

## **Governor Pen Portraits**

### **Head Teacher- Mrs Vardey**

As head teacher I am automatically on the governing board!

### **Victoria Houghton**

Bursar and School Office Manager- no trouble knowing where to find her!

### **Lisa Gallagher**

Class Teacher for Reception/ year 1; staff representative on the governors

### **Mark Barlow- Chair of Governors**

My name is Mark Barlow and I have been a governor at the school since 2009, serving as Chair of Governors since 2012. I live in Nateby and have 3 children who all attended the school, with my youngest leaving in 2018.

As a family we have always appreciated that our village has such a good 'all round' school available for our children. As a smaller school, Nateby Primary School has always been able to allow its pupils to learn and develop in a more caring, friendly atmosphere whilst at the same time setting high standards and providing lots of opportunities for learning outside the classroom. I feel that this is one of its main strengths and one which I believe should always be protected and maintained. Our own children certainly benefited from this approach.

As someone keen to support the school and the local community I am very happy to give up some of my free time to work with my fellow governors to play a part in helping the school to continue its development, confidently going on to set even higher standards in the future.

### **Diane Meadows**

I have worked for many years locally as a nurse and have links with many local community groups. My 3 children all attended Nateby School, the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of the family to do so. During this time I served as a parent governor. After a short break I returned as a local authority governor. I think Nateby Primary is a fantastic school and am keen to build on the success it has had in the past by continuing to make changes and developments, to ensure its success in the future. It is also important to me to maintain its links with the local community.

### **Sharon Christian**

I come from a legal background having qualified as a Solicitor in 2006 currently working in the Charity Sector.

As a parent of 2 children at Nateby I am delighted to serve as a Parent Governor. I am keen to support the continuous development of our caring and inclusive school and believe that all children should feel valued and supported to reach their true potential.

### **Francesca Bradley**

Hi, I'm Francesca, I have been a governor since 2019, I currently have 2 children at Nateby primary school. I find being a governor and a parent gives me a good overview of how well Nateby operates from both perspectives. I sit on the finance committee as I have a background in finance.

### **Lyn Lawrenson**

My name is Lyn Lawrenson and I am mum to Sarah who is now in Year 6. As a family, we have been involved with Nateby school since 2013 when Sarah's older brother, John joined reception.

I currently work as a senior nurse in a local charity funded organisation, after 22 years within the NHS. My goal is to represent the parent's views and support the school to provide pupils with the best education they can have and then leave Nateby as well rounded young people, prepared to the best of their ability for High School.

Particularly post Covid, I am interested in supporting the school to ensure the physical and mental health and wellbeing of the pupils and staff is optimised and maintained.

Our school has changed over the last ten years but one thing that hasn't changed is that Nateby continues to be a happy, positive and inclusive community, where everyone is treated with individuality.

### **Laura Barnes**

I have been a governor at Nateby School since 2019. I decided to become a governor as I wanted to ensure compliance and accountability were being upheld within the school, and also to help support the school in any way I can.

On a personal level, I work in Garstang with a background in compliance, food safety and health and safety. My daughter is in year 5 at Nateby School and has attended since reception. She has had a great experience at this school, thanks to its community and family feel, and its passion in encouraging sports for all.

When I'm not working or on the school run, I can usually be found with a cup of tea in my hand stood at the side of a football or hockey pitch!

**Natalie Gardner**

I have been a parent governor at Nateby Primary School since December 2021 and I have one child in the infants and one child in the juniors at school.

I am a chartered accountant and I am part of the Staffing, Curriculum & Finance sub-committee within the governing body.