



QUEEN VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR PROFILES – OCTOBER 2023

Lesley Ward (Chair of Governors)

My name is Lesley Ward. I was a teacher in Wolverhampton for 37 years having trained at Dudley Teacher Training College. I retired from teaching in 2014. I taught at a very wide range of primary schools and for the last fifteen years of my working life was a Head Teacher at two differing primary schools.

Since retirement I have continued to be interested in developments in education at a local, regional and national level. I have a good understanding of the challenges and pressures facing schools today and a wide understanding of approaches to school improvement.

I look forward to working as part of the governor team at Queen Victoria Primary and can assure of my commitment to the ethos and values of the school and its community.

Sam Haggerman (Vice Chair)

I've been a Methodist Minister in Wolverhampton for the last 3 years. I'm now also the minister for St Andrew's church in Sedgley which provides a fabulous opportunity for engaging with this community. As a teacher before I was ordained I loved the energy that schools seem to hold - on good days and bad days, there's always learning going on both for staff and children. That feels like a good place to be so I feel very privileged to have been asked to be a governor at Queen Victoria School and I look forward to being part of the excellent work that's going on in this place.

Sara Morris

I retired from my role of Headteacher at Oak Meadow Primary School in Wolverhampton after 20 years of headship. My role obviously concentrated on the education, health and welfare of pupils, ensuring all abilities were catered for and all pupils were encouraged to attain their potential. I was the designated person in charge of Child Protection and worked on the local authority's committee to ensure schools kept up to date with changes to policies and practice.

I have continued to work in schools over recent years as an educational advisor, carrying out Headteacher appraisals. I am able to bring the benefit of my experience to this role and offer support and understanding to colleagues, whilst setting targets which are challenging and ambitious, yet realistic. Since my retirement in 2016, I have worked with the local authority on a project concerning the health and welfare of pupils and carried out quality assurance for a sports coaching company, working as an educational advisor and consultant.

I have also qualified as a Personal Trainer and have regular clients who I instruct in the gym or in homes on a one-to-one basis.

I very much look forward to using my skills and experience in the role of governor at Queen Victoria Primary School, the school I attended as a pupil from the age of 4 to 11.

Paula Shackell

Year 5/6 Phase Leader within Queen Victoria Primary School

Emily Hughes

I have been a primary teacher for 8 years, four of which have been spent teaching at Queen Victoria. Due to this I have a vested interest in driving forward positive change to ensure the very best educational outcomes are intended and implemented. Having been a Pupil Premium child myself, I hope to ensure that those children from disadvantaged backgrounds have the same opportunities and high aspirations for themselves as their peers. Since completing a Masters in Education in 2018, I have continued to be passionate about Teaching and Learning and the impact of experiential learning in the classroom. I am increasingly interested in Reading as a vehicle across the curriculum, seeking strategies to enhance children's cultural capital, and highlighting the role of retrieval practice in the classroom.