Who is Moorfield's Governing Board?

Welcome to Moorfield's Governing Board. We'd like to introduce ourselves and show our faces. Hopefully you can learn a bit more about who we are, what we do and why we're here! We would always love to hear from you so if you want to get in touch, please drop any of us an email at any time.

Paul Anderson - Moorfield's Headteacher is a member of the school board and attends all meetings and committees.

<u>Suzanne Lockwood – Co-Chair of Governors, Parent Governor &</u> <u>Curriculum Link Governor</u>

I joined the board in January 2021 and in September 2023 became Co-Chair. I also sit on the Teaching and Learning committee and am the Curriculum Link Governor. I have a daughter in Year 3 and a younger son who will hopefully be at Moorfield in a couple of years' time.

I have worked within the education sector for nearly 15 years, with the UK's biggest enterprise and financial education charity, Young Enterprise. I work with and in schools, colleges and universities delivering sessions to children and young people to support them in making decisions about their futures and the important role their education plays in that. I have an understanding of education from primary through to HE and a real passion for ensuring all young people have access to the best possible future through their education and wider experiences.

I joined the board to make a difference to the future of Moorfield. I look forward to continuing to help make a positive impact at the school.

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<u>Georgina Facer - Co-Chair of Governors, Parent Governor, EYFS and SEND Link</u> <u>Governor</u>

I joined the board in October 2021 as a Parent Governor and in September 2023 became Co-Chair. I have a daughter who is currently in KS1.

I have a degree in Early Years Education and have worked in the education sector for the past 5 year at a private day nursery. I have practical and theoretical experience and knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and of Key Stage One.

I am looking forward to playing an active role in the strategic direction and development of the school, as well as working in partnership with the head teacher, staff and board members.

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<u>Nicola Williams – Vice Chair of Governors, Co-opted Governor and</u> <u>Attendance Link Governor</u>

Hi I am Nicki. I joined the board in October 2021 as a Parent Governor and in September 2023 became Co-Chair. I am mum to Annabelle who joined Moorfield in September 2021.

I have lived locally for my entire life but have been in Hazel Grove for the past 15 years.

I am passionate about education being accessible to all young people no matter what their background.

I currently work for a national charity improving school attendance. We work with disadvantaged young people and their families to give holistic full family support to enable these young people, no matter how complex their home life, to get into school, ready to learn.

I head our operations and have teams nationally. In addition to operational management, I support safeguarding and referrals to Early Help and Children's Social Care.

I also support our PR and communications team with their work lobbying the government for policy change.

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<u>Liz Knott – Co-Opted Governor</u>

After joining the board in 2018, I shared the role of Co-Chair and then became Chair of Governors in 2020. I have stepped down from this role, but have remained on the Governing Board. I have one daughter who attended Moorfield, but has recently moved onto High School. I have lived around the corner from school since 2015, and although I was born and raised in Walsall in the West Midlands, I very much see myself as an honorary 'Mancunian/Stopfordian' after living here for over 20 years. I am married to a teacher and we also run a small but successful football coaching company for children aged 3-11 years.

I work for a government arm's length body who regulates the financial viability and governance of providers in the social housing sector. As part of my role I manage casework of providers who are non-compliant with our regulatory standards, and as such I am very experienced in the key principles and practices of good financial management and strong governance. I hope that my skills and experience will continue to assist in developing the school board and ensure it fulfils its duties and responsibilities to the highest standards.

I am very proud to be part of the school and privileged to have the opportunity to work with everyone at Moorfield, all of whom are equally committed to ensuring the best for our pupils. There has been a lot of refreshment of the board recently, and I hope that we can continue to strengthen our processes and our ability to support and challenge to ensure our school offers the best opportunities for both staff and pupils.







<u>Graeme Vout - Co-Opted Governor - Chair of Resources & Staffing Committee</u> <u>& Safeguarding Link Governor</u>

I was appointed as a co-opted Governor and Chair of the Resources & Staffing Committee in 2020 having held different roles on the Governing Board for a number of years. My daughter was a pupil at Moorfield Primary School before moving onto high school.

