




<b>Name</b>	Philip Newton	
<b>Role out of School</b>	Community Participation Manager – York Museums Trust	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Co-opted Governor	
<b>Term of Office</b>	2021-2025	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Chair of Governors, Curriculum and Standards Member, Headteacher Appraisal, Pay Committee	
<b>Personal Statement</b>		
<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>		

<b>Name</b>	Louisa Dobson	
<b>Role out of School</b>	Head of Inspiring Choices Programme	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Co-opted	
<b>Term of Office</b>	2021-2025	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Vice-Chair of Governors, Finance, staffing and premises member.	
<b>Personal Statement</b>		
<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.


<b>Name</b>	Jenny Parkin	
<b>Role out of School</b>	Retired HR Manager	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Co-opted	
<b>Term of Office</b>	2018-2022 2022-2026	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	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 Liz Clark and her dedicated staff, to help release the magic for every child at Ralph Butterfield.


<b>Name</b>	Elizabeth (Liz) Clark	
<b>Role</b>	Headteacher	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Ex-officio	
<b>Term of Office</b>	Headship	


<b>Responsibilities</b>	Strategic and operational leadership of the school
<b>Personal Statement</b>	
<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>	

<b>Name</b>	Helen Stephenson	
<b>Role</b>	Deputy Headteacher	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Ex-officio Associate Governor	
<b>Term of Office</b>	Throughout Deputy Headship	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Class Teacher Pupil Premium Lead Attendance Lead English Lead KS2 Phase Lead	
<b>Personal Statement</b>		
<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 ½ 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>		

<b>Name</b>	Deb Robinson	
<b>Role</b>	Assistant Headteacher	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Associate Governor	
<b>Term of Office</b>	Throughout Assistant Headship	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Class Teacher Early Reading and Phonics Lead Assessment lead Educational Visits Coordinator Volunteer Coordinator	
<b>Personal Statement</b>		
<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 Years 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>		

<b>Name</b>	Chris Edwards	
<b>Role out of School</b>	1. Chair: REACH, York's Cultural	


	Education Partnership; 2. Chair: Explore Libraries and Archives.	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Local Authority Governor	
<b>Term of Office</b>	2019	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Chair of Curriculum and Standards Committee	
<b>Personal Statement</b>		
<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>		

<b>Name</b>	Scott Jones	
<b>Role out of School</b>	IT Manager in a school Beaver Scout Leader	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Parent	
<b>Term of Office</b>	2020-2024	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Chair of Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee Safeguarding Governor Chair of Finance Working Party KS1 Phase Governor	
<b>Personal Statement</b>		
<p>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</p>		

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.


<b>Name</b>	Matt Dunn	
<b>Role out of School</b>	Senior Asset Engineer, Renewals and Enhancements, Signalling, Network Rail	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Co-opted Governor	
<b>Term of Office</b>	September 2018	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	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.

<b>Name</b>	John McGreevy	
<b>Role out of School</b>	Director of Research and Innovation – Sylatech Ltd	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Parent Governor	
<b>Term of Office</b>	May 2019	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Vice Chair of Curriculum & Standards Committee	


**Personal Statement**

I joined the governors in 2019 when the school asked for volunteers to be parent governors. My daughter is currently in Year 4.

I'm particularly interested in Science and Maths education having completed a physics degree at Birmingham University and being a Chartered Physicist.

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.

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.

<b>Name</b>	Sue Tomlinson	
<b>Role out of School</b>	Secondary school teacher	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Co-opted	
<b>Term of Office</b>	December 2021- December 2025	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	KS2 Phase governor	
<b>Personal Statement</b>		

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 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.


<b>Name</b>	Andy Daniel	Image
<b>Role</b>	Year 6 Class Teacher	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Co-opted Governor	
<b>Term of Office</b>	2021-2025	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Class Teacher Mathematics Subject Leader Assessment Team Member	

**Personal Statement**


I joined Ralph Butterfield Primary School in January 1999; the fact I am still teaching here in 2022, speaks volumes about the school and what it means to me. It really is a wonderful and special place to work and it continues to be such a privilege to have the opportunity to try and make a difference in the lives of the young people I teach and, in the words of our Headteacher, **'release the magic in everyone.'** I am currently Mathematic's leader and support SLT with assessment throughout the school both of which, I really enjoy. My wife, Sarah Daniel, also works in the school as a reception teacher – a role she is extremely passionate about. Outside of school, we have two young children: Daisy and Orla. We all love days out walking or cycling in the woods as well as lots of trips the seaside for a paddle in the sea and fish and chips. When time allows, I love a day by the river or a local pond fishing.


<b>Name</b>	Carol King	
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<b>Role</b>	Previous School Business Manager	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Co-opted Governor	
<b>Term of Office</b>	04/07/2019 to 03/07/2023 04/07/2023 to 03/07/2027	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Finance Human Resources Safeguarding in Recruitment Payroll Office Manager	
<b>Personal Statement</b>		
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		

<b>Name</b>	Steph Clapham	
<b>Role</b>	Class Teacher	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Staff Governor	

<b>Term of Office</b>	2020 - 2024	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Class Teacher Science Subject Lead Curriculum and Standards Member	
<b>Personal Statement</b>		
<p>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 a mixed Year 1/2 class, took on the role of science subject leader in September 2019 and then in September 2020 moved to Lower Juniors teaching Year 3 and now teach a mixed 3/4 class.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Out of school, I like to spend time with my family, enjoy reading and relaxing in the garden.</p>		


<b>Name</b>	Emma Moss	
<b>Role</b>	School Business Manager	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Associate Governor	
<b>Term of Office</b>	2022-2026	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	HR, Finances, Premises and Health & Safety	

## Personal Statement

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.

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.

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.


<b>Name</b>	Charlotte Littleboy	
<b>Role out of school</b>	Change Consultant	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Parent Governor	
<b>Term of Office</b>	June 2023	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Curriculum and Standards Committee Wellbeing Governor EYFS and PHSE link governor	
<b>Personal Statement</b>		
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.

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.

<b>Name</b>	Hugh Richards	
<b>Role</b>		
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Parent Governor	
<b>Term of Office</b>		
<b>Responsibilities</b>		
<b>Personal Statement</b>		

<b>Name</b>	Lauren Arbon	
<b>Role</b>	Secondary School English Teacher and Tutor	
<b>Governor Designation</b>	Parent Governor	

<b>Term of Office</b>	From Sept 2023	
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Curriculum and Standards Committee	
<b>Personal Statement</b>		
<p>I have been an English teacher in the York area for the last 15 years and am passionate about education and schools achieving the very best for their students. When the opportunity arose to become a Parent Governor, I therefore saw it as a great opportunity to be involved in helping the children in our local community. My daughter joined the school back in 2021 and is now in Year 3. She loves her time at Ralph Butterfield and I can see just what a special place it is to be.</p> <p>I enjoy reading, travelling and theatre and love spending time at the weekend with my husband and daughter.</p>		