

Ms Gail Fullbrook – Co-Opted Governor & Chair of Governors

I have been a Governor at Helsby High School for over 10 years.

Initially I represented local primary Headteachers but have continued to serve as a Governor following my retirement from Frodsham CE Primary School in 2013. My passion for education remains and I now work part time as a school improvement adviser for Cheshire West and Chester, an educational consultant for Chester Diocese and a Section 48 inspector of church schools for Blackburn, Liverpool and Manchester diocese. A commitment to supporting schools and to challenging school leaders to ensure that we provide the best possible for education for our young people continues to motivate me. I have enjoyed getting to know Helsby High School and continue to be delighted by the commitment of the staff, the standards young people achieve and the range of experiences offered.

Dr Andy Morley – Co-opted Governor & Vice Chair of Governors

At Helsby High School, I am the Link Governor for Social Sciences and jointly with Gail Fullbrook have responsibility for Special Educational Needs and Disadvantaged Pupils. I have fulfilled these roles since being elected to the Governing Body in 2014. Prior to this, I represented parents on the Governing Body at Helsby Hillside Primary School for nearly a decade, the majority of which as Chair.

I am a member of the School Executive Team for the School of Psychology at the University of Central Lancashire where I am both the Recruitment Lead and the Lead for Schools & Colleges Liaison. As such, I work closely with Secondary Schools across the North West, particularly around Psychology, STEM and Social Sciences. I completed both my first degree and PhD in Psychology at the University of Plymouth and have worked as an Academic Psychologist for the last twenty-five years, researching amongst other things the Successful Transition from Primary to Secondary School. My research underpins my interests as a Governor, looking at areas such as memory for learning materials, the removal of barriers to engaging with challenging material and more recently working on a project across the North West aimed at Creating Aspirations in Underachieving Pupils to Raise Attendance, Attainment and Progress.

Mrs Fran Miller – LA Representative

After a degree in Geology and PGCE I taught geography in secondary schools in Portsmouth followed by Halton. I then spent over 20 years working in the constituency office of a Cheshire MP and served as a magistrate for over 30 years. I have lived in the Helsby area for nearly 40 years with our three (now adult) children all attending Helsby High School.

I believe that good quality education should be available to all our youngsters and have been a Governor of Helsby High for many years, currently serving on the staffing and premises committees and recently commencing as the 'link governor' for maths.

Mrs Andrea Critchley – Co-opted Governor

After serving as a parent governor I was delighted to stay as a member of the governing body as a Co-opted Governor. This allows me to continue representing parents ensuring that the school will be supported in providing the best education for all children at the school to achieve their full potential. With my daughter in year 10 and my son in year 8, I have a long-term commitment to the school and am passionate about children enjoying all aspects of school life, ensuring they are equipped for their future success.

I studied Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering with Management at University of Leeds including spending a year at the University of Waterloo in Canada. My career to date has been with Unilever and currently with Kellogg's, where I am European Senior Director of Research, Quality, Nutrition and Technology.

I have experience in being chair of my children's pre-school and treasurer of their primary school PTA, along with my career experiences to support such a role in managing budgets and large teams. I want to continue to encourage working with the local community and businesses to provide life skills along with fun and rewarding experiences. I feel passionately about education and I look forward to working with energy and enthusiasm to help HHS maintain its high standards, and meet future challenges.

Mr Terry O'Neill – Co-opted Governor

I am a professional Engineer with extensive experience in the energy field. I have over 30 years of experience working in Power Stations, both in the UK and overseas, and in an electricity Distribution Network in the UK.

I have a broad range of skills in Engineering, Commercial Control and Manpower Management.

On retirement, I returned back to my home village of Helsby, where I was born, raised and schooled, determined to put something back into the local Community and so I joined the Parish Council in 2002.

I have recently successfully led the Group of people who developed and 'made' the Helsby Neighbourhood Plan. I have been a Governor at Helsby High School for a number of years and am committed to bringing my experience around Plant management, Health and Safety, Personnel and Commercial management to help our school prosper.

Mr Andrew Wheeler – Co-Opted Governor

I moved to the North West in 1993 to begin my career in the construction industry having graduated from Nottingham Trent University. I am a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and have experience of working in property, infrastructure and engineering sectors, notably for the British Antarctic Survey polar research stations, the UK overseas defence estate and specialist engineering projects in the UK.

I enjoy Rugby Union; I am an RFU qualified coach working with the Ellesmere Port Girls u15 team. I have one child in year 11 at Helsby High School and another who is in higher education. I have been a Governor at the school for five years and enjoy contributing to the governing body from a parent's perspective. I am particularly committed to bringing experience of the property and construction sector to help improve the fabric of the school to maintain and enhance the safe educational environment our children enjoy.

Elected Staff Governor

Miss R Clarke

I am the elected Staff Governor at Helsby High School.

I have been teaching Physical Education at Helsby High School for 20 years, teaching the full age range and all abilities. It has been a privilege to witness and be involved with the positive change over the years having worked with the previous four head teachers. It

has been an honour to teach so many past students, many of whom continue to stay in touch.

Having been a form tutor each year I have enjoyed seeing three forms groups grow and develop from Year 7 students into mature young adults in Year 11. I was responsible for introducing the GCSE and A' Level PE courses to school and have had responsibility for girl's physical education for many years. I introduced the new girl's PE kit and was integral in the design and creation of the fitness suite. I also helped to achieve funding and assisted in the planning for the new netball courts.

I have led many different sports tours/trips abroad over the years and believe that extra-curricular provision is essential for the social, moral and physical development of our young people. I was so lucky to have excellent sports provision as a child, which gave me the opportunity to experience playing many sports from County to National level. It is this experience that makes me passionate about giving our students the opportunity to develop their love for sport at Helsby High School, where a 'sport for all' ethos is fostered.

My experience at Helsby gives me a sound footing to help add to the schools vision and ethos of 'achieving success and valuing others' and I look forward to working within the school governance to help strive to continue developing this superb environment for teaching and learning.

Mr Ian Devereux-Roberts – Co-Opted Governor

I am the Headteacher of Frodsham Manor House Primary School, which is a feeder primary to Helsby High School. I have completed 30 years in the teaching profession, working in a variety of primary schools on the Wirral and in Cheshire. I have sat on governing bodies in the capacity of a Headteacher, staff governor and parent governor. I have been a member of the Governing Body at Helsby High School for 3 years now, firstly as an Associate Member before recently becoming a Co-Opted Governor – sitting on the Welfare and Safeguarding Committee and attending full Governors meetings.

Miss Helen Coy – Co-Opted Governor

I joined the Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor in March 2021 and my daughter also started at Helsby High School in Sept 2020. I have a degree in Chemistry with Business Studies from De Montfort University, Leicester. I am a qualified and experienced Group Sustainability, Health, Safety and Environmental Manager for a global chemical company based at their Ellesmere Port Site. As such I am familiar with the legislation and standards in this often challenging yet critically important area. In addition, I am currently the Vice Chair of the Governing Body at Elton Primary School where I have been the link Governor for almost 8 years for attendance, behaviour, premises and health and safety. As such I am familiar with the role and responsibilities of a Schools Governing Body.

I am keen to use my skills, knowledge and experience to support the school and its pupils as best I can to maintain and, where possible, improve on the high standards currently achieved. It is important to me to ensure that all pupils, regardless of backgrounds and abilities, achieve their full potential in a safe, inclusive and enjoyable environment.