

# 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.*

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## Liz Knott – Chair of Governors

After joining the board in 2018, I shared the role of Co-Chair and then became Chair of Governors in 2020. I have one daughter who is currently in KS2 at the 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 are enabling me to develop 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.



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## Michelle Robinson – Vice Chair & Chair of Wellbeing Committee

I am a co-opted governor and have recently been appointed Vice Chair of Governors. I have been a parent at Moorfield since 2011. I am a freelance musician specialising in working with choirs. I have a particular interest in arts and culture and believe that our horizons can be expanded through participation in the arts. I also have an interest in wellbeing and think that now, more than ever, we, as a society, must have a focus on this area.

I am delighted to be part of the governing body and, along with my colleagues, I hope to be able to support the staff to deliver the best education to our children and, most importantly, ensure we have a happy school where staff and pupils will flourish and the community will benefit.

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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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## **Graeme Vout - Co-Opted Governor - Chair of Resources & Staffing Committee & Safeguarding Link Governor**

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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## **Suzanne Lockwood - Co-opted Governor – Curriculum Link Governor and Chair of Teaching & Learning Committee**

I joined the board in January 2021 and I am the current Chair of the Teaching and Learning committee and Curriculum Link Governor. I have a daughter in Year 2 and my niece and nephew both went to Moorfield.

I have worked within the education sector for over 13 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 FE and a real passion for ensuring all young people have access to the best possible future through their school life 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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## Rebecca Shortt - Staff Governor

Hello, my name is Rebecca and I have been a staff governor for 3 years at Moorfield. I have taught in a range of year groups across Key Stage 1 over the last 6 years and now I am currently based in Reception. I am also responsible for leading English across school as part of the English team.

I believe that the most important thing we can develop in our children is a life-long 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.

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## Nicola Williams - Parent Governor & Attendance Link Governor

Hi I am Nicki, I am mum to Annabelle who joined Moorfield in September 2021.

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

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

I head our Northern operations and have teams across Manchester, Liverpool, Blackpool and Bradford and as well as strategic and operational management, I support with safeguarding and referrals to Early Help and Children's Social Care.

I am looking forward to getting started on the board and supporting the school's recovery from the pandemic





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## Dr Rifat Iqbal - Parent Governor - Development Governor

I have been a parent governor at Moorfield since September 2017. I am the link governor for Development. This role involves governing board training and development as well as the induction of any new governors. I am a wife and mother of 3 boys in year 6, 9 and 13. This in itself is a full time job keeping them in check. I enjoy spending time with my family, going on bike rides with my boys and I love gardening. I have a BSc (Hons) in Chemistry and a PhD in Polymer Chemistry. I had a research career which involved recording and analysing data, project management, IT skills, presenting results to senior or other research staff, writing research papers, reviews, summaries, reports and patents. I worked as a senior project manager for 13 years. Where I developed formulations and intellectual property. I attended various business meetings around Europe and Taiwan whilst managing projects. I am currently self employed as a property manager and landlord. My responsibilities involve the management of rent, tenants, property maintenance and repairs, owners, landlord-tenant laws, business operations, property records and accounting, and taxes.



I am a self-motivated, enthusiastic individual and I hope my knowledge, skills and experience can help in my role as a governor. I want to be involved in children's learning and the strategic decisions and future direction of the school. I would like to make a valuable contribution to children's education and help the future generation.

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## Georgina facer - Parent Governor & EYFS and SEND Link Governor

I joined the board in October 2021 as a Parent Governor and sit on the Teaching and Learning Committee. 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 member. [gov.georgina.facer@moorfield.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:gov.georgina.facer@moorfield.stockport.sch.uk)

