

Governor Profiles

Mr Les Archer – Chair of Governors

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- Long serving member of the Governing Body
- Now retired – previously worked at Pilkington Glass from leaving school – initially as a production trainee then finally as a production area manager before redundancy.
- Married to Sue – two children and two grandchildren
- Hobby – Fishing

Mr Paul Hughes – Vice Chair of Governors

- Married with two children
- I started as a Parent Governor – Both my children attended Cansfield
- I have served on various Governing Boards over the years
- Interested in Curriculum and data analysis
- Spent my entire career working in the video games industry
- I have helped build three successful game development companies
- Current Head of Technology at present Company
- Hold a degree in applied Mathematics
- Lived in Ashton for many years
- I am a keen inventor of magic and maker of ‘impossible bottles’
- A wannabe Heston Blumenthal in the kitchen

Mr Frank Riley – Co-opted Governor

- I became a Governor at Cansfield in 1983 as a Parent Governor
- Chairman of Finance Committee
- Now retired – previously worked at H.J.Heinz Co. for thirty five years and ended my career as UK Distribution Manager
- Married to Carol with two children who both attended Cansfield
- My hobbies are golf, travel and watching Wigan Athletic

Mrs Kath Hesketh – Co-opted Governor

- Long serving member of the Governing Body, prior to this I served as a Governor at a local Primary School
- I work as a Learning Support Assistant at Cansfield and enjoy the challenges and satisfaction that my role brings
- I have two grown up children who both attended Cansfield. My daughter is a History teacher at Cansfield and my son is currently at University. They are both proud to be ex Cansfield Students

Being a Governor at Cansfield is enjoyable and rewarding. It is a pleasure to be part of the Learning Journey of our students. I have particular interest in ensuring that every students is given every opportunity to be the best they can be here at Cansfield and leave prepared for the challenges of our changing world

Miss Laura Lowe – Parent Governor

- Daughter attends Cansfield
- Member of the local community and attended Cansfield
- Currently a lecturer of Health & Social Care
- Studying towards a Masters in Professional Practice in Education
- Previous experience includes working with NEET learners, delivering SRE and Health and Well-being support to young people
- Passionate about young people's rights and ensuring a positive learning experience for young people

Mrs Rebecca Clift – Parent Governor

- I have been a Governor at Cansfield for 4 years
- For the last 13 years I have been a governor at Nicol Mere Primary
- I am the Special needs and Disability Governor at both schools
- I am a member of the Safeguarding, Pupil Welfare & Attendance committee
- I have a keen interest in the well-being and mental health of all students
- I am married with 2 children - one at Cansfield and one at university
- Worked for DWP for 25 years and am currently self-employed in property letting
- My family have always lived in Ashton

Mrs Jacqui Dandy – Co-opted Governor

- Married with two grown up daughters, who both attended Cansfield
- I work within the banking sector and my current role is within the Financial Crime Department
- I am part of the Finance Committee, Safeguarding Committee and a appointed Attendance Governor

There has been many changes during my time as a Governor, which has both been challenging and rewarding. I am committed to continuing to work alongside the Headteacher and Staff to ensure the students have a happy and secure environment in which to develop and achieve their potential

Mrs Nicola Phythian – Co-opted Governor

- School Governor for many years
- A Governor at a local Primary School
- Born and educated in Ashton
- Played a part in the Scout movement

The role of a governor is a varied one, it is voluntary and demands time and commitment. I joined because I wanted the children in this community to get the best education possible. A school is an extension of the community and it belongs to the community. As a parent and governor I know that everyone at Cansfield are committed to the education and well-being of their students

Mrs Raynor Bishop – Co-opted Governor

- I was born in Brighton and have lived in Ashton for over twenty years
- I have been a Governor at Cansfield for a number of years now
- I am the Safeguarding Governor at Cansfield
- It is an honour to have been a Governor at Cansfield and my aim is to continue this vital role particularly in regards to my passion for Safeguarding and children's health and well-being
- Qualified Primary School Teacher specialising in Science and SEN

Mrs Annette Kerner – LA Governor

- I was co-opted onto Cansfield Governing Body in October 2017 and I am a member of the Finance, Premises and Assets Committee, the Standards & Curriculum Committee and I am the Careers Governor
- I am a Vice Chair of Governors at Nicol Mere Primary school, starting as a Parent Governor and now currently co-opted
- I was employed by Wigan Council for twenty six years in the Planning Department working in Project Management. I dealt with various grant schemes during that time, mainly involving the community and voluntary sector
- I am now self-employed, in partnership with my husband, we run a Graphic Design agency
- I am married with two children who are both students at Cansfield. I love reading, crafts and family walks in the Lake District with our dog

Mr Dave Forshaw – Co-opted Governor

- Previous employment before teaching – Co-operative Bank
- Completed degree at Liverpool John Moores University
- Teacher of History at Cansfield
- Married to Karen with two children
- Hobbies – watching Saints rugby team

I have enjoyed my role as a governor, ensuring that the students are given every opportunity to fulfil their potential

Mrs Catherine May – Staff Governor

- I have worked at Cansfield since 1978.
- Staff Governor for 19 years.
- Hobbies: avid reader, armchair fan of rugby league supporting Saints and a petrolhead following F1, MotorGP, World Superbikes and British Superbikes.

It has proved very rewarding to belong to the governing body, responding to the responsibilities and challenges involved. Ensuring that our students have a happy and secure environment in which to develop and achieve their potential. Our school has a vital role to play to equip our students with the core skills and values they need to succeed and be happy.