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### *Governor Focus*

Governors are volunteers who give their time and expertise to help lead and develop the school. They are pivotal in the strategic management and governance of the school. Governors are responsible for the appointment of the Headteacher and the interviewing of other school staff, ensuring that the leadership team is equipped to drive the school's vision and deliver an effective education for all pupils. In addition to these responsibilities, governors hold the legal obligation to ensure that the school complies with its statutory duties and operates within the framework of the law. They must ensure that the leadership and management team have appropriate plans and resources in place to deliver a high-quality learning experience for students.

Acting as a 'critical friend', governors monitor the school's performance, scrutinising attainment, budgetary management, and curriculum effectiveness, thus ensuring that St Michael's remains committed to providing a purposeful and enriching education for our children.

Governors meet within the school every half term to discuss progress and challenges, working collaboratively with staff, parents, and the wider community to foster an inclusive environment. Their legal duties, powers, and responsibilities underpin the effective governance and success of the school.

### *Chair of Governors Mrs Feltham*

I am honoured to introduce myself as the Chair of Governors. Having grown up in this community and attended St Michael and All Angels as a child, I have a deep affinity for this school. It is particularly gratifying to see my four children benefit from the same education, with two still currently enrolled and thriving.

I have proudly served as a governor for six years, and for the past three years, I have had the privilege of fulfilling the role of Chair. With 18 years of experience in the field of education, I have worked across various settings, and I have recently returned to full-time teaching, a pursuit I am deeply passionate about.



### *Pre-School Link Governor Mrs Raistrick*

Hello, I am Glenda Raistrick and this year I am thrilled to become the Pre-School Link Governor after my previous cohort finished their journey through St Michaels and finished in Year 6 in July.

I visited my new group for the first time this half term to meet the children and spend some time getting to know them. I really enjoyed my visit and found the high amount of effort and care that goes into taking care of the children is so evident. I look forward to popping in regularly to see their progress.



### *Reception Link Governor Mrs Shand*

I am excited to introduce myself as a Staff Governor and the link governor for Reception class. I have recently enjoyed a visit to Reception class and it was wonderful to see how well the children have settled into their new environment. Reception have been learning all about Autumn this term and I enjoyed working with them to create some fantastic woodland creatures out of clay and foraged sticks. The children are filled with enthusiasm for learning and I am already looking forward to my next visit!



### *Year 1 Link Governor Mrs Hallows*

I am Janet Hallows, one of the two Foundation Governors at the school. This means that I am appointed by the PCC of St Michael's Church. I am involved in children's work at the church, the toddler group, Little Angels and Sunday Club with children from around 3 to 12 years of age. I also edit the church magazine and am a member of PCC and the fundraising committee.

On my first visit to Year 1 this term I was delighted to find that so many of them had remembered me from my visits when they were in Reception. They are a lovely, friendly, enthusiastic bunch of youngsters. They were keen to show me things they were doing and I really enjoyed my time with them. I look forward to future visits and seeing the progress they are making.

I want all children to gain as much as possible from their education and not just to learn, but to enjoy learning and to feel safe and happy at school.

### *Year 3 Link Governor Mrs Lamin*

I am Lisa Lamin, a passionate Parent Governor and the Year 3 Link Governor, dedicated to creating an enriching learning atmosphere for our children. I recently had a lovely visit with Year 3 where the children shared with me the interesting topics they have been learning about this half term. I was able to observe a PE lesson in which the children were learning gymnastics. This half term the children have learnt how to do a forwards roll, backwards roll and side roll. The children also expressed a joy for mathematics, with many of the children choosing this as their favourite subject, where they have been learning subtraction and increasing their knowledge of the times tables.

### *Year 5 Link Governor Mr Armitage*

Hi, I'm Chris Armitage, a Parent Governor and the Link Governor for Year 5. I've been attached to this cohort since Year 3, and I'm looking forward to another year supporting them. I also support the Governing Body as the Finance Governor.

I attended the curriculum afternoon session at the start of term, and learnt about the subjects and topics Year 5 will be covering this year. As part of my role, I'll be monitoring and reviewing the progress all the children are making towards their end-of-year expected skills and feeding back to the Governing Body. Personally, I'm looking forward to the science and computing curriculum.

### *Year 2 Link Governor Mrs Craven*

My name is Juliette Craven and I'm excited to introduce myself as the Vice Chair of Governors and the Link Governor for Year 2! This is a role I absolutely love, and one that I am incredibly proud of! St. Michael's is a place that holds a special place in my heart as it's where my son attended. It really is more than just a school; it's a caring community where every child can thrive and grow.

Next week, I'll be spending some time with the children and I can't wait to see all of the amazing things they've been up to this term! I've had some lovely chats with Miss Stewart about the exciting projects happening this term that I'd love to share with you. The children have been working hard on building their resilience and as a class, have focused a lot on their emotions. They even had a fantastic workshop from the Mental Health Support Team that Miss Stewart organised. Another exciting topic has seen the children learning about Tromso in Norway, exploring its beautiful fjords and stunning lakes. I wonder if any of the children got to see the Northern Lights in Halifax last week? I have some pictures that I shall be sharing with them! Finally, the children have been discussing the incredible Mary Seacole and her bravery as a leader in Black history and role during the Crimean War. Miss Stewart was so impressed with how much the children loved learning about her!

### *Year 4 Link Governor Rev Enwerem*

Hello, I am Foluso Enwerem and I am Year 4's Link Governor. I will soon be coming into school to visit the children and Miss Burt in their classroom. I look forward to building on our relationship from when the children were in Year 3, and I am keen to see how they are growing and progressing with their learning and development.

### *Year 6 Link Governor Mrs Lambert*

Hello, I'm Kate Lambert and I joined the governing body as a Parent Governor last year when my son Stanley, who is now in Year 1, started school.

My link class is Year 6. In the summer term of Year 5, I visited them when they were working on their Safe Travel Cup video. I was impressed with what a talented group they were with their dancing, singing, rapping and acting skills!

It was great to see them again last week as Year 6's and see them settled into their learning and routines. I saw some impressive writing on show and heard from the House Captains about how excited and proud they are to be leading their house teams this year.

