

Governor Pen Portraits

Martin Baines – Chair of Governors

I moved to Mossley in 2004 following a number of years working overseas as an environmental engineer. I now work in Manchester as a Principal Hydrologist for a national environmental engineering consultancy. I am involved locally in helping with the set design and construction at Mossley Amateur Operatic and with my family, I support and patronise a number of regular community events and clubs.

As a consultant, I have expertise in all aspects of business management including staff recruitment and management, financial control and project management. In my role as governor, I have used these skills to help guide the school in ensuring that financial resources are well managed and that appropriate educational performance targets are set and achieved by the school.

Kay Faulkner – Vice Chair of Governors

I am a Local Authority Governor at Livingstone Primary School. I live locally and am delighted to be part of the team. The role of governor gives me a chance to support the school in making a difference to the children in the local community to enable them to develop and achieve. I work for Manchester Metropolitan University as a Business Development Manager; connecting business, public sector and charities to the University to support workforce development, solve problems through applied research and access graduate talent. I have worked in Higher Education for over 10 years. I have skills in management, strategy, marketing and project management which I will be able to apply to my role as governor. I am looking forward to the challenge of being a governor in times of significant change in the education sector.

Mary Howarth

I am a co-opted governor at Livingstone Primary School and am proud to support the school's pupils and staff. I live in Mossley and have worked at Mossley Hollins High School for twenty years. I firmly believe that every child and young person not only has the right to education but should become inspired by it. Our community is dependent on its next generation and to continue to build the society we want, we need to give our young children the best foundation we can. Livingstone Primary School offers that basis from Early Years through to Year 6 and I feel privileged to be part of that progression.

Kate Kersley

I am a co-opted governor at Livingstone and my daughter currently attends the school. I work as an internal auditor for a local council and specialise in management of risk, governance and control and giving assurance of the effectiveness of management arrangements. I felt that this expertise would

be useful in supporting the school's effective management and have enjoyed learning more about the school during my time on the Governing Body.

Daniel Wake

As a parent, I have a keen interest in the performance of Livingstone and would like to influence the school positively, where I am able to. I am naturally inquisitive with a keen eye for detail and enjoy debating proposals and reports, in a balanced way, to achieve the best possible outcome. Working in finance since 2003, I have built a skill set of budgeting, accounting, process improvement and process governance which I believe will benefit the school. A warm, respectful yet stretching environment will benefit the futures of all our children. I intend to assist the school in delivering this.

Mary Wilson

I have lived in Mossley for 34 years. I am now retired having worked as a teacher and as an Education Officer. I was a teacher for 27 years and became the Deputy Headteacher of a Tameside Primary School. As an Education Officer, I worked in the area of Special Educational Needs. I have been a school governor at Mossley Hollins High School and previously at Livingstone. I became a governor in order to use my skills and experience to contribute to the community. In this role I intend to work to maintain the existing happy, secure and caring environment that I believe is crucial for learning and personal growth of all.

John Flint

I have been Deputy Head at Livingstone since March 2015. Prior to this, I was a class teacher for 7 years. Most of this was spent teaching Class 5 (Yr5/6) although I also did short stints in Classes 3 and 4. Whilst at Livingstone, I have had a number of different roles including being the Maths, PE and Assessment leads. I have enjoyed each of the many different challenges that these roles have posed. They have enabled me to play a big role in the development of Livingstone over the past few years which is something that I am very proud of. I feel very fortunate to be able to work every day to make a difference to the young people of Mossley and I hope that in my role as staff governor I shall be able to help make Livingstone Primary a school the whole community can be proud of.

Rebecca Willard

I first started work at Livingstone in September 2006 as Deputy Head. I undertook this role for 8 years. I was then appointed as Headteacher from September 2014. I am very proud of this school, of the community feel and the real sense of team that we have built. I applied for the role because I was already proud of the improvements I had helped to make as Deputy Head and wanted to continue to improve the school that I care about. I truly believe in ensuring every child achieves

their best and working closely with parents and the wider community. I am particularly proud of our improvements in SATs results recently and our community working with schools across Mossley.

Emma Koivunen

I joined as a parent governor in autumn 2017. My two daughters are in Reception and Year 1. They both enjoyed their first year at Livingstone and we have all felt so welcome and impressed with the school that I wanted to volunteer in the governing body to help the school. I am from Finland, and have lived in England for over 10 years, most of that time in Mossley. I work as a researcher in Manchester Metropolitan University, doing social science research on older people's lives. I have also held voluntary roles in two educational charities, the Association for Education and Ageing and the Manchester Finnish School.

Sue Longden

I've lived in Mossley for 18 years, having moved just over the hill from Stalybridge. I chose to bring up my family here for the town's beautiful location and strong sense of community. My son and daughter both attended Livingstone, where they had a great start to their education. I originally trained as nurse and health visitor before specialising in public health. I currently work as the Deputy Director of Public Health for Bolton, where my job focuses on improving health and preventing illness. In my spare time, I love to get out walking with the dogs; mostly around Saddleworth or in North Wales.