



Meet the Governing Body

David Wimble

Acting Chair

My name is David Wimble and I'm the current acting Chair of Governing Body at Wheatlands with one child at the school. I was elected as a Parent Governor in 2011 when my first child was in Reception. I am on various committees and I am also Link for Science and Maths. I am active locally within groups like Friends of Redcar and I've also helped with the Kick off the summer events

I have worked in Industry both locally and all over the world in Specialist Measurement technology. I believe fully in the schools values and hopefully help the school in providing a safe and encouraging environment for our children to learn and grow.



Samantha Pyle

Headteacher

My name is Samantha Pyle and I am lucky enough to be the Headteacher of Wheatlands. This role automatically makes me a member of the governing body. It is a privilege to work with such a committed and dedicated group of people who clearly have the school's best interest at heart. Our ethos is of openness and challenge which enables the governors to hold myself and the leadership team to account, leading to greater improvement. Together we strive to make the school the best it can be.



Sue Johnson

Assistant Headteacher

My name is Sue Johnson and I am a staff governor, having been elected in October 2014. I live and was brought up in the local area and have been a dedicated member of Wheatlands Primary School for over 25 years and have enjoyed a number of fulfilling roles across all areas of the school. Most recently I have led the KS1 team, been a class teacher in Year 2 and I am also the SENDCo. Becoming a member of the governing body has added a new dimension to my role as Assistant Headteacher and created further opportunities for me to make a difference. I am passionate about everyone in our school community working together to achieve the very best for the children in our care.



Natalie Vickers

Staff Governor

As a newly qualified teacher just starting out on my career, I became a governor in 2013 to get a broader view of how a school works from different perspectives and understand what drives our key Senior Leadership Team decisions, which affect our whole community. Now after 6 years of teaching, I am still very passionate

about being part of the team that continues to deliver great success to Wheatlands Primary School.

Along with the guidance and support of the school governors, the staff work extremely hard to create a safe and inspiring environment and through my role as a staff governor, I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the views and ideas of the teaching team. As well as having experience in teaching across KS2, I am the Maths subject leader, helping to lead the school in learning and teaching in this area. I enjoy the oversight of school that being a staff governor provides and feel that I can contribute, in a positive way, to key decisions and discussions.

I also feel that the professional development I get from being part of the Governing Body is invaluable. The Governing Body (and staff as a whole) want what is best for our children, and we all pull in the same direction to try and achieve this.



James Emmerson

Parent Governor

As a parent of two children who attend Wheatlands Primary I have a vested interest in ensuring the School operates to its full potential and provides every child with the education they deserve. I was elected Parent Governor in January 2018 and assumed the link roles for Health & Safety and the Eco-Team.

I am an Engineering Professional with over 20 years' experience in the Petrochemical industry, including roles that have required financial management, planning and monitoring performance. As such I'd like to help contribute to the strategic direction of the school, maintain robust accountability and ensure best use of financial resources. I have participated in several training courses since I've joined and always enjoy visiting the school, interacting with the teachers and children.



Jocasta Taylor

Parent Governor

My name is Jo Taylor and I have been a Parent Governor at Wheatlands Primary for approximately one year. As a mum that unfortunately doesn't often get to be around for the start and end of the school day one of my main reasons for joining the Governing Body was to ensure I was aware of what was happening in school as well as being able to contribute to the wider school life. My son Caden is currently in reception and loving his first year in full time education.

I have worked in education for over 10 years and am currently working as a Business Manager within a secondary school. This role gives me the opportunity to lead on a range of areas within my school including Human Resources, Site Management and Health and Safety all of which I believe give me skills that I can use in my role as a Governor.



I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as a Parent Governor and already feel I have learnt a lot and I am looking forward to being able to continue to contribute and be involved over the coming years

Laura Cassidy

Parent Governor

My name is Laura Cassidy, and my son and daughter are both pupils of Wheatlands School. I became a Parent Governor in December 2020 and am delighted to have this opportunity, I am very much looking forward to being involved with the school community. My qualifications and experience lie within business, human resources, and predominantly health & safety. I have 9 years of experience in the independent education sector, as a Support Services Manager and member of a school Senior Leadership Team. This has given me valuable experience of the role of governance and its importance in this setting.



I am aware of the opportunities and challenges facing our local young people, and strongly believe that quality of education, from the very beginning, can be transformational in the life chances of young people. It is for this reason that I wanted to become a Parent Governor. Through participation in the key functions of governance; overseeing the financial performance, holding leadership to account and ensuring clarity of vision and strategic direction, I hope to effectively contribute towards Wheatlands' excellent ethos; the creation of a happy and supportive community that promotes children's attainment and progress.

Claire Tennyson

Co-opted Governor

My name is Claire Tennyson and I have been a governor since April 2018. I have over 19 years' experience of working in school sport. I currently manage the Redcar & Eston School Sport Partnership hosted at Rye Hills Academy, but working across all of the schools within Redcar & Eston. The partnership aims to increase and improve the opportunities for young people aged 5-16 years in PE, physical activity and school sport.



I have worked closely with Wheatlands Primary for just over 11 years in a professional capacity and the role of governor gives me the opportunity to support the school further, making a real difference to the children and young people.