



GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

Happiness at the heart, shaping children of the future

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The Governing Body

The Governing Body are the strategic leaders of our school and have a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education.



Julie Thompson
Chairperson



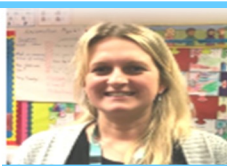
Michael Leadbetter
Vice-Chairperson



Sarah White
Headteacher



Kathryn Ellidge



Jayne Dawson



Lauren Johnston

Our Governing Body aims to be challenging and supportive of the school and Headteacher.



Richard Maiden



Caron Whittaker



Julie Bryan

“
Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.
Henry Ford ”

Spring Term meeting dates

- 11th May 2021
Resources & Standards and Effectiveness Committee (SEC)
- 22nd June 2021
Full Governing Body (FGB)



Attachment & Trauma
Aware School AC Education

Snapshots of Spring Term 2021



Hello. My name is Julie Thompson and I'm currently Chair of Governors at our fabulous school. I became a Governor two years ago. I am **passionate** about the school and everyone involved with it. I was one of the first pupils to attend Coates Lane Primary School when it opened in 1967. Both my children attended the school and my granddaughter is currently in the juniors. I have recently retired after 24 years, working as the School Bursar. Working in the school office wasn't just a job, I loved every minute of it. I have been involved with all aspects of school life over the years. I feel that **I still have lots to give to the school**, which is why I applied to be the Chair of Governors.



Julie Bryan Minister in Training, West Craven Baptist Church



My children attended Coates Lane and I taught at the school for several years before leaving to explore leadership in the church. Currently, I am training to be a Baptist minister and I believe that churches should be involved in the local community and seek to partner with organisations to work for the good of all. I love that Coates Lane has **happiness and well-being at its heart**, and that pupils are valued as individuals and encouraged to discover what they are good at in a **supportive environment**.

Coates Lane is very proud of the knowledge, skill sets and passion for inclusive education that our governing body possesses.

We've welcomed some new governors and would love for you to meet them.



My name is Richard Maiden and I am the SENCO and Year 6 teacher at Coates Lane Primary School. I have been at the school for ten years now and it has become a **huge part of my life**. I care deeply about everyone and everything associated with the school - this is why I felt it was the right time for me to become part of the Governing Body.

I have always loved the **family atmosphere** of this school and how the children have always been at the centre of all that we do. I am incredibly proud to be part of the Coates Lane Family.

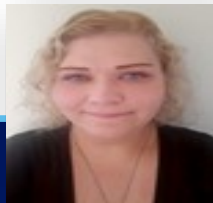


My name is Michael Leadbetter and I work for a locally based climbing wall manufacturer and installer. I have been a Parent Governor at Coates Lane School for four years. I became a Governor initially to gain a

better knowledge of the workings of a Primary School, as it had been about 30 years since I'd been in one. Over the last four years what has struck me the most is that we have a school where, I feel, everyone feels **welcome and secure**. I know that this is what the school staff aim for and I think we can see it in not only the **excellent work** that the students produce but also in the behaviour of the children.

Hello my name is Jayne Dawson and I work as a family support worker. My daughter is in year 5 at Coates Lane School and my son also attended before moving on to high school. The thing I love about Coates Lane isn't a thing, it's the people that make it the place it is. I see **compassion, understanding, tolerance, acceptance and belonging as part of the ethos**. A place where learning is fun and everyone is important and everyone matters.

Thank you for letting me be a part of it all.



I am Kathryn Ellidge and I have been a Governor at Coates Lane for 2 years. I was a local serving Headteacher until April 2020 and I am now retired, enjoying my many hobbies.

I became a Governor at Coates Lane to support and challenge the Headteacher and staff, in ensuring that **all children receive the education they deserve**.

Coates Lane is a wonderful school where children are at the heart of everything. Learning is fun and imaginative. **It is a place where they can be happy, knowing they are cared for in order to flourish and be successful**. I believe that Coates Lane is a true community school, supporting children and families in a welcoming and positive environment.



My name is Caron Whittaker and I am a teacher and member of the Senior Leadership Team at a local primary school. What I love about Coates Lane is a tough question to answer as there are so many things. Perhaps the thing I love the most is the **positivity that the school exudes**. There is a real school ethos of the wellbeing of everyone: children, teachers, parents/carers and the local community. **Happiness is the true heart of Coates Lane**. I wanted to become a governor to gain knowledge and experience about other schools and Coates Lane is that wonderful school, which I am proud to be associated with. I wanted to help make decisions and have an impact on children, not just in my school, but in the local area too.



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