

Lakeside Primary School

GOVERNORS



Neil Rose – Chair of Governors

My Name is Neil Rose and I am the **Chair of Governors** at Lakeside Primary School. This means that I get the opportunity to work with the fantastic team of staff and governors at the school.

I have been a Governor at Lakeside since 2016 and have been involved with a wide range of topics such as hiring of staff, to health and safety and reviewing of policies. The job can be very difficult at times, especially when difficult decisions need to be made, but the passion and community pride of all the staff and pupils makes everything worthwhile.

Since September 2019, I have taken on the role of Chair of Governors. This is a fantastic opportunity to help develop Lakeside further to make it a school who pride themselves on preparing children for the next stages of their education and ensuring that they have all the academic and social tools required to succeed in the future.

So why become a governor at Lakeside Primary School? During 2013, I had completed a placement at Lakeside as part of my teaching degree (I have a 2:1 BA honours degree in primary education). It was my first proper experience of teaching children in an educational setting. I had a fantastic time and I was made very welcome by all the staff at the time, most of whom still work at the school. In 2016, I was approached by the school to join the governing board as I was, and still am, heavily involved with community work through the Scout association.

I was truly honoured that they believed I had the skills to help develop and push the standards at Lakeside and therefore accepted. Since then, I have held roles such as link governor for Health and Safety and Chair of the Finance Committee.

I hope that as Chair of Governors, I see Lakeside continue to grow and push for ever higher standards, securing a better future for this generation and those that follow. I hope that I can inspire children to become leaders and outstanding citizens.

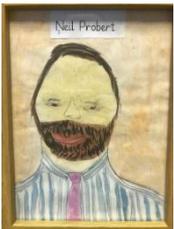
If you see me in school please say hello!

Helen Masefield – Vice Chair of Governors

I am pleased to be a Governor at Lakeside. My career has been in education, as a teacher, advisory teacher, data manager, Ofsted inspector and school improvement advisor helping me develop a range of experiences to enable me to support the school leadership team. I believe good leadership is the key to any successful school or business and I hope that the governing body will provide good leadership in partnership with the head teacher and MAT.

I loved my time at primary school and I want to support the team at Lakeside to ensure pupils enjoy their time at school and are encouraged to achieve their potential through a range of experiences in a safe environment. I am a firm believer in teaching languages in our schools.

I enjoy keeping fit by cycling, swimming and hill walking. I like to travel. I read widely but have a particular interest in First World War poetry and literature related to that period.



Neil Probert

I have been **Headteacher** at Lakeside Primary since September 2018. I believe in working closely with parents, the local community and other schools in the local area to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to achieve excellent outcomes. I fundamentally believe in providing an education that will help produce well rounded individuals that are successful in anything they aspire to be. It is important to me that the school has a 'family feel' and I am passionate that we work with the whole school community to maintain a safe environment that promotes resilience with a 'can do' attitude.



Jane Downes

I became a member of the Governing body as a Parent Governor almost 20 years ago. I am currently a **Staff Governor** and my role at Lakeside is Teaching Assistant. Before joining Lakeside, I worked for 25 years in retail. I have been married for over 30 years and have 2 grown up children and am a very proud Grandma. My hobbies include travelling around the UK in our motorhome.



Whitney Davies

My name is Whitney Davies and I joined Lakeside as a Newly Qualified Teacher in 2012. I have worked at Lakeside for 8 years now, and have loved every second! I have recently joined the Senior Leadership Team, and I am responsible for overseeing the curriculum for Mathematics, Music, Foreign Languages, and also PE, where with support of the Governors, help manage the way our annual sports premium is spent. In 2017 I qualified with a Masters degree in Education which I feel has helped me improve as a teacher, and will hopefully be a valuable resource to the Governing body. I have been fortunate enough to work in a range of year groups in my time at Lakeside, which gives me a good understanding of what we need to do as a Governing body to improve teaching and learning even further.



Hayley Meads

I joined Lakeside's Governing Body in 2017 as a **Parent Governor** after having many years of involvement with Lakeside Primary School through family members and am totally committed to the school throughout. I am now proud to say that my own two children are pupils there too.

I feel excited to be part of an amazing team, to be the voice of the parents and to help the school continue to succeed.

I currently work as a Personal Welfare Support Assistant. I am a qualified Level 3 Teaching Assistant, and thoroughly enjoy every day at Lakeside working alongside an amazing team and wonderful children.

I take pride in my work and will always continue to contribute 100% towards the ongoing success of Lakeside Community Primary School.

David Ellis

I am Lakeside School's elected **Parent Governor** and **SEND Link Governor**.

I have lived in Tamworth for 15 years and on Lakeside for the last 5. I have strong links to the school, not only as it forms a key part of the local community but also both of my children are now enrolled in the School. Added to this, my wife is a former pupil too.

I aim to bring to the Governing body a voice for the pupils and parents of Lakeside, as well as a set of skills developed in the private sector that can not only assist the school in delivering on its educational mission, but also deliver in the interests of parents and children alike.

Rev. Gary Simmons

I am Lakeside governor for **Pupil Premium** and **Sports Premium**

I am the local Church of England vicar at St George`s Church, Glascote. We have lived here now for nearly 4 years. I am married to Avril and have two grown-up sons. It is a privilege and responsibility to serve on the Governing Body, and it is great to be able to strengthen community links between church and school. I like being active, enjoying most sports, hillwalking and gentle jogging – as well as real ale, crosswords and a good book!

Craig Wilkes

I am Lakeside **Finance Governor**

I am delighted to take up my first Governors role at Lakeside. In my professional life I have built a career in banking and finance helping me develop a wealth of experience in understanding performance, adhering to regulation, developing strategic objectives and working to achieve outcomes both individually and as part of a team with differing skillsets. I firmly believe that education is the cornerstone of success and I am passionate about helping both Lakeside and its students achieve their potential through education, ensuring youngsters are provided the best opportunities to succeed in a safe and nurturing environment.



Anne Jones

My role is **Clerk to the Governors**. I have wide and varied experience in education, working across several different Local Authorities as a teacher and as a Headteacher in two schools in Staffordshire.

On retirement I went straight back in schools working with Governing Boards as a nationally accredited Clerk for Staffordshire (now Entrust) Governor Services in a wide and varied number of schools and Academies. My work with Entrust has further developed into undertaking Governance Reviews as an Associate Consultant, as well as developing/writing and delivering Governor training both bespoke and generic.

I am an NCTL Associate (previously NCSL) and was invited to present a paper I had written on Network Learning at an International Conference in Barcelona some years ago.

I am passionate about education and love to travel.

I feel very privileged to be able to work with and support the Governing Board, Headteacher and Staff at Lakeside in their pursuit of excellence.

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