



Amarjot Butcher

With two children at Valley Primary School I felt the best way to be involved in their education was to have a seat at the governing body table. Through my time as a governor, I have learned to love Valley Primary School and really be invested in its future and the future of all its pupils, not just my own. On the board I take an active role in panels, training, and meetings as well as safeguarding and finance. All of which are helped by the fact that I am self-employed as an editor and can dedicate the time to the School.

Anita Douglas

After obtaining my degree in Youth and Community Services I joined Valley. I then became Extended Services Manager and undertook this role for 6 years .
I am very passionate about the school and enjoy being able to support the schools value driven ethos. I have enjoyed working in many children's services and particularly enjoy community development.
In my spare time I enjoy spending time with family, grandchildren and floristry.

Geoff Harley-Mason

I have been a governor at several primary and secondary schools in both Solihull and Birmingham and have been chair of governors at a secondary academy in Solihull. My interests are specifically in wellbeing, mental health and helping schools to provide the best possible education in order to give young people a great start in life. I am a qualified youth worker and am trained in mental health and adolescent counselling and I have completed the NGA Leading Governance programme for Chairs.

Shirley Heatherington

I have worked in Children's Health Services all of my working life, initially as a Speech and Language Therapist specializing in children and young people with complex additional needs. For the last 20 years I have been a senior manager in the health service, managing and developing services for children and young people with complex needs and Autism . My work has included recruitment and management of a wide range of health care professionals, budget management, HR processes, staff performance management and development. I was the health representative on the SEND Strategic Board, Ed Send Board and the EHC panel. I have recently retired from the NHS and saw the advert for governors for Valley and am looking forward to applying my experience to this role.

Anthony Sadler

I have joined Valley Primary School as a Parent Governor, with two children at the school. I have a background in Finance and HR having trained in tax at PwC before specialising in employee pay and benefits. I currently work in Reward at Smiths Group Plc, where I have experience working at a senior level to develop and implement global strategies to drive business improvement and enhance employee experience. I see my role as a school governor to be a combination of challenge and to support the leadership team of the school, with the aim of driving up standards. I hope to add value using my professional knowledge and experience. I look forward to supporting the school on its continuous improvement journey and having a positive impact on education.

Michael Szwaba

I am delighted to join the governing body for Valley Primary School. I have been a teacher for over 15 years, working in Reading, London, and several areas in the West Midlands. I have experience of teacher development and strategic leadership in secondary schools, working to improve the quality of education in schools. Currently, I am working as Vice Principal at Lyndon School, one of the main feeder schools that Valley pupils transition to after they have completed Year 6. Over the past year, I have had the pleasure of teaching many former Valley pupils, and I look forward to working with the Headteacher and my fellow governors to support Valley as it continues to improve

Andrea Turnbull

My name is Andrea Turnbull and I am a Parent Governor at Valley Primary School. I have been teaching for over 12 years in Solihull and am a qualified SENDCo. I have recently been appointed as a member of the Senior Leadership Team at a Primary School. I have a keen interest in Valley Primary School and the journey it is going through, my son has flourished at Valley, and I am impressed with how well supported he is and the quality of education he receives. I am passionate about SEND and Inclusion, I feel that I can support Valley well by sharing my skills and experience with the governing board.