

Pen Portraits – Governors, Pott Shrigley Church School

Julie Collingwood – Foundation governor

As a Christian I believe a faith school instils good values and morals into the next generations.

I have two children; a son who is now 18 went to Pott Shrigley school and is now at University, and a daughter aged 8 who is loving the teachers at Pott Shrigley.

One of the most wonderful aspects of our school is its capability to create confident individuals. I have seen so many quiet shy children become so much more self assured from the nurturing they get from the small school environment.

Workwise I have had a varied experience mostly dealing with the general public. McCann Erickson, hairdressing, travel rep, care assistant, P/A, a mid day assistant. currently for a foodbank charity. I am also an active member of Bollington Life Church. I have also fundraised for charity.

Hopefully my skills will enable me to provide the best possible help for the continued environment that has shaped my children, and will help shape future students.

Matthew Dean- LA governor

I have taught in Cheshire secondary schools since 1995 and am currently Deputy Headteacher at Poynton High School.

Pott Shrigley is an important part of our local community and I am looking forward to supporting the next generation of children as they begin their educational journey. I have long recognised the vital importance of the work of primary schools in developing young people as learners and I hope that I can contribute to the continued success of that work at Pott Shrigley.

Hilda Gaddum – Foundation governor

- Born in North East in 1945, clergy daughter. Grew up and was educated in Leeds. Attended Secretarial College in London followed by several jobs including secretary to Head Master of Haileybury.
- Married in 1968, 3 sons and 4 grandchildren. Widowed in 2008.
- Governor and Chairman of Hollinhey CPS some 20-25 years ago, during an Ofsted Inspection, and much later change of Head and Deputy.
- Former Member and some time Chairman of Sutton Parish Council.
- Elected to Macclesfield Borough Council in 1999, appointed to the Peak District National Park Authority on which at various stages was Chairman of Audit and Performance, Planning and Deputy Chairman of the Authority.
- Chairman of Planning in both Macclesfield Borough Council and Cheshire East before becoming Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services for some 2.5 years.
- Mayor of Council 2015-2106.

Helen Kennedy – Foundation governor

I have been a parent of Pott Shrigley School and member of St Christopher's Church for 13 years.

My three elder children have moved onto high school with confidence and a love of learning that their experiences at Pott Shrigley enriched. My youngest daughter is currently in year 3 and I am excited to be involved in the continued success of this unique and special school.

I have always believed that church primary schools have a vital role in developing children's skills and creativity, nurturing a strong moral and spiritual ethos and providing a solid academic platform that will prepare them for high school and life beyond.

Jane Langdon – Parent governor

I live in Bollington with my husband Andrew and our young daughter Nia who attends our School.

I have gained almost 20 years' experience within the NHS, my last post was as an Operating Department Practitioner in Critical Care Theatres working with adults and paediatrics. My role within theatres covered Surgery, Anaesthetics and Recovery, over all specialities.

I am now a stay at home Mum who has the time, commitment and energy to put into being a Parent Governor that I know the school needs.

Sandra Milsom – Foundation governor

As it is now some years since I retired I feel that I could now offer my support as a Governor.

I have had varied experience in different schools, many in senior management. I have knowledge of the particular ethos of Church Schools and have helped maintain the links between Church and school by leading collective worship regularly in school.

My priority over all my years of teaching has always been for the welfare and best outcomes for the children and I shall continue to be child centred in my approach.

Paul Quirk – Foundation governor

I have worked in education for 25 years, mostly in primary schools although I have experience in further and higher education. For the past 10 years I have been the headteacher at Kettleshulme St James Primary School.

I believe it important to develop a child's individuality, together with a sense of social and moral responsibility and a love of learning - education is important because it opens up doors into worlds of endless possibilities. Inclusion is at the heart of my work and all children should be valued for who they are and what they bring. Children should be encouraged to take responsibility and take decisions that make a difference.

Katherine Sinclair – Staff governor

I have been a teacher at Pott Shrigley for nine years and feel that it offers something genuinely special to the children and their parents.

It has been my privilege to work with the children of Pott Shrigley, to really get to know them in a school where the family atmosphere is valued by staff, parents and most importantly the children. It is a school where they can be confident that they are valued for who they are and I believe that we mould confident and caring learners.

As a Governor I am excited that the school has the opportunity to develop and grow and hope that my background in marketing and business development can help it on its journey.

Gareth Winstanley – Co-opted governor

I have lived in Pott Shrigley for 19 years, with my wife Sally, and two teenage children, Taylor and Tabitha. All of them have been pupils at Pott Shrigley School.

I am passionate about the school's unique characteristics, nurturing culture and ethos.

In 2010 I retired as a Police Inspector, having worked in uniform, CID and other specialist roles.

Since retiring from the Police, looking for something less stressful and building on my hobbies, I set up my own gardening and handyman business.

I am a keen golfer and have a narrowboat moored on the Macclesfield canal.

Sally Winstanley – Foundation governor

I live in Pott Shrigley; married to Gareth, we have two teenage children, three chickens and a Basset Hound.

Now retired from GMP, I volunteer at St. Christopher's, Pott Shrigley – amongst other things - as the Gift Aid and Giving Secretary but teenage influences led us to worship most Sundays at Poynton Christian Fellowship.

I have fond memories of being a pupil at Pott Shrigley School on home leave from Africa and our children also attended.

I was a governor at the school from 1999 to 2011.

My hobbies include tennis, golf, church bell ringing and walking.

Charlotte Holliday – Associate Member

I was a pupil at Pott from 1996-2002 and thoroughly enjoyed my time there. I have since gone on to study for a masters in Social Work at Warwick University and I also have a degree in Theatre from York St John University. I will graduate from Warwick in July of this year and I would love the opportunity to give back to the community that I grew up in, using my skills in child development, families and safeguarding.

Throughout my time studying at Warwick I have worked in a Barnardo's children's centre where I learnt a lot about families, childhood development, learning and play and also about children with additional needs. Before studying for my masters I have worked in children's homes and also volunteered for Manchester based charity Once Upon a Smile who work with bereaved children.

I feel that my background in theatre enables me to be creative and utilise existing resources in order to meet targets and therefore believe this background will help the governing body.