

## Know your Governors



Hello and welcome,

My name is John Aizlewood and I am the current Chair of the Governing Body for our school, St. Peter's C. of E. Primary School in Simonstone. I am a Project Manager with Robert McBride, based in Manchester. With previous experience in Managing Factory Operations, Quality, Environmental and Health & Safety Management these skills can help contribute to the work as a governor. I spend the majority of my spare time in several voluntary roles as well as a governor, including Church Warden and with Lancashire Constabulary

Community Road watch. I am married to Liz, who is a familiar face in school helping with the reading, and two children, Lydia who is studying at Lincoln University and Will who is at St. Christopher's CE High School.

I first became a governor in June 1999 and took on the role of Vice-Chair in 2005 and Chairman a year later. I was appointed by the Parochial Church Council as at that time I was a Sidesman at St. Peter's Church and as a parent of a child at the school. Both my children have been through the school and benefited from the high educational standards that form the school's reputation. Although they are now in higher education I have continued as chair of governor's as I still have the passion to keep seeing this delightful school providing the best for all the new children joining us and maintain the strong link with the Church.

The work of a governor is challenging at times, but there are great rewards and satisfaction as the results continue to improve and seeing the happy faces on the children. It is a privilege to help guide the strategic direction of the school to enable successive years of children are well prepared for their journeys in life.

My job has been made easier by a dedicated team of governors who are always willing to participate actively and take on the responsibilities of managing the school. Lest we forget, we are all unpaid volunteers and have to manage full time jobs, family life and other commitments.

During this time I have worked with three Head teachers and seen major improvements to the buildings and grounds to make the environment safer and better equipped for the children's learning. We have a great team of staff at the school who are totally committed to the vision ... "Keys to Faith and Knowledge".