

## Governor Pen Portraits

	<p><b>Liz Duncan - Chair of Governors</b> Liz is a Co-opted Governor and was appointed to our governing body in September 2010. Liz is a qualified teacher but since having her two children now works in Finance.</p>
	<p><b>Anna Stacey - Vice Chair of Governors</b> Anna is a Parent Governor and was appointed to the Governing Body on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Anna is Vice Chair and works closely alongside the Chair. More recently Anna has become Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor and undertaken the training this involves.</p>
	<p><b>Helen Richards</b> Helen is a Co-opted Governor and was appointed in 1999. Helen has seen the school go through many changes including amalgamation and more recently becoming an Academy. Helen is a Primary School teacher and brings a wealth of educational knowledge and experience to the Governing Body.</p>
	<p><b>Mark Richardson</b> Mark is a Co-opted Governor and was appointed to the governing body on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Mark has taken responsibility for all aspects of school sports with Live &amp; Learn Sports working with parents, staff and children at various schools. Mark became a school governor to enable him to have an overview of all aspects of school life and have an impact on our children's lives.</p>
	<p><b>Lee Quail</b> Lee is a Co-opted Governor and was appointed on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013. Lee is our Audit governor utilising his skills as a trained chartered accountant with a large multinational manufacturing company.</p>



**John Henderson - Chief Executive Officer**

John Henderson has been a Head teacher for 15 years and an Executive Head teacher for 7.

John is also a Director of Learners First an inclusive teaching school partnership of over 200 schools from all phases. Established in August 2012 Learners First is a not-for profit company whose main focus is to build excellence and address underperformance in equal measure through system-led school improvement and leadership development.

In 2009 John became a Local Leader of Education (LLE) and then in 2012 became a National Leader of Education (NLE)

John has also received an OBE for his Services to Education in 2015.



**Phil Marshall - Director of White Woods Primary Academy Trust**

Phil became a Director of White Woods Primary Academy Trust in July 2016 and has been designated as the Director attached to Wickersley Northfield Primary.

Currently Phil is a Director of PM Impact Ltd providing Leadership Support to Academies, schools and Multi-Academy Trusts. He is also a Director of Learners First which is a large, successful Teaching School Company delivering Leadership, Governor and School to School Support activities. This is based at Wickersley Teaching School. He has a broad range of intensive educational leadership experience spanning 3 decades. During this period he has worked successfully in a wide range of school leadership roles including 13 years as a secondary Head teacher in Rotherham. In each role he would hope to have demonstrated his ability to impact positively on the performance of adults in the pursuit of better progress and outcomes for children and young people.

Since 2011 he has worked with the Department of Education as an Adviser and was recently re-appointed as an 'Education Specialist'. He has also had the privilege of serving as the Chair of Governors for Hall Cross Academy in Doncaster and additionally has chaired 3 Interim Executive (Governor) Boards, most recently for Abbey Special School.

	<p>Claire Middleton - Head teacher          Claire was appointed Head teacher in January 2016 prior to this she was Head of School. As well as being Head Claire is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Claire has been a Primary Teacher for many years and has a wealth of experience in EYFS.</p>
	<p>John Swallow - Deputy Head teacher/Staff Governor          John was appointed Deputy Head in April 2017 and comes to Wickersley Northfield Primary from a primary school in Barnsley where he was Assistant Head.</p>
	<p>Ruth Gamble - Support Staff Governor          Whilst Ruth is a new addition to the Governing body she has been a member of support staff at Wickersley Northfield Primary for nearly 20 years. Ruth was originally employed in Key Stage One and has since become an HLTA and works in all key stages of the school.</p>
	<p>Stephanie Bruin - Parent Governor          Stephanie was appointed as parent governor in July 2017.</p> <p>I am driven by a desire to ensure the children of Northfield Lane have a balanced, enjoyable and fair experience throughout their education. With an ever changing government and changing targets, it is essential that our children's educational needs are fully met. My aim is to support the leadership team in delivering this, as well as being a pragmatic and objective voice for all parents at the school. I have a daughter in F2 and have had a good insight into some of the challenges both the children and the school</p>

	<p>face and want to make a long term commitment to this role.</p> <p>I am approachable and considerate of other's views and want to represent the parents of Northfield Lane to ensure that all voices are heard. I currently work as Controls Analyst for a bank and have extensive experience in supporting community involvement and change. I have previously been on the governing body for MENCAP, where I supported with integral aspects of making the organisation stronger. I have also been an independent advocate with vulnerable young children, as well as a befriender with Age concern; allowing me to offer valuable support to the local community.</p> <p>I want to ensure Northfield Lane is the best that it can be by supporting and challenging the areas that matter most and offering time, long term commitment and a balanced opinion. I have experience of making tough and challenging decisions but always approach things pragmatically ensuring any decision reached is thoroughly considered.</p>
	<p><i>Diane Sanderson - Clerk to Governors</i></p> <p>As well as being Clerk Diane is also the School Business Manager and Deputy Safeguarding Lead for the school. Diane is a member of the Senior Leadership team and has worked at Wickersley Northfield Primary for 18 years, she has also achieved the DSBM qualification.</p>