



Chair of Trust Board - Laurence Cooper

I became a Governor when I saw how much the school had helped my son, my motivation is to help other sons and daughters achieve their potential and aspirations. I have helped lead the school through considerate change and I am very proud that we promote the highest standards in all areas of school life.



Trustee - Jacqui Hughes

I have lived and worked in Salford all my life. I am a Training Consultant providing Safeguarding, Prevent and Mental Health in-service for schools and educational settings. I have been involved in education for almost 50 yrs. Firstly as a teacher and then as a Service Manager for Salford Local Authority. I have extensive experience of managing teams who plan and deliver Alternative Education services for pupils who are unable to access mainstream settings. I am the Chair of the Canterbury Centre Management Committee and have helped to lead the organisation from requiring improvement to good. I am committed to the principles of Educational Inclusion and Child Centred Learning.



Trustee - Margaret Burgin

Future Skills Manager, BBC North. I was a BBC journalist for many years working for both local and network radio. I then became a senior community journalist, working with communities across Yorkshire. After a move to work in Salford managing a school's journalism project, I became the Community Affairs Manager for the MediaCityUK site. I now work in an HR role which involves links with schools, colleges and universities to provide information about the routes in to the Creative and Media industries. I also deliver staff training and manage diversity events at BBC North. My specialism is work experience and supporting young people into employment. At the BBC I helped to lead a transformation into thinking around disability and helping people into employment with the organisation who were from low starting points.



Trustee - Louise Smith

I am an educationalist with over 20 years' experience and have had considerable leadership experience as a Head teacher in three different primary schools, one having been judged in its latest inspection as outstanding in all areas. I have excellent inter-personal skills, embrace the changing education policy landscape and am currently undertaking the role of an Executive Head teacher for two schools while leading the strategic direction of Warrington Teaching School Alliance and CEO of Warrington Primary Academy Trust. My specific areas of expertise are within KS1 and KS2 in schools with significant socio-economic barriers. I am an NLE, supporting system leadership across the North West and also an Ofsted Inspector.

As CEO of Warrington Primary Academy Trust, I am responsible for staff development, ensuring that the needs of all pupils are met, promoting the core values of the Trust and overseeing relationships with the DfE.



Trustee - Lee Shannon

I am currently Vice Chair of the Governing Board at The Friars Primary School in Salford, and have served as a parent governor for the school since 2020. In that time, I have worked with the headteacher and school leadership team.

As a chartered accountant my primary area of expertise is within Finance, and I have supported The Friars and helped improve both their financial position and quality of their financial analysis in my time as a governor.

Since joining the Governing Board at The Friars, I have also been heavily involved with school effectiveness and improvement, meeting with the Local Authority School Improvement Officer regularly.

I also run a local community group, the Friends of Green Grosvenor Park. As part of this, we organise an annual family fun day on the park along with many community activities to help strengthen the community, with a particular focus on supporting local families in poverty.

In 2018/19, I was one of the lead parents in the campaign which saved 5 of Salford's nurseries, organising a march, rallies, fundraising days and meeting with local politicians and the Government Minister for Early Years at the Department for Education.

I am looking forward to joining the Kings Academy Trust board and hope my experience in Finance and Education can help support the trust, the schools and most importantly, the children.



Trustee - Graham Myers

I qualified as a Management Account too many years ago to remember. My first Post was with the National Coal Board.

My Education Career commenced in 1986 with Sheffield City Council. I continued my financial development with a number of roles in different Authorities until I became the Deputy Education Finance Officer at Wakefield MDC in 1991. I was responsible for the Schools Finance in Wakefield setting up and delivering numerous training activities as required.

I then moved on to become the Business Manager at St Wilfrid's where I was involved in establishing the first CMAT for the Leeds Diocese.

I have held a number of Trustee roles with different schools usually becoming the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Hobbies include amateur performances on stage covering Drama, Panto and Musical Theatre. I also love watching as many theatre productions as possible, both professional and amateur.



Trustee - Jenny Davies

I am Chair of Governors at Moss Valley Academy Primary School.

I taught in London before coming to work in Salford 42 years ago. I became a HT at an Inner City Primary School and then worked for St. Helens in their School Improvement Team, part time. I still work independently in Primary Schools, mostly, as the External Consultant to Governors for the Performance of the HT. It has been a privilege to work in so many schools and I am very pleased to be a part of King's Trust Trustees and look forward to contributing to the future.