

Name	Philip Newton	
Role out of School	Community Participation Manager – York Museums Trust	
Governor Designation	Co-opted Governor	
Term of Office	From 2021	
Responsibilities	Chair of Governors, Curriculum and Standards Member, Headteacher Appraisal, Pay Committee	
Personal Statement		
<p>I moved to York in 2014 from Newcastle for a new role with York Museums Trust. Starting as an assistant curator and then moving to the public engagement team I now manage our participation activities which include active engagement with underrepresented and marginalised people. I have always been interested in education and wanted to get involved with the local community. I applied to be a governor at Ralph Butterfield Primary in 2017 because I felt a connection to their unique ethos and believed I could support them with my own skills and knowledge. I became Chair of Governors in September 2021 after previously being Co-Chair and Vice-Chair. I am looking forward to supporting our Headteacher, SLT, Staff and pupils for another year, ensuring Ralph Butterfield does the best for every child.</p>		

Name	Louisa Dobson	
Role out of School	Head of Inspiring Choices Programme	
Governor Designation	Co-opted	
Term of Office	From 2021	
Responsibilities	Vice-Chair of Governors, Finance, staffing and premises member.	
Personal Statement		
<p>I have worked in the field of widening participation for 9 years and currently manage a Higher Education outreach programme which promotes equality of opportunity for vulnerable and disadvantaged young people living in York and North Yorkshire. I am also a trained</p>		

choral singer and teacher and sing with York Minster Choir and Ex Corde vocal ensemble.

I applied to be a Governor in 2021 because I was seeking a volunteering role, and felt that I had skills and knowledge to make a meaningful contribution within school governance. I am so glad that I was given the opportunity to be Governor at Ralph Butterfield School, and have been made to feel very welcome by the board, senior leaders and the wider school community.

Name	Jenny Parkin		
Role out of School	Retired HR Manager		
Governor Designation	Co-opted		
Term of Office	2018-2022 2022-2026		
Responsibilities	Chair of Finance, Staffing & Premises Committee and KS1 Phase Governor		
Personal Statement			
I worked in Human Resources and staff development for over 35 years, both in local government and education. When my own children were at St Wilfrid's primary school I became a parent governor there. In 2018 when my colleague Scott Jones mentioned that Ralph Butterfield Primary were seeking governors, I researched the school, visited and discovered how wonderful and visionary it is. I am very pleased to be able to work alongside the other governors, and with the senior leadership team and the dedicated staff, to help release the magic for every child at Ralph Butterfield.			

Name	Elizabeth (Lizzie) Banbury	
Role	Headteacher	
Governor Designation	Ex-officio	
Term of Office	Headship	

Responsibilities	Strategic and operational leadership of the school
Personal Statement	
<p>I joined Ralph Butterfield Primary School in 2002, four years into my teaching career. I have therefore dedicated the vast majority of my career to this school that I am incredibly passionate about and committed to. I consider myself very fortunate to have been able to develop my career here, through initially leading history then English across the school, before joining the leadership team to become Assistant Headteacher, then Deputy Headteacher and Headteacher from September 2020, after a year as Acting Head. It is an absolute privilege to now be in a position to lead and develop the whole school to be the very best that it can be, with an exciting vision, for the wonderful community we serve. In my leisure time, I love to read, visit the coast and spend time with my friends and family, not least, my gorgeous cat, Dave!</p>	

Name	Helen Stephenson	
Role	Deputy Headteacher	
Governor Designation	Ex-officio Associate Governor	
Term of Office	Throughout Deputy Headship	
Responsibilities	Class Teacher Pupil Premium Lead Attendance Lead English Lead KS2 Phase Lead	
Personal Statement		
<p>I have worked in many primary schools in Scotland, Northern Ireland and England due to moving home with my family. As a family, we returned to York in 2011 when I started working at Ralph Butterfield Primary School as the HLTA. After 2 1/2 years, I left the school in order to further my teaching career. However, having loved working at the school so much previously, I returned in 2017 to teach in Year 3/4. I moved to teaching Year 5/6 in September 2019. At the same time, I joined the SLT as acting Assistant Headteacher from September 2019 before being appointed Deputy Headteacher in January 2020.</p> <p>I love being outdoors walking my dogs, Skye and Misty, and enjoy spending time with family each summer in Scotland. I enjoy windsurfing and paddle boarding.</p>		

