



Meet the Governors



The governing body is made up of volunteers who give their time freely to support, guide and challenge the work of the school.

Mr Philip Watters, Chair of Governors Parent Governor

Having moved to Cramlington in early 2017 with my Wife Louise and our three daughters Madeleine, Elizabeth and Annabelle, I wanted to find something that would help us get to know the area and community that we have moved to. Helping as the Chair of Governor at Beaconhill Primary School feels like the perfect opportunity to not only get to know but to support our new community and School at the same time.



I have worked for Network Rail for 18 years having started as an apprentice in 2002, my current role of Signalling and Telecoms Engineer is one that I enjoy immensely and has given me a wide range of both Technical and Leadership skills. During my time with Network Rail I have grown to become a firm believer of continuous improvement and I hope that the experience and skills I have can be used to help Beaconhill continue to grow.

In my spare time I enjoy cycling and reading but you'll mostly find me with my "Daddy Pig" jacket on chasing round after our three girls or marching them up Northumberlandia in a desperate attempt to wear them out!

Mrs Amanda Forbes, Headteacher Governor

I arrived as deputy Headteacher at Beaconhill in 1996! As Headteacher of the school I am also a member of the Governing Body. I am fully committed to equality of opportunity so that each child can achieve to their full potential. Central to this philosophy is a belief that school operates best when relationships are positive, not least those between teacher and pupil, school and home, and also amongst staff. It is our family ethos and dedicated staff which makes our school highly successful, and affords our pupils security, care and challenge.

I live with my long suffering husband and teenaged twins in Morpeth. Together we enjoy long walks with our springer spaniel Mollie, watching bad television and sharing takeaway pizza - much like every other family in the school.



Mrs Paula Allen,
Parent Governor
Specialism in EYFS/SEN

I have been a parent Governor since 2014, and am now entering my second term of office. I am working with school staff to develop a general specialism in EYFS and SEN. I have been working with children for over 20 years, first starting as a private nanny. I have since had my own family and both my children have attended Beaconhill. I became a Governor because I think it is important to know your child's school and to take an interest in what happens at that school. I enjoy being part of decision making and making myself more knowledgeable.

Most of my hobbies and interests relate to my children- we enjoy bike rides, cinema trips and spending lots of time with my family. We also enjoy our annual holiday to Scotland.

Miss Nicola Andrews
Staff Governor



I have been a teacher since 2007 and began teaching at Beaconhill in 2010. I have a keen interest in maths and music education. I joined the governing body in 2018. Beaconhill is a fantastic place to work because of the team ethos, and the families and children are wonderful to work with. I am lucky enough to have taught almost every child in the school. I teach in Nursery alongside a brilliant team and every day is different! I live in Cramlington so often bump into the children when I'm out walking with my little boy and my dog in the evening. I am a keen rock climber and can be found in one of the indoor centres in Newcastle and when the weather is good I'll be exploring the local crags.

Councillor Barry Flux
Community Governor

Barry Flux is a local authority councillor for Cramlington West ward (which covers the school) on both Northumberland County Council and Cramlington Town Council.

Barry works for a regional youth charity and enjoys keeping fit and healthy.

Darren Starling
Co-Opted Governor

I have been a Co-Opted Governor at Beaconhill Community Primary School since Summer 2019. The school's huge commitment to the children and local community, and the depth of the Education that the children of Beaconhill Primary School is what really attracted me to working with the school in my capacity as Governor.

Despite living in Wallsend, I feel a strong affinity with the vision of the ethos of the School and what the leadership, teachers and support staff are seeking to achieve for the children in the community.

Currently, I work as Director of Education for a local supply teaching agency, something I have worked in since graduating from University 10 years ago, and I am also active in other Governing Bodies and a Multi Academy Trust in a Trustee Role. Education, and specifically ensuring that children receive the best possible Education, is something I am hugely passionate about.

In my spare time, I like to travel as much as possible, and take (not so long!) walks with my Pug.

Barry Laurie
Vice Chair



I am currently working as a Deputy Headteacher in a Primary School in Sunderland. I have been teaching since 2006. I have worked in many schools both in the West Midlands and the North-east and enjoy this job immensely!

I have always been extremely proud and passionate about education and that is what attracted me to the role of Governor here at Beaconhill Primary School. I have a strong belief that every child, no matter of background deserves the very best education and this role always me the opportunity to contribute to your child's educational experience.

I enjoy football, listening to music, cooking and socialising with my wonderful group of friends and family. I also have a lovely dog called Mango who takes up a lot of my time but he is worth it.

If you do see me around School then please come and say hello or if there are any suggestions as to how to make School life better than I am more than willing to hear from you.

Lisa Brown
Parent Governor



This is my first year being a parent governor and I am looking forward to becoming more knowledgeable about how the school works. I attended the school as a child and both my children did also. I want to get involved in helping teachers and parents I any way I can after needed that support in the past myself.

I work full time as an area manager in catering and my husband is also in catering so a lot of family time baking cakes and making a mess of the kitchen. We love going on dog walks with our puppy Buddy with lots of adventures outdoors.