



Patrick Kelly

I am very happy and honoured to be able to help support Kings Academy Trust. I am married to Lynn, and we are parents to 2 adult children both on the autistic spectrum. My son continues to benefit from specialist educational support and I am passionate about making the most of every opportunity to maximise young people's ability to learn and develop in a truly inclusive, safe and supportive environment. I am a police officer currently leading on emergency incident response policing and with a background in community policing and international policing support. I was recently Head of Police training in Merseyside.



Stephen Whatmore

I have been a National Leader of Governance (NLG) for over 7 years and in that time have completed over 26 deployments in a wide range of schools. I am currently Chair of Governors at Bridgewater High School Academy. I am also a governor at St Andrews CE Primary School. I am a qualified Accountant and recently retired.

I am a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (FCA) having qualified in 1976.



Jillian Collinson

I have lived in Worsley for over twenty years and have four children. My working background is in human resources and administration. Prior to becoming a Councillor, I was a co-opted member of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee. I was Vice Chair of Governors at Springwood (Special) Primary.



Sue Woodgate

I used to be Head of Special Educational Needs for Salford Local Authority before retiring. I am now a Magistrate and believe in ensuring children get the best start in life so they live happy and productive lives.



Emma Twell

I am a Company Director/Experienced School Head teacher whose experience is within Special schools (Behaviour and Autism). I am also an Education Consultant specialising in school improvement.

I have worked for many years in SEMH/ASD provisions, most recently in turnaround situations as an Interim Headteacher.

As an autistic adult and parent to an autistic child, I am passionate about removing barriers to inclusion.