Name	Deb Robinson				
Role	Assistant Headteacher				
Governor Designation	Associate Governor				
Term of Office	Throughout Assistant Headship				
Responsibilities	Class Teacher Early Reading and Phonics Lead Assessment lead Educational Visits Coordinator Volunteer Coordinator				
Personal Statement					
<p>After working in a school in Leeds for two years, I started working at Ralph Butterfield Primary School in 2002. I have therefore spent a large majority of my teaching career in this amazingly unique school. I have taught across all phases as a class teacher and I am currently now teaching in one of our Reception classes. For many years, I enjoyed leading Religious Education across the school and working with local schools to develop phonics within our Key Stage One classes. During 2017/2018, I worked closely with the senior leadership team to develop whole school strategies across Year 1 and 2. I was very privileged to be appointed as acting Assistant Headteacher in September 2019 and then Assistant Headteacher in January 2020 to work with and assist in leading the dedicated team at Ralph Butterfield Primary School.</p> <p>I love reading and also enjoy walking with my family in The Lake District. One of my favourite places to go is the beach.</p>					

Name	Chris Edwards	
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Role out of School	1. Chair: REACH, York's Cultural Education Partnership; 2. Chair: Explore Libraries and Archives.				
Governor Designation	Local Authority Governor				
Term of Office	From 2019				
Responsibilities	Chair of Curriculum and Standards Committee				
Personal Statement					
<p>I worked in education for all my working life: as a teacher, adviser, inspector, Director of Education, Chief Executive of Education Leeds and as an education and management consultant. I have lived in Haxby and Wigginton since 1989 and my children all went to local primary and secondary schools. All my current work is as a volunteer and I am committed to ensuring that we release the magic in every child and young person across the City of York through access to creativity, culture, the arts, heritage and through the world of books and reading. I became a governor at Ralph Butterfield Primary School at the request of the City Council and hope to be able to help the school continue to develop as an exceptional school which provides a rich, stimulating, dynamic and inclusive curriculum offer for every child.</p>					

Name	Scott Jones	
Role out of School	IT Manager in a school Beaver Scout Leader	
Governor Designation	Parent	
Term of Office	From 2020	
Responsibilities	Chair of Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee Safeguarding Governor Chair of Finance Working Party KS1 Phase Governor	
Personal Statement		

I have worked in IT for over 30 years, for the past 18 years in education, in both a college in Leeds and an independent school in York. I have also been a Scout Leader for 15 years and currently lead one of the Beaver Colonies.

Both my children have been pupils at Ralph Butterfield Primary School and in 2016, I became a parent governor as I wanted to help support the school in any way that I could.

It has been incredibly rewarding to be part of the governing body over the last six years, seeing the positive difference that Liz Clark and her team make to all the children in the school.

Name	Matt Dunn	 A black and white photograph of Matt Dunn, a man with a beard and short hair, smiling at the camera.
Role out of School	Senior Asset Engineer, Renewals and Enhancements, Signalling, Network Rail	
Governor Designation	Co-opted Governor	
Term of Office	From September 2018	
Responsibilities	Health and Safety, and Educational Visits Governor Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee	
Personal Statement		
I joined the governing team back in 2018, when the team were on the lookout for people with knowledge on buildings, asset management and general infrastructure, with the hope to make a positive impact before my son started in reception in September 2022.		
I have always worked in the Rail industry starting on the tools as an electrical engineer back in 2007, before moving into Project Development and Delivery in 2014, managing the development and delivery of large multi-discipline infrastructure projects before specialising in Level Crossing and Signalling project development and delivery. I also lead and chair the national Level Crossing Technology group.		
I really enjoy being part of the Governors team and working with the Ralph Butterfield Staff who are all great. When not working you'll find me spending time with my family, in the gym, outdoors or volunteering for the North York Moors National Park on the Cleveland Way.		

