Local Governing Body

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Full Names and Roles	Date of Appointment
Vivienne Wilkes Chair of Governors and Safeguarding Governor	**1/5/2021**
Lee Mercer Health and Safety Governor (stepped down)	**19/11/18**
Neil Anthony Governor	**1/10/17**
Jack Moore Governor	**17/5/22**
Sally Wightman Clerk	**1/2/19**
Vicki Shaw Head of Marfleet Primary	**9/4/18**
Carolyn Dunnachie Teacher at Marfleet Primary	**8/6/18**
Natasha Whitehead Parent Governor	**12/7/21**
Alice Hemingway Teacher at Marfleet Primary (on maternity leave)	**10/10/22**

Vivienne Wilkes

I am Vivienne, the current Chair of Governors. I have been a Governor for 15 years on various Governing bodies across Nottinghamshire, Hull and East Riding.

I am married with a family. I am a qualified secondary school teacher with a degree in Theology, English and Education. I currently work outside of the education sector but feel that my work as a Governor allows me to continue my engagement.

I hold various voluntary roles across Hull and East Riding in addition to my employment. I feel that this allows me to bring a wide variety of skills and experience to the role of school Governor.

Lee Mercer

This is my first role as a school governor and have never been involved in the educational or public sectors. I believe this may give a balanced approach by having no previous preconceptions. My current employer is Fenner Dunlop whose factory is adjacent to the school. It is internally considered to be mutually beneficial for a Fenner Dunlop representative to be involved at a governors level to ensure excellent communication channels exists between the school and the company, a position I thought to be of great interest and potential challenge.
Within my working history I have held the position of a group health & safety and environmental manager, having various formal relevant qualifications brings a skill set I can suitably transfer into the role of H&S governor at Marfleet Primary.
I have two grown up daughters plus one daughter who is close to starting her school journey, which coupled with a wife who is a deputy head at a local primary school envelopes me into the world of primary education to which I am keen to take an active role to understand this ever evolving sector.

Neil Anthony

I live in East Hull and have been a Governor for a number of years. I have in the past served on the governing bodies of Malet Lambert, David Lister, Gillshill Primary and the White House. I have worked at Hull City Council as a Social Worker and Manager with experience in working with Children, Minority Ethnic Groups and Adults. I have been a Lecturer in Social Work at the University of Lincoln, Board Member of Humberside Probation Trust and currently serve as a Magistrate in Hull. I bring skills in problem solving, planning, human resources and working within a team. I applied to become a Governor because I believe in helping our children to gain the best possible all round education and that this is a partnership with parents. I have special interest in safeguarding and special education needs.

Jack Moore

I'm Jack and this is my first role as a school Governor. I am particularly excited about this position having spent my entire childhood (up to the age of 11) at Marfleet Primary, and serving as Head Boy of the school in 2007.
Since leaving college in 2015, I have worked for local mental health charity Hull and East Yorkshire Mind, leading on their marketing and communications activity. My role involves raising awareness of the services that the charity offers, educating local people on mental health, and empowering people to reach out and get the support they need and deserve.
In my spare time, I enjoy going on holiday, socialising with friends and family, and watching TV. I am also actively studying a marketing degree with The Open University. As a Governor, I am looking forward to utilising my skills and connections to enable the school and the wider school community to continue to thrive.

Sally Wightman
I am a National Governance Association qualified Clerk and have worked for Ebor Academy Trust since February 2019. I currently look after 8 Primary schools in the Ebor 'family'. I have been a Governors Clerk since 2013 and have previously worked extensively in the East Riding of Yorkshire.
My background is in banking and IT, having worked in this sector in Nottingham, London and Manchester before taking a career break to have a family. I returned to working life in school administration in 2008 which led to my interest in school governance.
I am also a governor for two schools, one an academy and one a maintained school.

Carolyn Dunnachie
Hello, I am Carolyn and I have spent most of my teaching career at Marfleet. I am currently the Year 2 teacher, as well as the Literacy and KS1 lead. I love working at Marfleet! The school has always been a very special place to work, with its very friendly, caring, community feel.
I feel very passionate about developing Literacy throughout Marfleet, believing that reading is the key to each child's learning and future success at school. I really enjoy working with all the amazing staff at Marfleet, developing a love for reading amongst all the children and helping to ensure that all children reach their potential. As staff governor, I feel that I am able to offer my years of teaching experience, as well as my commitment and dedication to ensure that all pupils receive the education they deserve at Marfleet.

Natasha Whitehead
I am Natasha and I am new to being a parent governor. My daughter is at the lower end of the school and loves it at Marfleet.
For 11 years I have worked at a local secondary school, teaching English to year 11 in Intervention sessions. For the last 4 years I was also an assistant progress leader for year 11 and my main role was to support students making negative progress. I feel like I have a lot to offer Marfleet with the knowledge I have gained from my previous roles. I am now taking a little time out to care for my Mum and to be a Mum myself! I feel that I am approachable and personable and I am always happy to help where I can.

Alice Hemingway
Hi, I am Alice Hemingway and I have been teaching at Marfleet since 2013. I have worked across all age groups and key stages but my specialism and passion is for the early years. I have worked in the foundation team for 6 years and have just recently become the EYFS lead, a job which I love. I also support staff in school to develop the creative curriculum. My aim is to give every child the opportunity to find their passion, just like when I was at school and developed my love of music and dance.
I am really looking forward to being a staff governor at Marfleet. I feel that my experience and passion will help support all children receive the education they deserve and to find their future passions and aspirations.