

Anderton Primary School Governing Body

Our governing Body was re-constituted on 01/01/2015 and this constitution is reviewed annually.

Anderton Primary School's governing body is made up of:

- 1 Head Teacher
- 1 Staff Governor
- 3 Parent Governors
- 1 Local Authority Governor
- 6 Co-opted Governors

All governors other than the Headteacher have a 4 year term of office.

We have two working committees, a Resources committee that deals with Finance, Premises and Health and Safety, and a Standards and Effectiveness committee that deals with data, standards and staff.

Governors:

Mark Frost – Chair of Governors

Resources Committee, Standards and Effectiveness Committee (chair)

I am married with two grown up daughters. After working in industry for 30 years, I became a school business manager in 2015, and then worked as an administrator in the Youth Justice Service. Retired in 2022. I have been a school governor at Anderton since 2015.

Appointed 18/03/2023, term of office 4 years, appointed by Local Authority

No financial or business interests, No other governance roles, No relationships with school staff.

Rachel Norton-Smith – Head Teacher

Resources Committee, Standards and Effectiveness Committee

I have had the privilege of being Head Teacher of Anderton Primary School since September 2019. Previously I have worked in Blackburn, Preston and Lancaster and was head of two small village schools in the Lune Valley for 8 years prior to this post.

Appointed 01/09/2019, appointed by Ex. Officio

No financial or business interests, No other governance roles, No relationships with school staff.

Claire Hollister

35 years' experience of teaching in secondary schools

9 years as secondary Headteacher, 7 years as a deputy Headteacher

1 years' experience in LA advisory work (secondment)

10 years as a contracted school inspector for secondary, primary, special, academy and maintained schools

I retired from headship 7 years ago and currently work part time a contracted school inspector, providing school improvement support to schools and act as the external advisor for the appraisal of a number of headteachers/principals. Currently I am the chair of the management committee at Shaftesbury High School, a PRU in Coppull and a trustee of an education Trust

Appointed 01/09/2024, term of office 4 years, appointed by Governing Body

Education consultant working for Parklands High School & self-employed contracted schools inspector, Governor at Shaftesbury High School, No relationships with school staff.

David Hunter- Vice-Chair of Governors

Resources Committee, Standards and Effectiveness Committee

I am a parent to a new starter at Anderton Primary School in 2021, and am pleased to have become a parent governor to support the school. I commit to always bringing enthusiasm to the role and offering any skills I can to contribute to the future of Anderton Primary. I am a branch manager at a high-street bank and have experience in finance and budgets, human resource, and recruitment. I have the ability to understand and respond effectively to the changing environment with a high degree of resilience, a particularly relevant skill after the past couple of years.

Appointed 01/10/2021, term of office 4 years, appointed by Parents

No financial or business interests, No other governance roles, No relationships with school staff.

Chris Jones

Resources Committee

My three kids have all attended the school with my youngest currently in year 3. They have benefitted so much from the nurturing environment provided by the school over my now 10 years of being a parent here. We have spoken in the family as to what we can do to support the school more and the time seemed right this year to step up and put my head above the parapet. What I have seen so far just makes me appreciate even more the incredible work that the staff do. Away from the school, I run a small financial advisory business and am a trustee for the Friends of Astley Hall (another wonderful local institution). I love supporting my wife and kids with their various hobbies and endeavours and if time allows am rarely happier than when walking in the hills.

Appointed 28/03/2023, term of office 4 years, appointed by Parents

No financial or business interests, No other governance roles, No relationships with school staff.

Katy Koleniak-Taylor

As a family, we moved to Adlington in 2017 and I currently have two children in the school in Years 5 and 1.

I have previously worked as a Business Unit Director within a law firm for 16 years where the key parts of my role were overseeing financial performance, budgeting, strategising for growth, process improvement, as well as pastoral care for a large team of 40+ individuals.

When my eldest started school at Anderton Primary, I quickly learned that the school is a fantastic community with people who really care at the heart of it. It is my aim as a governor to assist wherever I can to the continued success of the school and to further embed the morals and values that are at the foundation of such a wonderful school.

Appointed 15/11/2024, term of office 4 years, appointed by Parents

No financial or business interests, No other governance roles, No relationships with school staff.

Alyson Knowles

Standards and Effectiveness Committee

I have lived in Adlington for approximately 10 years having grown up in both Manchester and Shropshire. I have worked in primary and secondary education for approximately 19 years. For the last 13 years I have been employed as an Education Welfare and Safeguarding Adviser with One Education. I am a company Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Attendance Officer, Trainer and NSPCC qualified Safeguarding Supervisor (providing wellbeing and casework support to DSLs and those working in SEMH, hospital schools and Pupil Referral units with the most at-risk children). I am also an Education Welfare Adviser which means I work closely with schools, their pupils and families to improve attendance and punctuality over a number of local authorities in the North West. I am Advanced DSL trained and regularly attend training courses to support my work. Most recently focusing upon Emotional Based School Avoidance. As an additional role, I am also a Governors Clerk providing support and guidance to school governing bodies and Head Teachers during full governors meetings, resource committees and standards and curriculum committees.

Appointed 01/09/2024, term of office 4 years, appointed by Governing Body

Education consultant working for One Education Ltd, No other governance roles, No relationships with school staff.

Katie Laithwaite

Resources Committee, Standards and Effectiveness Committee

My name is Katie Laithwaite and I am the deputy head teacher here at Anderton primary school. As well as this I take on other roles which include, Class teacher, SENDCo, Pupil Premium Leader and Art co-ordinator. I have been teaching for 17 years and have 2 young children called Ollie and Annie. I wanted to become a governor at school so that I could become more involved in the strategic vision in moving our amazing school forward.

Appointed 22/11/2021, term of office 4 years, appointed by School Staff

No financial or business interests, No other governance roles, No relationships with school staff.

Gemma Rushton

Standards and Effectiveness Committee

I am a co-opted governor who works as a teacher in Year 2. It is a privilege to work alongside this very knowledgeable and experienced governing body and enjoy the contribution this role brings in improving the standard of education for all children at Anderton. Outside of work I have two young children who keep me very busy.

Appointed 27/02/2022, term of office 4 years, appointed by Governing Body

No financial or business interests, No other governance roles, No relationships with school staff.

Pamela Smith

Resources Committee, Standards and Effectiveness Committee

I am a HR professional with a wealth of experience in vocational education. When not at work, I am Theo's mummy and enjoy sharing my love of the outdoors with him. We love to hike and explore new places.

Appointed 12/01/2024, term of office 4 years, appointed by Governing Body

No financial or business interests, No other governance roles, No relationships with school staff.

Joanne Whiteley

Resources Committee, Standards and Effectiveness Committee

I have 7 years of experience of working within a large Primary School as a School Business Manager, so am familiar with many aspects of the current primary education environment. Prior to that I have many more years experience in operations and financial management which I feel would be beneficial as a governor.

Appointed 10/03/2025, term of office 4 years, appointed by Governing Body

No financial or business interests, No other governance roles, No relationships with school staff.