

Snape Wood Primary and Nursery School Governing Board

Karen Shead – Joint Chair of governors, co-opted governor



I have been linked to Snape Wood Primary school for almost three years initially as a clerk to the governing board then as an associate governor and now as a co-opted governor. Along with Clare Colmore I am joint chair of governors and with the vice chair we endeavour to lead the governing board in making sound and safe governance decisions in the best interests of the children and families who attend the school.

I am a clerk to governing boards at 12 other city and county schools, and am the Governors Services safeguarding trainer, with my work life having been in children's safeguarding until I retired in March 2023. I am the safeguarding governor at Snape Wood.

I am passionate and take an active interest in children's education and have high aspirations and expectations for all children. Children have a right to feel safe not just in the school environment but within their home life and within the community they live, to support and enable them in reaching their full potential.

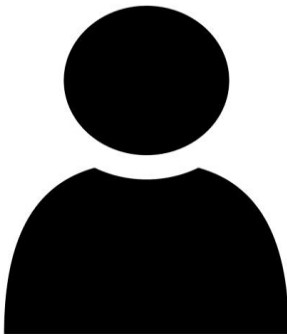
In my spare time I enjoy going to the theatre and cinema and socialising with family and friends.

Clare Colmore - Joint Chair of Governors, Local Authority Governor



I am proud to have been appointed to the Governing Body of Snape Wood Primary School and elected as co-vice-chair. I have lived in Nottingham for the past 45 years and have worked in school governance for 20 years. I am passionate about the importance of primary education in giving children the belief they can achieve their dreams, as well as the opportunities which will support them on their journey to their personal goals and aspirations. I have been a governor at Snape Wood in the past and am delighted to be back here to support the leaders in school, the staff and the children. In my spare time I am a keen reader and walker and I'm trying to learn to Greek.

Cari Burgess – Joint Vice Chair of Governors, Co-opted Governor



I am Cari Burgess and I have worked for 30 years as an educator, the last 15 as a Head teacher all within Nottingham City schools, currently I work as a School Improvement Advisor in Nottingham City. I am passionate about every child's entitlement to a high-quality education and am a strong advocate of children's emotional and mental health. In my spare time I enjoy yoga, combat, running and walking my 3 Labradors.

Lynsey Higgins – Parent Governor



I'm delighted to be a parent governor for Snape Wood primary school. I have a daughter who is 9 and is currently in Y4. I've also volunteered myself going on trips and swimming with the children. This school has great diversity and communication for children and parents. All staff really encourage the children to do their best at all times and also the parent workshops are amazing because it gives insight for parents to see what their child is learning and how to get help at home with their child too. I'm a hairdresser and in my spare time I like to bake, read and go to the gym.

Emily Lomas – Staff Governor



I am delighted to be a part of the Snape Wood Primary School teaching team and have been working here for around four years. I have taught in year 5 and am currently teaching in year 6. I am also the Geography and PSHE lead for Snape Wood. I am passionate that all children should be provided with excellent learning, opportunities and experiences that allow them to become well-rounded individuals. I am really pleased to have the opportunity to be able to play a part in the school as a governor as well as a teacher.

Babatunde Thomas – Parent Governor



I consider it a privilege to be a parent governor for Snape Wood primary school. The staff are amazing and they model such lofty values and attitudes that many of the pupils emulate. I am a healthcare Assistant at the Queens Medical Centre where I help to care for diverse patients and ensure their welfare and well-being whilst they receive varying degrees of treatment in the hospital. I really do get a sense of fulfilment and joy when I see my patients healed and bounce back to good health. On my off days, I get creative on the computer with graphic design software. I make exquisite personalized greeting cards-birthday and Christmas cards for family and friends. I just might turn it into a business in future. I also enjoy writing short articles -particularly Christian-themed motivational topics.

I have a bubbly 9-year-old daughter currently in year 4 and also a chatty little lad in reception in Snapewood primary School. The multi-cultural setting of the school is a

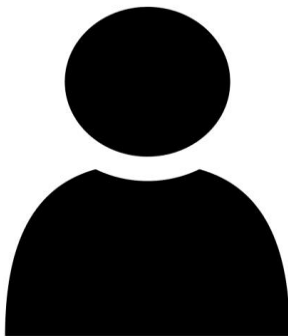
big plus. I spend quality time with them telling them stories and folklores where they learn valuable lessons of life. As a member of the school governors, I hope to be instrumental in supporting the development of great achievements and accolades coming out of Snapewood Primary school.

Oluwakemi Oladipupo – Parent Governor



I am an HR professional and business strategist, an associate member of CIPD and IHSM. Currently on a career detour in health and social care, passionately coordinating research on the improvement of quality of life and care of adult long-term care and Dementia. As a parent of three children at Snapewood Primary School and an experienced health care and HR professional, I am passionate about ensuring every child can thrive in a safe educational environment. I look forward to providing an optimal support to both staff and pupils, also committed to fostering a positive, inclusive, and safe environment, which is free from harm and abuse, where everyone capacity finds limitless expressions.

Jackie Simpson – Co-opted Governor



Michael Savage – Co-opted Governor



I worked for a Bulwell Independent Business from 1981-2023 when I closed it down for the owner, I attended Cantrell Road Primary School and Henry Mellish Comprehensive School and my parents ran the Highbury Vale Pub.

Having been a carer myself, I spent six years as a Volunteer Mentor Working with Young carers this including liaising with Bilborough and Basford colleges during this period and I have continued to advocate on their behalf as a Councillor including sitting on the Children and Young people's Scrutiny Committee.



I also have Voluntary experience supporting both people terminally ill with cancer on a one-to-one basis and the homeless and vulnerable.

Deciding to become a School Governor last year for me has been one of, if not the best decision I've made since becoming a Councillor for Bulwell and has been challenging and rewarding along with opportunities to learn about the importance of how we educate our children in order to give them the best opportunities in life.