

Mrs Carolyn Wood
Co-Chairperson



Appointed 1.09.2016

Up until my retirement in 2016, I worked for Derbyshire County Council for 26 years and during that time, I held a number of roles including Headteacher, School Improvement Adviser and Ofsted Inspector. Throughout my professional career, I have always been passionate about ensuring that all children achieve their potential in their school life and in supporting them and their families to this end. In my role as a School Improvement Adviser I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to work closely with Howitt Primary Community School in shaping its future so, when I retired, I was delighted to be asked to join the governing body and support the school from a new and exciting perspective. I really enjoy coming into the school on a regular basis, meeting with, and chatting to the children, staff and parents.

I am a member of the children and learning committee and am responsible for the learning environment, data and Head teacher performance management.

Mrs Jane Bowley
Co-Chairperson



Appointed: 27.02.2018

I was proud to be elected as Co-Chair of Governors at the start of this school year.

I am also Chair of the Children and Learning Committee and have responsibilities for overseeing; the Creative Curriculum, Most Able Pupils, Pupil Premium and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

I have a strong background in education. Before I retired, I taught in primary schools for thirty-eight years and I was a school governor for thirty-six of those years.

Being the deputy headteacher at a nearby school also enabled me to gain a good knowledge of the area. I had lots of opportunities to work with Howitt Primary Community School and join in activities with them, such as taking pupils on a residential visit to France.

During my career, I was; the Co-ordinator for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Designated Child Protection lead, Maths co-ordinator and Literacy co-ordinator. I was also Acting Headteacher for a time.

I am enjoying being a governor at Howitt Primary Community School and I work hard to do the best I can for the school including; taking part in further training, monitoring visits, observations and contributing to action plans and reviews.

The school staff and senior leadership team always give us a warm welcome and the motivation and enthusiasm they have for the progress of the pupils is infectious.

Of course, the pupils are at the centre of everything we do. I often have the opportunity to talk with them and they are always polite and give lots of helpful feedback and ideas.

Mr Bob Harper
Vice chair Co-opted



Appointed: 31.08.2015

My business moved to Heanor in 1975 and up to my retirement we employed over 30 people so I have gained considerable commercial experience my responsibilities included finance and sales. I wanted to put something back into the local community and have been on the governing board since the school amalgamated over 10 years ago. I am both the children and learning and resource committees and am responsible for health and safety, risk assessments, security, single central record, premises, educational visits, finance, Head teacher performance management, creative curriculum, pupil premium and interventions.

Mrs Lynn Pilling
Headteacher



Appointed: 09.05.2015

I was appointed as class teacher at William Howitt Junior School in 1997. I became acting Headteacher of the Junior School in 2006 after the retirement of the current Headteacher. I was appointed the Deputy Headteacher of Howitt Primary Community School after William Howitt Junior school and Mary Howitt Infant school amalgamated in 2007. I became acting Headteacher at Howitt Primary after the sudden death of the then Headteacher and I was appointed as the Headteacher in January 2016. It has been hugely rewarding working with governors, staff and children at Howitt Primary Community School over the years. I am totally committed to providing the children in our continuously improving school with the best education and opportunities that I can working together with the whole school community. I am very proud to work at Howitt Primary Community School with such a committed and hard-working staff and have relished the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of developing Howitt Primary into the good school it is today. I am on both the children and learning and resource committees.

Business Interest-Son is landscape gardener

<p>Mr Darryl Richardson Co-opted governor</p>  <p>Appointed: 11.12.2017</p>	<p>I became a parent governor 4 years ago whilst my son was at this school. I myself had been a pupil here and remembered that time with great fondness. It just seemed right to get involved in trying to help the school and it's children to thrive and succeed.</p> <p>I am a member of the resource committee and am responsible for Head teacher performance management, science, PE and Spanish.</p>
<p>Mr Brian McBean Co-opted governor</p>  <p>Appointed: 31.08.2015</p>	<p>I have been involved on the governing body for many years and my family have had three children attend Howitt Primary School. I enjoy playing an active role in the life of the school and strive to give all children who attend Howitt my support. I am passionate about helping young people achieve their potential through education and ensuring youngsters have the best opportunities to succeed whilst growing into responsible and caring individuals.</p> <p>I am on the resource committee and am responsible for PE, PSHE/Citizenship/RE and mathematics.</p> <p>Pecuniary Interests-Spouse is a TA</p>
<p>Miss Hannah Wilson Staff governor</p> <p>Appointed: 27.02.2018</p>	<p>I am delighted to take up my first Governor's role at Howitt Primary Community School as I have worked here for 9 years. I started teaching in Year 3 before moving into Year 5, which is the year group I currently teach.</p> <p>My inspiration to teach came from volunteering at an Autistic Holiday Play Scheme whilst I was in 6th form. Seeing the children develop over the two weeks was a rewarding experience and made me realise that I wanted to pursue a career in teaching.</p> <p>I am passionate about helping children achieve their potential through education and ensuring they have the best opportunities to succeed, whilst growing into responsible, hardworking and caring individuals.</p> <p>As a teacher governor, I believe I can inject the reason and voice of both teachers and pupils into the conversations we have and the decisions we make.</p> <p>I am a member of the children and learning committee and am responsible for more able.</p>

Mrs Louise Lacey
Co-opted governor



Appointed: 01.09.2015

I am very proud to be serving my second term as a governor. My responsibilities as a governor are Safeguarding/Child Protection/Anti-Bullying/Looked After Children/School Council. I have worked at the school as a Teaching and Learning Assistant for 7 years and am now currently working in the school office as a Business Assistant. I have almost 30 years clerical/administration experience. Both my 2 children have attended Howitt Primary.

Mrs Donna Walters
Parent governor



Appointed: 27.02.2018

I have been a Parent Governor since April 2014. I have two daughters who attend school, one in nursery and one in the juniors.
I took on the role, as I wanted the opportunity to understand more about Howitt Primary Community School and help support the school in achieving the very best for the pupils.
I am a member of the children and learning committee, am responsible for EYFS (including 2 year olds), and wrap around care.

Mrs Clare Rhodes
Associate governor
Deputy Headteacher



Appointed: 20.4.16

I am proud to say that I am one of the Deputy Headteachers at this school. I have been in post since April 2016 and I am passionate about supporting our Headteacher to help drive the school forward. I feel that it is a real privilege to work in such a friendly school with a fantastic staff team and supportive Governing Board.

I joined the teaching profession in 2003 and during this time, I have had a number of fulfilling roles across Key stage 1 and Key stage 2. I am committed to ensuring that our school provides the very best opportunities for all of the children.

I am a member of both the children and learning and resource committees.

No voting rights.

Mr Martyn Fearn
Associate governor
Deputy Headteacher



Appointed: 20.4.16

I have worked for Derbyshire County Council for over 17 years and during this time, I have had a number of roles, including in leadership and management. Having recently joined Howitt Primary Community School as one of the two Deputy Headteachers, being an Associate Governor gives me the chance to work alongside other governors from a variety of backgrounds, to support the school and its community.

I am a member of both the children and learning and resource committees.

No voting rights.

Mr Joe Harvey
Parent governor



Appointed 07.02.17

I have been a Governor at Howitt Primary Community School since 2016 and really enjoy being part of a team dedicated to making sure Howitt Primary Community School is the best it can be. I have one child at the school and as a parent, I believe I can inject the reason and voice of parents in to the conversations we have and the decisions we make. I am an experienced solicitor working in private practice in Derby. I really feel that I can use my vast experience to support and help to drive this fantastic school forward in this exciting time.

I am a member of the resources committee and am responsible for computing, business links/Community cohesion and the website.

Mr Rob Moore



Clerk to the Governors

Past Governors within the last 12 months

Mrs Helena Devlin Mrs Jacqui Saunders Miss Sarah Dilks Mr Carl Betteridge Mrs Natalie Gascoyne Miss Deborah Lewis Mrs Celia Cox