



Derwent Vale Primary and Nursery School Governing Body Information



What do we do?

The purpose of the governing body is to provide the best possible education for their pupils by:

- Setting the school's values, and strategic aims, agreeing plans and policies and making creative use of resources.
- Monitoring and evaluating performance, acting as a critical friend to the Headteacher to support and challenge him in managing the school.
- Ensuring that the school is accountable to the children and parents it serves, to the local community, to those who fund and maintain it, as well as to the staff it employs.

How do we do what we do?

The full Governing Body meets every half term to discuss the School Improvement Plan, the Headteacher's Report, to review policies and accept decisions taken in any sub-committee meetings.

Governors also visit the school to monitor progress against the School Improvement Plan.

Copies of the minutes of our meetings are available in the school office.



Who We Are



Mr Daniel Lucey - Headteacher

I joined Derwent Vale Primary and Nursery School in 2014 as a class teacher. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching the children of Great Clifton for a number of years. In September 2021 I was asked by the governing body to become the Headteacher of Derwent Vale Primary and Nursery School. Working in unison with the governors to set the strategic direction of the school is one of my key responsibilities. I am very fortunate to work with a very committed, supportive and proactive governing body.



Mrs Leanne White, Staff Governor

I have been teaching at Derwent Vale Primary and Nursery School for 11 years and I am currently the Year 5 and 6 class teacher. I strive to provide the children with a positive, engaging and enriched learning experience. Also, I love working as part of a team.



Mrs Jen Gregg, Chair of Governors

I am a retired secondary school teacher, having worked with SEND children for many years. My granddaughter is in KS2 at Derwent Vale and we have been fortunate to pick her up from school since her 1st day and witness the school in action. My husband and I have been involved with gardening around the school and the gardening club. I was delighted to become a governor in order to help fulfil the aim of 'Achieving Together'.



Mrs Steff Fleming, Vice Chair of Governors

I have been a co-opted governor for just over 2 years now and am really enjoying the challenge. I have 2 children at Derwent Vale and I wanted to become more involved in the school and the community. The role is very rewarding and I am pleased to be part of the team who work hard to keep this school a great asset to our village.



Mrs Marie Taylor, Parent Governor

I have lived in the village for over 20 years, my son attended Derwent Vale and my daughter is currently a pupil. I have been a parent governor since 2015. A lot has happened during my time as a governor including an Ofsted inspection, being Chair and appointing a new head. I find the role very rewarding and am very impressed with the enthusiasm of everyone involved in the school.



Mr Mark Tinnion, Parent Governor

My name is Mark but most know me as Tyse. I am a retired police officer. I served in the police for over 30 years, based in West Cumbria. I have lived in the area all my life. I can't think of a better school for any child in this area to start their education.

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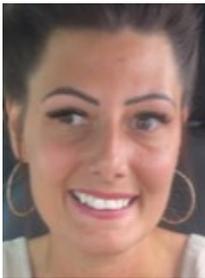
Mrs Laura Graham, Co-opted Governor

I was approached by another governor to ask if I'd consider taking on the role. I have really enjoyed the challenge, applying my skills in a different environment and the chance to positively impact the school.



Miss Gayle Roach, Local Authority Governor

My son had recently started in Reception in Derwent Vale and with being relatively new to the village I was keen to be involved with school life as much as possible and learn more about the school itself. I also think it is important to contribute in the community in any way that you can and teach our children the benefits of doing so. I have only recently become a Governor and I'm looking forward to working with the team.



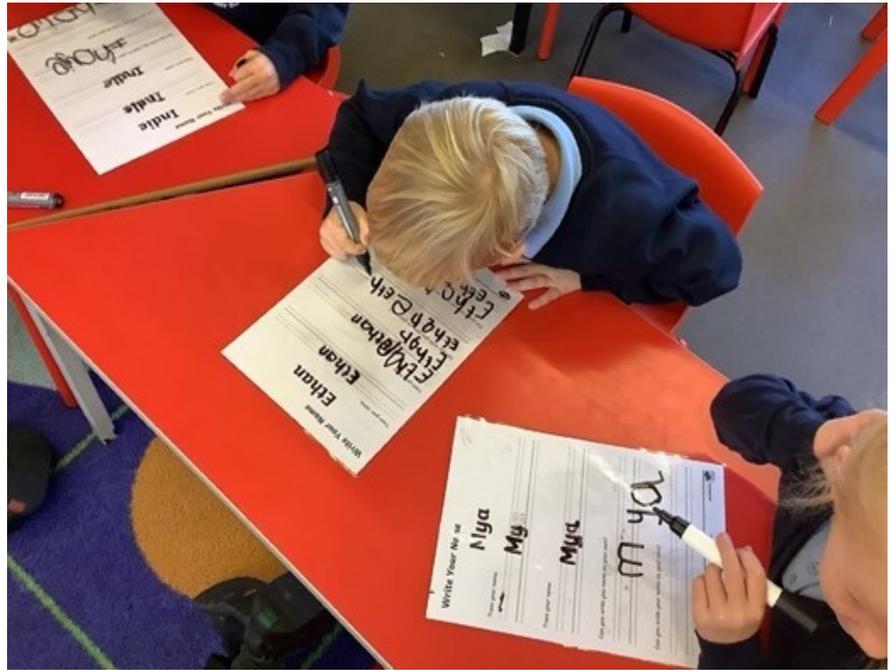
Miss Sally Thompson, Co-opted Governor

I have lived in the village now for over 6 years, my son and 3 Nephews attend Derwent Vale School as a pupils. I was approached by the school to ask if I would consider taking on the role as I already attended the school as a volunteer reader and enjoyed the school environment. I have taken on the role as Governor to find out a bit more about the school and to be involved in making sure the school remains a key part of the village. I am enjoying coming into school and seeing my family in a different environment, it is great seeing them smiling in school, as well as at home.

Why not join us?

No formal qualifications, skills or requirements are needed!

If you have enthusiasm and can commit to a meeting for a couple of hours each term, you care about improving children's educational attainment and want to contribute to the local community, please contact us for more information on how to apply to join our Governing Body



Did you know?

It is appreciated that Governors are generally working people and cannot simply just take time off work for monitoring visits, events and courses unless this is supported by their employer. Many companies do have a policy of granting members of staff a reasonable amount of paid leave each year to undertake a role as school Governor.

Contact us

The Governors are very conscious that they should be accessible to parents.

If you have any concerns or would like the Governors to raise any issues for discussions at meetings, please feel free to approach us at any time.

All parent Governors are happy for you to speak to us at any time you see us at school.

Alternatively, you can email us at admin@derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk

