



Tarquin Cross

Foundation Governor

My name is Tarquin Cross. I have been a Governor at Brunton First School since 2012, initially as a Parent Governor and more recently in a co-opted role. I am a member of the Staffing, Finance and Premises committee and am the link governor for science and technology. I am a hospital-based Consultant and a Clinical Director within Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. I also sit on South Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group's Governing Body. I therefore have a strong background in clinical governance and have tried to use these transferable skills to support the work and development of our amazing school. Being a School Governor has been a hugely rewarding experience and I would recommend it to anyone who might be interested. The time commitment is not too burdensome and the associated training has also helped with my personal development. I have learnt a lot about education, finance, safeguarding and recruitment to name just a few areas. I have also seen first-hand the incredible amount of hard work and effort that Mrs McKay and the staff put in to keep our school growing and excelling in the current challenging educational environment. I am very proud of our school and its achievements and am immensely thankful for my daughter's time at Brunton.