Governor Pen Portraits



Mike Pride Executive Headteacher

Since joining Kingsmead in January 2016 it has been a delight to work at the School. Now being the Executive Headteacher of Newton's Walk and Kingsmead it is a pleasure to maximise the opportunities for young people who attend our provision. Over time, as a staff we have worked hard in developing all aspects of our provision and we have wonderful practice operating across the city which facilitates opportunities for young people who join us for many different reasons.

The team 'never give up' and we strive for young people to be happy, independent and successful. We try to ensure that all young people are nurtured to their full potential and are excited about learning more about life!



Sandra Fletcher Chair of Governors

I have been involved in the work of The Kingsmead School for many years now and more recently Newton's Walk. Over this time my passion for doing all we can to enhance the life chances of our young people has not diminished.

We are lucky to work with a highly skilled and dedicated team of staff who do all that they can to ensure our young people achieve their potential.

We are equally lucky to work with a team of committed highly skilled governors. Together I hope that we can ensure the time your child spends in Kingsmead or Newton's Walk prepares them take a full active role in society.



Jade Murden Vice Chair of Governors Safeguarding Governor

I am currently a Senior Lecturer in Education Studies and SEND at the University of Derby, which has a key focus on Education and Social Justice. Before this role I worked for ten years with a range of learners from Key Stage Three up to Key Stage Five. All of the young people I worked with had either been previously excluded from school, were at risk of being excluded from school or they were socially excluded at school. During this time I designed, delivered and managed the alternative curriculum for these learners. In addition to this role I also worked as a part time Youth Worker in Charge. For this role I managed a youth club in the local community which was designed for vulnerable young people. I also specialised in detached Youth work which involved setting up street projects and working with young people on the streets of their local community if they were not ready, or chose not to access, other provision.



Will Broderick Kingsmead Staff Governor

I am a member of staff who is a senior leader at the school and joined the governing body in September 2017. I am a staff governor who sits on both the Standards and Resources Committees. Having worked in education for more than 13 years, I am hoping to put my teaching experience to good use providing support to ensure that our shared vision is secured for Kingsmead School. I am also responsible for ensuring that our stakeholders have a voice and that their views and wellbeing are taken seriously.

Stakeholder Voice Governor

Cecilia Emery Chair of Resources Committee

I am passionate about supporting Kingsmead and Newton's Walk to give every child the best possible life chances. I have a background in education, finance and HR and am currently self employed as a consultant. I will work with the governing body and the senior leaders to ensure that the resources available to us are allocated where they will have most impact on outcomes for children.



Dr Deborah Robinson Chair of Standards Committee SEND & LAC Governor

I am a Professor of Special Educational Needs, Disability and Inclusion at the University of Derby and my area of expertise is inclusive education. Prior to my current role, I have been a teacher educator, a primary teacher and a special needs coordinator working in London and Nottingham. I have recently been working with the Department for Education to evaluate policies related to SEN and I am strongly committed to contributing to the development of a fairer, more inclusive education system.



Maria Lewis Newtons Walk Staff Governor

As a teacher at Newton's Walk Primary PRU, I am passionate about giving every child who comes through our doors the opportunities and support they need to re-engage with education and achieve their potential. I feel very lucky to work as part of a team that truly cares and works hard to ensure that our students feel safe, happy and heard in school. I welcome the opportunity becoming a staff governor will give me to contribute to and support the school's vision going forward.



Kieran Dwyer

I have lived in Derby for 20+ years having moved north to attend university. I have worked within education for most of my career and held senior roles with many leading providers of educational technology. I am passionate about education in all its guises and have been privileged to be immersed in the sector.

I been involved in school governance for 4 year, seeing it as an opportunity to give back to my community by make use of the experience gained through my work.



Mina Munns

I am currently the Vicar of St Alkmund's Church on Kedleston Road but was formally a primary school teacher, training for my PGCE at Derby University and teaching in Nottinghamshire and also in Germany with Service Children's Education. This background has given me a real passion for education and for creating opportunities for young people to thrive. I have been involved in school governance for 12 years, most recently as a trustee of a multi academy trust and I have a special interest in ensuring that the pastoral and wellbeing needs of both staff and students are valued and met.