Name	John McGreevy				
Role out of School	Director of Research and Innovation – Sylatech Ltd				
Governor Designation	Co-opted member				
Term of Office	From May 2019				
Responsibilities	Inclusion Governor				
Personal Statement					
<p>I joined the governors in 2019 when the school asked for volunteers to be parent governors. My daughter has now moved onto Joseph Rowntrees .</p> <p>I'm particularly interested in Science and Maths education having completed a physics degree at Birmingham University and being a Chartered Physicist.</p> <p>I have spent my work life in the electronics industry in a variety of roles from design engineer to Managing Director of a small company.</p> <p>Outside work I enjoy reading and travelling and continually opening and closing the front door for our cat William (!!). I also enjoy walking but don't get into the hills as much as I used to.</p>					

Name	Sue Tomlinson				
Role out of School	Secondary school teacher				
Governor Designation	Co-opted				
Term of Office	From December 2021				
Responsibilities	KS2 Phase governor				
Personal Statement					
<p>I have been a secondary teacher of Chemistry and science since 1994. I have taught in a variety of schools including large comprehensives in Leeds and York and most recently a local</p>					

independent school. As well as my interest in the sciences, I particularly enjoy working to support and give access to those young people who might face obstacles in their lives and towards their learning and in the pastoral care and well-being for all students.

I am mum to three older children 24, 21 and 18 and love spending time with my family. I enjoy trips to the theatre, particularly musicals when I can as well as walking, gardening, swimming and cycling and trying any 'arty' opportunities that come my way.

I became a school governor at Ralph Butterfield very recently and I feel very privileged to be able to contribute towards this inspiring school. I am looking forward to getting to know and working with this great team to support the school community in all they do.

Name	Carol King		
Role	Previous School Business Manager		
Governor Designation	Co-opted Governor		
Term of Office	04/07/2019 to 03/07/2023 04/07/2023 to 03/07/2027		
Responsibilities	Finance Human Resources Safeguarding in Recruitment Payroll Office Manager		
Personal Statement			
I joined Ralph Butterfield Primary School in February 2006 as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant and then as School Business Manager from 2008 until August 2022, when I retired. My two children, who are now in their thirties, both attended Ralph Butterfield School. The school was one of the most sought-after Primary Schools in York. Ralph Butterfield gave my children the best possible foundation on which to build those blocks as they grew into adulthood and 28 years later, it offers much more than that. The school has grown to offer children quality teaching with a dedicated team placing our children at the centre of their vocation, they aim to reduce gaps in learning between different children and offer a balanced curriculum. It prides itself on strengthening home-			

school communications and works closely in partnership with other communities, families and other professionals.

Being a governor is my way of saying thank you and to contribute to an educational establishment which nurtures, provides children with a sense of purpose and self-belief and thrive in challenging times for continual improvement.

On a personal note, I love to spend lots of time with my family and grandchildren. I have a passion for Modern and Latin American Dancing and won many medals in my youth. I have now ignited my passion for dancing by having weekly dance tuition.

I enjoy walking and hill climbing, particularly when I reach the top and I am currently learning to play the drums. I am looking forward to attending a foraging course to learn more about food survival in the great outdoors.

