


Beaconhill Community Primary School

Meet the Governors



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Our Governing Body is made up of a group of volunteers who give up their time to support, guide and challenge the work of the school to improve outcomes and help move the school forward. Below you will find a brief outline of who the governors are and a little bit about them.

Name	Role	Biography	Photograph
Philip Watters	Chair of Governors (Co-Opted)	Having moved to Cramlington in early 2017 with my Wife Louise and our three daughters Madeleine, Elizabeth and Annabelle, I wanted to find something that would help us get to know the area and community that we have moved to. Helping as the Chair of Governor at Beaconhill Primary School feels like the perfect opportunity to not only get to know but to support our new community and School at the same time. I have worked for Network Rail having started as an apprentice in 2002, my current role of Signalling and Telecoms Engineer is one that I enjoy immensely and has given me a wide range of both Technical and Leadership skills. During my time with Network Rail I have grown to become a firm believer of continuous improvement and I hope that the experience and skills I have can be used to help Beaconhill continue to grow. In my spare time I enjoy cycling and reading but you'll mostly find me with my "Daddy Pig" jacket on chasing round after our three girls or marching them up Northumberlandia in a desperate attempt to wear them out!	 A portrait photograph of Philip Watters, the Chair of Governors. He is a middle-aged man with a shaved head, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a grey and blue jacket with a pink pig-shaped patch on the chest and a green lanyard around his neck. The background shows a green field and some stone ruins.

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Joel Routledge	Headteacher	<p>I am delighted to have recently been appointed as the Headteacher of this fantastic school. I started my teaching career at Seaton Sluice First School where I worked for four years in Key Stage One as Maths Leader. I then moved to King Edward Primary School in North Shields where I worked as Assistant Headteacher, Maths Leader, Key Stage One Leader and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. I fully believe in creating memorable learning experiences which engage and enthuse children. It is our responsibility as school leaders to cultivate an environment where all children have the opportunity to be happy, express themselves and fulfil their potential. I have inherited a hard working and dedicated staff team who do their best every day to support our learners and their families. Our motto, '<i>where children matter</i>' is one which I firmly endorse and is clearly evident across school. I live in Newcastle with my wife and our son, Patrick. I enjoy family time together - exploring beaches, parks and, inevitably, soft plays nearby! In my spare time I enjoy running and reading - though not at the same time! I have a season ticket at Newcastle United where I spend every other Saturday.</p>	 © Tempest
Rachael Robinson	Deputy Headteacher	<p>I have worked at Beaconhill Primary School since 1996 and have predominantly worked in Early Years. I became Deputy Headteacher in 2021 and enjoy the role enormously. I have developed a keen interest in Maths across school and especially in the Early Years. I have worked closely with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics for several years. As part of this work, I trained as a Teaching for Mastery Specialist and have worked with schools across the region to develop their Maths practice. In my spare time, I enjoy going to the gym and running. I live close to the beach and enjoy spending time there with my husband and our two children Tom and Meg. I have also been a Newcastle United season ticket holder for over 40 years!</p>	 © Tempest

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<p>Barry Laurie</p>	<p>Vice Chair of Governors (Co-Opted)</p>	<p>I have been teaching in Primary schools for the past 17 years, including a variety of Senior Leadership positions. I have worked in many schools both in the West Midlands and the Northeast of England and enjoy this job immensely! I have always been extremely proud and passionate about education and that is what attracted me to the role of Governor here at Beaconhill Primary School. I have a strong belief that every child, no matter of background deserves the very best education, and this role allows me the opportunity to contribute to your child's educational experience. I have a keen interest in football, listening to music, cooking, and socialising with my wonderful group of friends and family. I also have a lovely dog called Mango who takes up a lot of my time, but he is worth it. If you do see me whilst I visit school, then please come, and say hello and if there are any suggestions as to how to make school life better, then I am more than willing to hear from you.</p>	
<p>Paula Allen</p>	<p>Co-Opted Governor</p>	<p>I have been a Governor at Beaconhill Primary since 2014. I am working with school staff to develop a general specialism in EYFS and SEN. I have been working with children for over 20 years, first starting as a private nanny. I have since had my own family and both my children have attended Beaconhill. I became a Governor because I think it is important to know your child's school and to take an interest in what happens at that school. I enjoy being part of decision making and making myself more knowledgeable. Most of my hobbies and interests relate to my children- we enjoy bike rides, cinema trips and spending lots of time with my family. We also enjoy our annual holiday to Scotland.</p>	

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Nicola Andrews	Staff Governor	<p>I have been a teacher since 2007 and began teaching at Beaconhill in 2010. I have a keen interest in teaching Maths and Music. I joined the governing body in 2018. Beaconhill is a fantastic place to work because of the team ethos and because the families and children are wonderful to work with. I am lucky enough to have taught almost every child in the school. I teach in Nursery alongside a brilliant team and every day is different! I live in Cramlington so I often bump into the children when I'm out walking with my children and pet dog in the evening. I am a keen rock climber and can often be found in one of the indoor centres in Newcastle and, when the weather is good, I'll be exploring the local crags.</p>	 © Tampest
Barry Flux	Local Authority Governor	<p>Barry Flux is a local authority councillor for Cramlington West ward (which covers the school) on both Northumberland County Council and Cramlington Town Council. Barry works for a regional youth charity and enjoys keeping fit and healthy.</p>	

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David Anthony	Co-Opted Governor	<p>This is my first opportunity to be a Governor. I am looking forward to learn the role and expand my knowledge on the school where my two sons attend. I love to help the community and I am hopeful that I can bring new ideas to the school governing body and help support the hard working staff. I have worked full time in the Civil Service for nearly 20 years. I am involved in 4x4 Response North East as a coordinator and membership lead, CAMRA and a number of other charities and organisations. I have a knowledge of outdoor activities and love to go camping with my family. I love to bake and cook with my sons.</p>	
Lucy Laidler	Co-Opted Governor	<p>I am delighted to be part of the governing body at Beaconhill Primary. Although I worked in business for many years, I currently work as a Year 6 teacher and Assistant Headteacher at a school in North Tyneside where I understand the challenges facing children and families. I am committed to ensuring every child has the best possible start in life through excellent teaching and learning in schools and 'We teach at the beach' is an ethos I support 100%. Although I now live at the coast with my husband and two daughters, I spent my formative years in Cramlington so it's a real joy to be back in the area where my own school days were spent. I am very much looking forward to being part of this inspirational school community over coming years.</p>	

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Steven Morgetroyd	Parent Governor	<p>I became a parent governor in the summer of 2022. I believe that school should be a safe and comfortable place for children to develop their education and also a place to learn practical skills, make friends and have fun. Having lived in the Cramlington area most of my life and now having two children who attend Beaconhill, I have a strong vested interest in making sure the school is successful and I hope I can contribute towards that. Outside of a busy professional career and being a parent, I also enjoy long walks with my dog and enjoy playing football and squash as regularly as possible.</p>	
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