I am also Safeguarding Link Governor. I am a qualified Landscape Architect and Planner and have worked in both the private and public sector with much of my work focused on Town & City Centre Regeneration and Management. My interests include cycling, photography and the cello.

It is a privilege to be a Governor at Moorfield and be part of a team that supports the education and development of young individuals.

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John Wright - Local Authority Governor and H&S Link Governor

I am the Local Authority Governor at Moorfield, a position I have held for over twelve years. I see my role as Governor as supporting the school, the head teacher and of course the excellent staff. I am very proud to be a part of Moorfield School.

I am a qualified teacher, teaching Physics and Maths for thirty three years to 'A' Level and beyond. I also held The Queens Commission in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve Training Branch throughout my teaching career, working with pupils in the Combined Cadet Force. Prior to working in the CCF I was involved in the Scout Movement, from being a Cub Scout, eventually gaining my Queens Scout Award, to holding a Leaders Warrant for many years. I am a keen advocate of outdoor education, particularly Adventure Training activities. I have also assisted with the expedition training part The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

After my retirement I represented the residents of Stepping Hill ward as an elected member of the Council. My main remit on the Council was Public Health. My wife and I were proud to represent the residents of Stockport in the role of Deputy Mayor and Mayoress until the pandemic sadly curtailed that very enjoyable role.

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Rebecca Shortt - Staff Governor

Hello, my name is Rebecca and I have been a staff governor for 5 years at Moorfield. I have taught in a range of year groups across Key Stage 1 over the last 5 years and I have now been based in Reception for the last 4 years where I have found my passion. Every day in the Early Year is a new exciting adventure and not one day is the same! I love being surrounded by our youngest learners and seeing them grow and develop. I am responsible for leading Phonics and Early Reading within our school.

I believe that the most important thing we can develop in our children is a lifelong love of learning and providing opportunities to fulfil this is paramount to their educational experience. As a staff governor, I am keen to ensure that the views of everyone within our schools' community are shared and valued.









Abigail Gates - Co-Opted Governor

Hi, my name is Abi and I have been a teacher at Moorfield for the past 3 years. Last year I had the pleasure of joining the Governors here and have enjoyed being part of such a wonderful school community. I have taught year 5 and now teach year 6 and currently lead PSHE within the school.

I love the excitement that teaching and learning brings, especially for those older learners as they prepare for their next steps.

I believe our children's wellbeing is an essential part of our curriculum. Being involved in PSHE as well as the wellbeing committee has given me an invaluable opportunity to learn more and support the school in its goals. As both governor and teacher, I hope to support the school community in any way I can.

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<u>Stephen Clements-Gray – Parent Governor and Chair of Teaching and Learning</u>

I have spent all my professional life working with young people. Firstly, in the youth service and then as a teacher after gaining my Post Graduate Certificate in Education. I managed science departments in a number of High Schools in Greater Manchester and Cheshire. For the last five years of my career, I taught Year 5 up to year 12 in a special school and managed the science and modern foreign languages departments.

I have completed a diploma in education management at MMU and have kept up to date with training in special needs and a range of other areas.

I was previously a Governor, Health and Safety Representative and Union representative in a High School.

I retired in 2018 to become a full-time parent and have a child in Year 5 at Moorfield and another at a local High School.

I am interested in Teaching and Learning, PSHE, Special Needs and Inclusion and sit on the Teaching and Learning committee at Moorfield. I enjoy travel and maintain two classic Citroen cars in my leisure time.

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Paul Attenborough – Parent Governor

Hello, my name is Paul and my oldest child joined the school in 2022. After seeing how hard the staff work (often in their own time) I decided to contribute back to the school by becoming a governor.

I think the school is a valuable part of our community that we all can, and should, contribute to. Recently I took over as Chair of the MHSA which conducts fundraising events throughout the year to raise extra money for the school. I find it rewarding when everyone works together to achieve something and even my daughter likes to help out!

In my job I provide advice and training for organisations working with X-ray equipment and radioactive materials. My work is incredibly varied and involves working with a wide variety of organisations from heavy industry and manufacturing to schools and government regulators.

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