inspiring Governance route as she wishes to inspire children to undertake opportunities in Education/Employment/Development in an aid to raise their aspirations.

David Gurden-Williams (Appointed)

Dr David Gurden-Williams graduated with a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Wales, Cardiff in 2004. His career has been in various technical/laboratory roles for 3M covering quality, analytical, research and development and testing. Through these activities, David has become a member of safety, testing and standards committees at a national level. He has been involved with Framwellgate School Durham since 2010 as a STEM ambassador. David brings experience as a scientist, multi-national corporation employee and standardisation in a technical world.

Lesley Hamill (Co-opted)

Lesley joined the governing board in 2020, following 7 years as a parent governor at Finchale Primary School. A trained secondary French and German teacher, Lesley started her career at Park View School in Chester-le-Street, where she later became Head of German. She also worked for a year in Gateshead as an MFL Consultant, working with secondary schools on the KS3 MFL Framework. After a career break to spend time with her three children, Lesley began teaching French at Lanchester EP Primary School, and now also teaches French at Finchale Primary. Since her two eldest children started at Framwellgate School, Lesley has been so impressed with the experience they have had so far and is very happy to join the Governing Board and support the school in any way she can.

Daniel Lynch (Appointed)

Daniel works for Children and Young People's Services, as part of the Local Authority, where he provides Careers Guidance and support to young people in County Durham. He comes from an extensive teaching background, having taught English in several secondary schools and alternative provisions across the North East. He is an elected Parish Councillor and looks forward to utilising his knowledge of Careers Guidance to improve outcomes and destinations for students. He is passionate about education and is a strong believer in 'Every Child Matters'. As a school governor, he hopes to ensure that all students, irrespective of backgrounds, make excellent progress and enjoy their time at school.

Hannah Juby (Co-opted)

Hannah Juby joined the Governing Board as a co-opted governor in 2023, having been a governor at Gilesgate Primary School, where she was Vice Chair from 2018 and Chair from 2020 to 2022, helping to see the school through the challenges of the pandemic and supporting the school in moving to an Ofsted judgment of 'Good' in 2023. Hannah has been a self-employed teacher and translator of English, French and Spanish since graduating in Modern Foreign Languages at Durham University in 2005, teaching in a variety of settings from homes to schools and even prison. Hannah currently runs Spanish clubs at several primary schools, in addition to teaching a range of ages privately, preparing pupils for GCSE examinations and conducting speaking exams. Hannah's interests as a governor are in the area of helping to improve outcomes for all students, but particularly for disadvantaged students. Hannah has one son currently at the school.

Alice Hiley (Parent Governor)

Dr Alice Hiley is a freshwater ecologist, with one son at Framwellgate School Durham. She has 30 years of experience assessing river health and shaping ecological monitoring standards. Alice now holds a national strategy and policy role with a focus on climate change adaptation for wildlife. She is a trained facilitator, with experience of managing conflict and difficult conversations. Alice is a STEM ambassador, passionate about access to opportunities for young people and creating a stronger connection to the natural environment. Alice has

a wide range of experience and is keen to use this to support the Governing Board and school.

Helen O'Brien (Parent Governor)

Helen has over 15 years' experience working within pastoral roles in local secondary schools, covering safeguarding, behaviour, attendance and welfare. Her current role involves overseeing the behaviour, attendance and welfare of a KS4 year group. Helen has four children, all of whom have attended Framwellgate School Durham, and her youngest daughter is currently in Year 7. As a parent, Helen has experienced first-hand the support provided by Fram for her own children and is keen to use her experience to help ensure that pastoral care continues to remain one of the strengths at Framwellgate School.

Jamie Sands (Staff Governor)

Jamie started his teaching career at Framwellgate School Durham in 2013 as a Newly Qualified Teacher. He has held several roles at Fram, including Vocational Leader for Sport and Professional Tutor before taking over as Curriculum Leader for PE, Sport and Health in 2019, initially as a maternity cover and then permanently in 2021. Jamie also works for the AQA exam board as an A' level moderator, working alongside many different schools in the area. In his spare time, Jamie is the manager of Durham County Schools FA U16 football team, providing opportunities for players in the Durham area to play representative football on a national level, helping to develop many players who have now made it into the professional game. In the summer, Jamie also works for CMT Learning as a Camp Director. CMT are education and sports specialists who provide summer camps working alongside some of the world's top educators, sports brands, clubs, and coaches to develop action-packed, effective and high-quality programmes using the latest science, technology, and teaching and coaching methodologies. As the exclusive operators of Nike Sports Camps in the UK, as part of CMT, Jamie works with players from all over the world in Nike summer sports camps each year.