

Sue Ashton

I live in Charnock Richard and originally became involved with the primary school when my two sons were pupils there. I served as Secretary of the PTFA, then became a Parent Governor and have now been a Diocesan Governor for over twenty years. I've always been keenly interested in education and started my career teaching Modern Languages in secondary schools. After a break to bring up my family, I returned to teaching, this time in the primary sector. I found that I particularly enjoyed helping children learn to read, especially those who found it not so easy, and completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Special Educational Needs. I then worked part-time at Christ Church Charnock Richard for a number of years until my retirement. In my leisure time I enjoy gardening, cooking, travelling and spending time with my grandchildren.

I am presently Chair of the Governing Board and a member of both the Resources Committee and the Curriculum and Standards Committee. I believe that we are very fortunate to have such a thriving church primary school in the village. I am committed to supporting its development and to ensuring that it continues to provide great opportunities and experiences for our pupils to learn and grow in a secure and happy environment.

Jean Bennett

This is my second period on the Governing Board at Charnock Richard. After taking a break due to work commitments I joined the governors again in 2007 as a Foundation Governor (Diocesan representative). Currently I am Vice Chairperson of the Governing board, and a member of both the Curriculum and Standards Committee and the Vision Values and Ethos Committee. I am the designated Governor for Safeguarding and have been involved with the development of the Out of School Club.

I have lived for over 35 years in Charnock Richard and attend Christ Church.

Before retiring I worked in Education in the Early Years Sector. I was Headteacher in Blackburn L.A. and also head of a Children's Centre. I was part of a group working with the Department of Education in the initial development of Children's Centres across the country.

Since retirement I have been able to help out at various school events and accompany staff and children on visits ranging from theatre trips to outdoor activities.

I have a number of interests which vary from sports to creative activities as well as keeping up with family life.

Heather Clipston

I am currently working as a Specialist Teacher in a primary school in Preston, at present I am specialising in supporting children with SEN in my role as SENCo and Literacy co-ordinator. I have recently gained many qualifications including the National SENCo award, Reading Recovery qualified Teacher, and I have most recently gained a postgraduate specialist teaching qualification in Dyslexia. I have gained a wide range of experience teaching and supporting children and families who have English as a second language (EAL). I am part of the Senior Management Team and I am the Designated Senior Leader for Child Protection within my school. I take an active role in supporting undergraduate and postgraduate

Teachers through providing model literacy lessons and lectures with the University of Cumbria. I am passionate about my role in school although demanding it is extremely rewarding and I am a well-respected member of my School community.

At home I am an active member of Christ Church PTFGA, I am currently secretary. I am active within the local community supporting a local residents group. I have two daughters currently attending Christ Church Charnock Richard Primary School.

Natalie Watts

I am a foundation governor at Christ Church Charnock Richard. I am also the Headteacher of another primary school and have worked in education for over 15 years. Additionally, my daughter attends Christ Church Charnock Richard Primary School. I believe that learning should be fun and challenging and, in my role as a governor, I look forward to being part of a school whose aim it is to do just that within a Christian environment.

Julie Heaton

I've lived in Charnock Richard for 35 years and have one son who as a child, attended Christ Church Charnock Richard Primary School

I am a regular communicant at Christ Church, Charnock Richard

In August 2016 I retired as Headteacher of St Michael's Church of England Academy, Chorley having taught children there since 1982. As Headteacher I gained extensive and relevant educational experience of leadership, curriculum, pastoral support, financial accountability, safeguarding, resource management and data. I do however recognise the importance of keeping up to date with educational trends as 'things' develop and change so quickly in education. I am passionate about children having the opportunity to thrive in an engaging and vibrant learning community where the Christian ethos and Christian values are integral to high expectations and aspirations for all children.

I have recently become Chairman of the Governors Resources Committee and the Vision, Values and Ethos Committee.

I am a Trustee of the Alms Houses in Charnock Richard and am a volunteer helper with the Church "Potting Shed" Team and helper at Derain House Children's Hospice as a "Chorley Champion". I enjoy gardening, cooking and travelling.

Paul Fleming

I joined the team in 2017 as a foundation governor. I moved to Charnock Richard 7 years ago and my two children are both pupils at Christ Church Charnock Richard Primary School. I took on this role to make a positive difference to children's education and lives locally. I

believe in enabling all children to fulfil their potential and lead happy, creative and interesting lives. I work for the NHS in technology and I'm a musician. I bring a varied experience that I'm hoping, over the years, will be of great value to the governing board and the school.

Emma Buckle

I have recently joined the team at Christ Church Charnock Richard as a parent Governor. I have been a primary school teacher for the past 7 years and teach at another school within the cluster. I have an in-depth knowledge on assessment, legislation and curriculum and a wealth of experience in safeguarding and online safety. Prior to teaching, I worked in the travel industry for 10 years and in the family business, Tyrers Coaches, as the account manager and coach driver.

I believe that education is much more than developing and achieving academic success, important as it is! It is about taking into account the individual strengths, abilities and interests whole child in body, mind and spirit, to prepare them for future life. Education can and will change children lives, therefore it is vital that they are prepared for the future and given the best possible start in life to succeed. I am looking forward to working with the dedicated staff and governors at Christ Church to make a positive difference to the lives of our future generation.