



Meet our Governors

Peter Thorp

I have been a Governor at Redesdale Primary school since June 2006.

Being a School Governor is a very rewarding and demanding role and one which I really enjoy. I have a great interest in the education of children and feel privileged to see them progress in their educational development. I believe every child should be provided with the best education to reach their full potential. As well as being the Chair of the Full Governing Body, I also have link responsibilities for Child Protection and School Council as well as a member of the Staffing and Finance Committee.

I am married with one daughter (Who attended Redesdale Primary School) and enjoy football and camping.

It is a great pleasure to be part of Redesdale Primary School.

Tracy Flannaghan

I was delighted to become the new Headteacher of Redesdale Primary School in February 2015 and look forward to our journey together as a community. I have been teaching since 1990 in a range of schools and am committed to making a difference to children's lives. I have supported schools in North Tyneside, sharing leadership skills, experiences and understanding across schools and encouraging staff to develop their abilities and talents to improve the teaching and learning of children.

As a Governor I feel it is vital to share the achievements of the children, staff and the whole school, with each other, to develop a common ethos for Redesdale Primary School.

I am proud to be a Governor at Redesdale to know that we are ensuring all our pupils receive the best possible education and reach their true potential.

I have four children and enjoy family time with them walking along the beach or taking the youngest to the park. I love reading, particularly mysteries and historical adventures.

June Atkins

I was employed by North Tyneside Council from 1985 until my retirement in December 2009. The majority of that time I worked in the Education Sector. My role as a Human Resources Advisor enabled me to work closely with the schools in Wallsend.

I have been a Governor at Redesdale Primary School since October 2010. I am also a Governor at a Special School in North Tyneside.

I became a Governor because I believe every child should be provided with the best education and be afforded every opportunity to reach their fullest potential. It is a privilege to be able to play a part in the process.

My role and responsibilities in school are:-

- Co-opted Governor
- Member of the Finance and Staffing Committee
- Member of the Admissions Committee
- Member of the Raising Achievement and Standards Committee
- One of the three Governors responsible for the Headteacher Performance Management Process
- Link Governor for Maths
- Link Governor for School Meals
- Joint Link Governor for School Council/Pupil Voice

I am married with one daughter and two grandchildren.

My interests are meeting with friends and family, reading, gardening and being a Governor!

Laura Armstrong

I have been teaching at Redesdale Primary School for eight years and in this time I have had many roles. As part of my new role as Assistant Headteacher I became a Co-Opted Governor and I'm a member of the Raising Achievements and Standards sub committee. I currently teach in Year Two and lead Computing and Literacy across the school. I am also part of the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths) team, help promote community links throughout the school which links in with being a member of FORPS (Friends Of Redesdale Primary School).

I am passionate and committed about continuously improving standards within the school.

Mike Shackleton

I became a teacher in 2003 but have always had a passion for working with children and making a difference in their lives. Since becoming Deputy Headteacher of Redesdale Primary School in September 2015, I am thrilled at having the opportunity to make a positive impact on the standards of teaching and learning across the whole school. I thoroughly enjoy being a class-teacher but, at the same time, know that as a Leader of Learning, I am able to influence the education of a much larger group of children. Knowing that I can be a part of helping pupils develop a life-long love of learning is the reason that I became a teacher and having fun along the way is all part of the job satisfaction.

I currently teach in Y6 and am responsible for Maths and Science across the school. As a member of the Curriculum Committee and chair of the Raising Standards and Achievements Committee, I am delighted to be able to play a part in guiding the overall strategic direction of the school and immerse myself within the wider school community. I have two wonderful children who entertain me on a daily basis and who share my sense of humour and love for life. My biggest passions are sport and ICT and I revel in introducing children to sports they may never have tried and introducing them to new technologies.

John Chan

I was a senior lecturer at Northumbria University until I retired in June 2008. I have been a School Governor since December 2011. Using my background, skill and experience, I wish to help the school children to gain a high standard of education.

In school, I am a member of the Safeguarding and Health Committee and a Link Governor for Information Technology (IT) and Design Technology (DT).

I am married with two children who previously were pupils of Redesdale Primary School and two grandchildren.

I also have other voluntary interests which include local ethnic minority organisations or committees, charitable organisations etc. I am currently a Trustee of Newcastle Citizens Advice Bureau.

Simon Robinson

I have been a Governor at Redesdale Primary since 2011. As a parent I want to support our school and assist in raising school standards allowing every pupil to reach their full potential.

My Responsibilities within the school are:

- Parent Governor
- Finance and staffing committee
- Curriculum committee
- Link Governor for Music and Arts

I enjoy being part of the governing body in supporting, challenging and making decisions on the schools aims and objectives and seeing the results of the targets that are set.

Although challenging I thoroughly enjoy being part of one of the largest volunteer forces in the country.

My interests include spending time with my family, and mountain biking.

Andy Ramsey

I am a Parent Governor at Redesdale and have been part of the Governors Body since March 2014.

I became a Governor at Redesdale because I wanted to be more aware and involved with the process's that determined the direction the school was taking - especially as I have two children who attend.

I am looking forward to helping out the school wherever I can to ensure that Redesdale continues to develop in the right direction.

Emma Garrick

My role as Trust Governor at Redesdale Primary provides me with a fantastic opportunity to learn more about your school as well as support, offer guidance and contribute to the schools mission, vision and future ambitions for Redesdale pupils, parents and the local community.

I currently work at Northumbria University on a project called Think Physics, which aims to encourage more young people to choose future options in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). I have previously worked for a local Further Education College in the marketing and events team, as well as supporting and teaching vocational courses including 'Children and Young People'.

As a parent of three young children, I spend most of my spare time with my family and can be spotted regularly on the side-lines of football pitches, across the North East of England! My key responsibility at Redesdale is working with the Early Years Foundation team.

Janice Gibson

I was delighted to become a co-opted member of the Governing Body of Redesdale Primary in May 2015.

I have an education background as I have been a teacher since 1995. I taught for 7 years in another Wallsend Primary School before moving to be Deputy Head at a First school in Whitley Bay. I have taught in every year group from Nursery to Year 6. I now work as a School Improvement Advisor for North Tyneside Council. I wanted to become a Governor in Redesdale as I am committed to supporting the great team who work in the school and the super children who attend it.

I am married with a nine year old daughter and as a family we enjoy going for days out and spending time together.

Darren Greco

I am a Local Authority Governor at Redesdale Primary School. I have been a Governor for 7 years.

I became a Governor because my child started school at Redesdale. I also knew the previous Head teacher, Mrs Nicholson from a previous job and I wanted to help her shape Redesdale into being the best school it could be.

My roles and responsibilities at Redesdale are:-

Local Authority Governor

Member of the Finance and Staffing Committee

As a governor, I challenge, shape and support decisions made through the sub committee's and full governing body. This is a demanding but also very rewarding role, as we are able to impact the progress the pupils make during their time at Redesdale.

My main interests are spending time with my family, playing or watching sport and growing fruit and vegetables in my allotment.