



Ms Viv Ainsworth- Headteacher

As Headteacher of Melling Primary, I am a member of the Governing Body and so attend all sub-committee meetings and full governing body meetings. I liaise with the Chair Person of each committee to ensure that the governors' statutory duties are met and that the business of those sub-committee meetings is relevant and necessary to the needs of the school. At each half termly full governing body meeting, I present the Headteacher's report – a document that covers a wide range of aspects regarding the day to day business of the school: achievement and outcomes; quality of teaching; leadership and management; as well as personal development, behaviour, welfare and safety. On occasions, when it is seen to be relevant, I may request a member of staff to present a report or deliver a presentation to the governing body – this provides governors with a valuable opportunity to hear about school development priorities at first hand from the

member of staff responsible. To deepen their understanding of school improvement, I endeavour to co-ordinate a programme of opportunities throughout the year, whereby Link Governors visit the school to work with an identified member of staff on an aspect of the School Improvement Plan – thus providing 'hands-on' experience of school life.

Melling Primary is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed governing body who work together and with the school to promote its aims and objectives and to further enhance its vision and core values.



Mrs Jo Hargreaves – Staff Governor

I have been a teacher at Melling Primary School for over 20 years, working in EYFS and Key Stage One. I joined the Governing Body to represent the teaching staff at the school. I am passionate about leading initiatives throughout the school that benefit the children and the school community. I am Assistant head teacher, so I can have an impact and insight in leadership and in being part of the teaching staff. I love to be outdoors and enjoy taking all classes for forest school sessions. In my spare time I play cricket for Maghull Cricket Club. I am wicket keeper. I also enjoy going to Anfield to watch my beloved LFC. I have been lucky enough to be part of the Melling family for all these years and couldn't envisage working in a more happy, innovative and inspiring learning environment.



Ms Jo Hassoun

Hi, I'm Jo Hassoun and I'm Child and Adult Mental Health Governor.

My background is in relief and development, working as a health teacher in East Africa, Central America, SE Asia and Eastern Europe.

I've lived in Melling with my four daughters for 17 years and I'm the pastor of Melling Community Church.

It's an absolute privilege to serve as a governor for Melling Primary School and hopefully offer experience and knowledge that will contribute to increased positive, mental (and physical!) health, for all ages, within the school



Mr Brian Lawlor – Chair of Governors

I have been a Governor at Melling now for over 25 years. I am a retired Solicitor. I originally started as a Governor to enable me to gain a better understanding of how a school is run and hopefully to have a positive effect upon the school's involvement in the future.

I am proud to be associated with Melling School, which values all pupils equally, regardless of ability, need or background and which balances the need for pupil progress with a sense of community and mutual care.



Ms Dina Ouko

My daughter joined Melling Primary in September 2021 and I feel proud that she is attending such a local, caring and ambitious primary school. I am extremely keen to support the school and have a vested interest in the welfare of the children at Melling Primary and believe that I can assist in ensuring that every pupil at Melling Primary is given the best opportunity and support to reach their full potential.

I work in secondary education as a teacher for the past 20 years. My specialist subject is Computing/ICT and recently during the past two years delivering Business Studies. During my time I have held the responsibility and position of Head of Computing /ICT for 6 years. My currently role is now Head of Year. My previous role and my primary role now as a Head of Year has enabled me to gain the responsibility for educational performance, standards and the care and guidance of pupils. All of which I believe stand me in good stead to perform effectively in my co opted governor role for Melling Primary.



Mrs Katie Chandley – Parent Governor

My name is Katie Chandley and I have been a Parent Governor since July 2024.

My Daughter attends Melling and my Son is starting September 2026.

My current, and fairly new, role is a Housing Officer for a Housing Association. Previous to this, for the same Housing Association, I was the Complaints Coordinator for 8 years.

I love the ethos of the school and I am keen, as a ParentGovernor, to help every child be the best they can be.



Mr Andrew Kyle – Local Authority Governor

Mr Andrew Kyle – Local Authority Governor. I returned as a Governor in 2019, having previously served on the Governing Board with some of that time as the Chair of Governors from 2009 to 2013. I have lived in Melling since 2001 and both my boys attended the school, which I feel has a good connection with the Melling Community. My role as Governor includes Chair of the Finance Committee, Head Teacher Performance and the Link Governor for Staffing and Attendance. My day job is running an International Hospitality & Facilities Management Consultancy having built my profession in that sector for 40 years in various management roles. I hope I can bring a different perspective and support to the school to the many challenges we face in ever changing circumstances.



Mrs Sarah Dutch

I have worked in education throughout my career, starting as a secondary music teacher before joining the Liverpool Philharmonic's learning department. I currently work in education governance as Clerk to the Board of the National Institute of Teaching, a new higher education institution dedicated to improving teacher development and school leadership across England, where I'm deeply involved in supporting strategic leadership and oversight. While I value this work, I've missed the direct connection with children and the opportunity to see impact at a local level. Becoming a governor allows me to reconnect with that, and I'm proud to support Melling Primary in delivering the best possible outcomes for its pupils. I've lived in Maghull for five years, and I'm excited to bring both professional experience and personal commitment to the role.



Mrs Rosie Binfield – Parent Governor

I am delighted to be a school governor and to play a part in supporting our children's education. My Son attends the school and I feel that My career in residential childcare has always been driven by a commitment to achieving better outcomes for children. I am passionate about helping every young person reach their full potential. I enjoy working closely with staff, parents, and the community to create the best possible opportunities for pupils. As a governor, I want to make a positive difference by listening, supporting, and championing the school's vision. It's a privilege to contribute to a nurturing and inspiring environment where every child can thrive to be the best they can be