Name	Steph Clapham	 A headshot of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a light blue floral top, smiling at the camera. She is outdoors with greenery in the background.
Role	Class Teacher	
Governor Designation	Staff Governor	
Term of Office	From 2020	

Responsibilities	Class Teacher Science Subject Lead Curriculum and Standards Member
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Personal Statement

After teaching abroad for ten years, in an international and bilingual school in Berlin, I returned to the UK in 2017. I taught for a short time in Peterborough and then moved to Haxby to teach at Ralph Butterfield in April 2018, covering a maternity leave contract in Year 1. I was then very fortunate that I had the opportunity to continue my teaching career with a permanent teaching position at such a supportive and fabulous school. Since then, I have taught in KS1, took on the role of science subject leader in 2019 and moved to Lower Juniors in 2020 teaching Year 3 and currently teach a mixed year 3/4 class.

When the opportunity of the role of Staff Governor came available in 2020, I put myself forward as I wanted to be able to contribute and support the school in a different role than my teaching role.

Out of school, I like to spend time with my family, enjoy reading and gardening.

Name	Emma Moss	
Role	School Business Manager	
Governor Designation	Associate Governor	
Term of Office	2022-2026	
Responsibilities	HR, Finances, Premises and Health & Safety	
Personal Statement		
<p>I started my career in retail management, enjoying the fast pace and variety that each day brought; I held a particular interest in customer service and training & development. Upon starting a family, I moved to work in the Education sector, a journey which I am very proud to say started at Ralph Butterfield Primary School, 9 years ago.</p> <p>I have worked in numerous roles within our school, most recently as School Business Manager. I thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to work alongside a team of dedicated and passionate individuals, driven towards achieving a shared vision; I am very excited about what the future holds for our school.</p> <p>Away from the school office, I enjoy being able to spend time outdoors - most of which is spent actively supporting my sport loving family! I adore visiting Northumberland and the Lake District, sampling the finest cake and ice cream I can find.</p>		

Name	Charlotte Littleboy	
Role out of school	Change Consultant	
Governor Designation	Parent Governor	

Term of Office	From June 2023	
Responsibilities	Curriculum and Standards Committee Wellbeing Governor EYFS and PHSE link governor	
Personal Statement		
<p>I moved to York in 2021 and my children started at Ralph Butterfield in years 4 and 2. We were immediately impressed with the school's approach to inclusion and SEN support, and I was pleased to have the opportunity to join the governing body and continue to support the school in its work. I became the Wellbeing Governor as I think mental and physical health for both children and staff is a key issue, and ensuring the right conditions for both to flourish is really important.</p> <p>In my career I have worked for Parliament and the Home Office, as well as the Government of Jersey, while living in the Channel Islands. My roles have included policy, governance, digital change and legislation. I'm now working as a change consultant, supporting organisations to find ways to improve what they do in a way that works for the people that work within them; I'm passionate about improving culture in the workplace. In my spare time I am in a local choir and exploring York and North Yorkshire as much as possible.</p>		

Name	Hugh Richards	
Role	Director of Sixth Form and Assistant Headteacher, Huntington School	
Governor Designation	Parent Governor	

Term of Office	From October 2024	
Responsibilities	Upper KS2 and PE link governor	
Personal Statement	<p>I have been a secondary History teacher since 2010 and after a decade as Head of History I have just started a new role as an Assistant Headteacher and Director of Sixth Form. I love working with young people and teach children from diverse social backgrounds across the 11-18 age range.</p> <p>In addition to this role, I lead local and national teacher CPD, as well as author textbooks and a history teaching handbook.</p> <p>I have 5 years of experience in school governance at both primary and secondary level in the state sector, and I am delighted to continue as a member of the Ralph Butterfield governing body, offering some perspectives from my background in education as well as my position as a parent.</p> <p>I have two children, one who started at Ralph Butterfield in 2024 and one who will start in 2026, and I love spending time with them. I enjoy reading and running, and I hope to return to playing hockey in the next year or two.</p>	
Name	Amy Crundwell	

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Role		
Governor Designation	Parent Governor	
Term of Office		
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Personal Statement		

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Name	Imogen Hill
Role	
Governor Designation	Parent Governor
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Personal Statement	