

## **Pen Portraits – Governors, Pott Shrigley Church School**

### **Jane Langdon – Foundation governor, Chair**

I have been involved with Pott Shrigley Church School for around 8 years in varying capacities, firstly as a parent, my daughter was lucky enough to spend her Primary school years here at Pott learning through an enriched curriculum, making lifelong memories and having fantastic adventures.

During my daughter's time at school I was also previously on the board of governors so I am familiar with the hard work that goes into making such an incredible school from a governor and staff perspective.

Many of you will also remember me from running the after-school club for many years which I thoroughly enjoyed. It is a privilege to be a governor at Pott again and serve the children, parents and community.

### **Matthew Dean - LA governor, Vice Chair**

I have taught in Cheshire secondary schools since 1995 and am currently 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.

### **Sally Winstanley – Foundation governor**

I first came to live in Pott Shrigley with my parents in the early sixties, as a two year old. I have fond memories of being a pupil at Pott Shrigley School when we were on home leave from Africa, where my father worked. During my working life, I lived in Greater Manchester and Derbyshire but was delighted when the opportunity arose in 1998, to return to live in Pott Shrigley with my husband, Gareth – we had married at St. Christopher's and I worship there regularly. I was immediately 'recruited' as a school governor then, until 2011, when the school federated with Bollington St. John's. I was privileged to return to school governorship when the federation was dissolved in 2017. I enjoy helping school to thrive, seeing how the children blossom and flourish as they learn that they are cherished and loved by Jesus, which gives them the quiet confidence they need to prepare them for secondary school.

### **Audrey Bomford - Foundation governor**

Having taught young children since my teenage years - firstly in Sunday School and Bible classes, and then as a Primary School teacher and Head in church schools - education based on Christian values has been part of my life for over sixty years. I married a teacher, had three children and then gained an Education Degree and a Diploma in Primary School Management. When I retired, I worked voluntarily for a Christian Charity providing and publishing resources for R.E and Worship in Stockport Schools, and also regularly visited and worked with staff and management at a large Primary School in Uganda. I was an Inspector for Church Schools in Chester Diocese and am a worshipper at St. Christopher's Church. Having grandchildren who span the school age range, and one who is a primary teacher, I am kept well up to date with education today. I enjoy playing the piano and sing with a festival choir. I love all aspects of gardening and am involved in local projects. Being a hands-on helper at my daughter's local firm means I am still a learner too!

### **Alison Hamnett – Foundation governor**

I have lived in Poynton for 41 years with my husband Phil. We have 3 grown up sons and 2 grandchildren (soon to be 3!) who all live locally.

Pott Shrigley Church School has been a huge part of my life for the last 30 years having been the school administrator until my retirement last year.

I very much want to continue to support this wonderful school and feel that I can offer this by being a governor. I hope that the knowledge I have gained from working at the school, my involvement with the Pott Shrigley community and my Christian values will help with the ongoing success of the school.

I enjoy family time, walking, gardening, crafts and learning to play the piano.

### **Sam Hudson – Parent governor**

I have two children at Pott Shrigley. I have enjoyed my time volunteering at school and applying to be a parent governor seemed a logical next step.

My background is in primary school teaching. I have over twelve years' experience teaching across all age groups. The majority of my career has been spent in two excellent schools – one very traditional with a strong ethos, the other very modern and forward thinking. I believe this combination has given me a greater understanding of what works well in a primary school. I am an advocate of outdoor learning and taking a creative approach to the curriculum both of which I know are a big part of daily life at Pott Shrigley.

### **Lyndsey Walters – Parent governor**

I am the mum of Mason Walters-Smith who attends Pott Shrigley Church School.

I am a friendly and approachable person, balancing a working parent role, which I hope will help the relationship between school and parents as I can give an honest insight into parent feedback.

I am not afraid to ask difficult questions if necessary, on behalf of all the children this school serves, I am also keen to support the school and all of its dedicated staff that works so hard to keep this little school running smoothly. I am particularly keen to ensure all children are safe, happy and confident and can fulfil their full potential whatever their background, special educational needs or disabilities.

I have worked for 20 years in the health and fitness industry, working my way from gym instructor to now having a range of skills allowing me to divide my hours between personal training, teaching, and supervising the Poynton Leisure Centre building on a day-to-day basis.

My background has allowed me to qualify in nutrition, various fitness disciplines, management and health and safety courses, as well as GP referral, adolescent qualifications and working with special needs.

As you can see my life is very much fitness orientated but I am very much a home bird, born and bred in Cheshire I am never far from home, my most important role is being a mum and I love the relationship I have with Mason. We love the area that we live in, and we like to explore at weekends and days off as a family, one of our favourite hobbies is dancing and singing & we do also like to cook and bake together.

### **Jim Curtis – Foundation governor**