



Mr Joshua Cronin Chair of Governors

I first met Mrs Phillips around 3 years ago and she told me about this fantastic school and informed me that there was an opening for someone to join the governing board and I was successfully elected to join the team. I have now been part of the governing board for the last 3 years, initial as a co-opted governor and then taking on the role of chair 2 years ago. I also enjoy working as part of the Finance committee.

Before joining the school I had been a Vice Chair of Governors at another Birmingham school which had given me lots of experience and skills to help run an effective school. I think it is really important that we as Governors provide a high level of challenge to the schools leaders but also provide them with support and guidance when it's required.

I have a specific focus on the Finance committee to make sure that the school is managing its finances and resources as effectively as possible. Also have an interest in how the school is spending the Pupil Premium Budget. I am currently working for a small social enterprise that supports pupils across the country to lead better lives and so supporting children is at the heart of what I enjoy doing. I also enjoy spending time with family and friends, going to the gym and visiting other countries.



Ms Heather Phillips Executive Head teacher

I sit as a member of the Governing Body in my capacity of Executive Head teacher. Having been at Blakesley since 2004, I bring a passion and commitment to seeing the school thrive and develop in providing the best possible education and life chances for the children who are part of the Blakesley family. By virtue of being the Executive Head teacher and including the six years I spent as an inspector for Ofsted, I have a wealth of experiences that I bring to the role of Governor and have strong understanding of the role that my fellow Governors play in the strategic development of the school in shaping its values and ethos and providing important challenge as well as support to me and my school team of leaders.

The hardest part of the role currently is ensuring that with decreasing funding coming in to our school, we use the money wisely to educate and inspire our children and not just for the necessary equipment — pencils and books but making sure that education remains fun and vital for every child celebrating their backgrounds and cultures so that they can truly be safe, secure AND successful.

My interests are varied and include any kind of live performance — e.g. music and theatre. I like to read and watch films, and whenever I can, I enjoy holidaying in the sun!



Tyrone Samuel

Associate Member

I currently work as the Head of Data for Capita Government Services working on a significant national government contract. I bring a wealth of experience in understanding all aspects of data, most prominently assessment.

My specific areas of interest are assessment, attendance and staff wellbeing. I hold a position on the Curriculum Committee. I have held a position on the governing body for three years. I have a keen interest in education and enjoy blogging. I also write articles for Primary School Magazine and enjoy sports and writing poetry.



Jane Reid-Leonard

Staff- Associate Governor

I have worked at Blakesley Hall Primary School for nearly 20 years. I am an Assistant Head Teacher, leading on whole school assessment and supporting the teaching and learning in Phase one. During my time at Blakesley, I have taken on many roles such as Early Years Leader, Safeguarding Lead and Phase 3 Leader. As Assessment Leader, I work closely with all year groups to ensure that pupils are making good progress. In my spare time, I love to spend time with my family. I have three children and we love to have family days out together. I have enjoyed being part of the Blakesley family, building great relationships with lots of children and families. There is a very special community feel here in school and I'm proud to be part of this Blakeley way!



Mr Matthew Wareham Staff Governor

I began my education as a student at Blakesley Hal Primary School in 2001 and left in 2008. I have now returned to Blakesley Hall and have chosen to begin my teaching career here, as an Early Years Teacher. I trained at Liverpool Hope University in 2015, and graduated from there in 2019. During my training I discovered a real passion for Early Years Education and Outdoor Learning. Outside of school I relish the opportunity to make the most of the great outdoors and take an active part in the local community. During my spare time run the local Scout troop, giving the local children opportunities to broaden their horizons and learn life skills.

I look forward to taking on the responsibility of being a member of this schools governing body, and helping to effect positive change.



Les Vile Local Authority Governor

I have been a governor at Blakesley since January 2013. I have worked in the role of Safeguarding Governor for the duration of my time at Blakesley.

I am the Lead Safeguarding Governor and I am a member of the Curriculum Committee.

I have over sixteen years of experience dealing with safeguarding, having previously held a senior safeguarding position with a youth organization.



Mrs Janice Wood Co-Opted Governor

I have been privileged to work at Blakesley Hall Primary School for several years as both a teacher and as an assistant teacher between 2001 to 2013. When I left the school to work elsewhere, I felt that I wanted to carry on being a part of Blakesley and was lucky enough to be invited to become a governor. I have been a governor for three years now.

Skills and experience you bring to the governing body I am currently a head teacher and work at Hall Green Infant School. I am very familiar with all aspects of school. Specific areas of interest is English and my committee membership is Curriculum and Standard.



Mrs Claire Denton Co-Opted Governor

I am currently an Assistant Head teacher at a local school and I am excited to start my journey as a Governor with Blakesley Hall primary school.

I passionately believe that children are entitled to a high quality education that gives them the knowledge and inspiration to become successful members of society. It is my belief that our job as teachers is to work with children and families, using education as our armour against disadvantage. It is this belief that equips me to be a voice of support and challenge for every child at Blakesley Hall primary school in my role as Governor.

I have three children of my own, across key stages, and spend my spare time enjoying family days out or staying in reading a book or watching films with them.



Ms Amanda Cross Co-Opted Governor

My name is Ms Amanda Cross. I have worked in education for the past 16 years. During this time, I have been a teaching assistant, class teacher and an Assistant Head teacher. I am also a governor at Blakesley Hall Primary School, which I am extremely proud of.

I am very interested in seeing the school develop and be part of a team to support the school to achieve their goals. Also, to offer all of the pupils exciting opportunities to learn, and be 'the best that they can be'. When I visit the school, I love talking to the pupils. They are very welcoming and confident. It is a privilege to be part of the school.



Mr J.W. Stuart Roberts

Parent Governor

My Wife and I have a 13 year old autistic son who attends special school and my youngest aged 10 started at BHPS in 2014 and is now in year 6. My wife is a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Walsall Manor NHS Trust. My wife and I have got along with most of the teachers my daughter has had over the years and have always considered BHPS to be a good well rounded primary school that engages with parents to achieve the best outcomes for the children.

My working life experience has been extremely varied covering many diverse areas from IT and Construction to Senior Management of Government Contracts. When I retired in 2015, to spend more time with my autistic son, I was the Electrical & Mechanical Contracts Manager for Mears Group and member of the Mears Birmingham senior management team. I am a problem solver with experience of partnership working with local authorities and other stakeholders. People who know me well say I have a unique perspective and alternative approach to problems.

My hobbies and interests include Autism, Chess, Tai Chi, Science, World Politics, Building Technology, Computer Technology, Information Technology, Electronics, DIY, Practical Chemistry, Cars, Motorcycles, Target Shooting, Nature, Gardening and Fish Keeping.

Osamugi Ogbe

Parent Governor
