

Governors of Charlesworth School

Foundation Governor elected by Charlesworth Independent Chapel (Top Chapel) –

Dorothy Phillips

I am a Trustee and Deacon of Top Chapel and have been a Governor at Charlesworth School for 10 years. Since 2012 I have also been a weekly volunteer at the school assisting with the libraries at both sites. I was elected Chair of Governors last October - having been Vice -Chair for three years.

By profession I am a qualified Social Worker and before I opted for early retirement, I had been Head of Adult Social Care with a Local Authority for 12 years, managing a multi-million pounds budget. As part of my job I was responsible for numerous service and staff development projects, as well as managing staff, handling complaints and dealing with issues of abuse and safeguarding. I was also the Adult Social Care representative on the Children's Serious Case Review Panel and the main link person with the Local Health Authorities and Hospice – where I remain a Trustee. I am passionately committed to ensuring that Charlesworth School remains a centre of educational excellence for local children and an integral part of village life.

My grand-daughter is currently in Year 3 at Charlesworth School and my grandson attended the school from Year 1 until he left to go to Secondary school.

Foundation Governor elected by St John's Church –

John Corcoran

I am a qualified teacher and before retirement I was a Head teacher of a large secondary school in Manchester. Currently, I am Chair of Governors of a Primary school in Manchester and I am also a Governor of a Pupil Referral Unit – also in Manchester. I have strong links with St. John's Church.

Foundation Governor jointly appointed by Charlesworth Independent Chapel and St. John's Church –

Reverend Hazel Cook

I have been a Governor of Charlesworth School for many years as well as a Governor of Hollingworth Primary School. I am a Minister of the Methodist Connection with overall responsibility for the Methodist churches in the local area. I have two sons – both now at university.

Staff Governors –

Neil Flint (Head teacher)

Chrissie Brennan (Teaching Assistant - elected by staff)

Community Governors appointed by the Governing Body –



Catherine Swindells

I am currently Chair of the Governors' Resources Committee and have been a Governor of Charlesworth School for 8 years.

I am a professional Business Adviser having worked for 17 years within the banking and finance industry before setting up my own Commercial Finance Business. I now run two successful companies.

I have also been Chair of Charlesworth School Governors in the past and am currently a local Charlesworth Parish Councillor.

My son attended Charlesworth School until two years ago.



Michelle Barton (Vice-Chair)

I'm a research radiographer and an advocate of evidence-based practice. My children attend Charlesworth school and I love being part of this brilliant community. Having previously chaired the FOCS committee, I became a governor in 2017 and enjoy contributing my skills and experience to help the school provide a great experience for all our children.



Kay Winterbottom

I am a communications professional - marketing and public relations - with significant financial services and automotive sector experience. Experience of B2B and B2C environments.

I have a strong commercial influence from experience in account management, product management and product marketing. I also have all-round experience extending beyond the traditional marketing mix including content management, social media, digital display, radio, product management, event marketing, branding and identity, acquisition campaigns and frontline comms, public relations - planning, articulation and delivery of thought leadership activity.

Out of work time, I am a busy Mum and dog owner! My son is currently in the Reception class at Charlesworth School.

Parent Governors elected by the parents of pupils of Charlesworth School –



Imran Kassim

I have worked for a large architectural practice based in Manchester for the last 20 years and during this time have specialised in the design of schools and college buildings. I have sat on the school governing body as a parent governor and more recently as Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee. In this role I support the school leadership in steering an approach that contributes towards developing well rounded individuals and which encourages every child to fulfil their full academic potential. I have a daughter in Year 4 and a son who is due to start in Reception this September.

David Pryce

Born and raised in Broadbottom, I spread my wings for 15 years before returning to settle in Charlesworth. This is where I now live with my wife and three young children making them the 5th generation of Pryces to live in Charlesworth and giving me a passion to ensure that the school keeps delivering for the community. Being a local small business owner, I feel using the experience and knowledge I have gained will help me to achieve this. I joined the Governing body last year and having all three of my children now at the school has made me more determined to help it succeed.

Nichola McHale

I am a project & programme manager who delivers large Highways infrastructure projects.
My daughter attends Charlesworth School

I had a short spell with FOCS during our initial year at Charlesworth and wanted to use my skills and experience into keeping the school part of the community and the heart of the village - and of course a great place to learn I joined the Governing Body during this academic year.

LA Governor

Cllr. George Wharmby

I started my working life as a stone mason and after marrying my wife, Jean, we jointly went into hospitality. After retiring, I went into Politics in 2005.

I have been a local authority councillor for Glossop and Charlesworth since 2005. I have been on High Peak Borough Council from 2011 to present. I was a Derbyshire County Councillor from 2005 to 2013 and from 2017 to present. I was Chairman of the County Council for the year 2018/2019 and currently sit on the Improvement and Scrutiny Resources Committee as well as the PDNPA.

I am Chair of High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership for the County Council and am the LEA Governor at Charlesworth School in my electoral division. My personal interests are the Royal British Legion and I am the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Glossop Dale. I am also President of the Glossop Mencap group. I enjoy walking with my dog, Daisy and spending time with my family.