



James Shanley  
Community Governor

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I have joined the governing body as a Community Governor, having retired from the Ministry of Justice after 34 years. I am delighted to be involved with such an outstanding school, where each day I witness a great deal of professionalism from committed staff and such enthusiasm from the pupils. I have been a foster carer for 18 years. All of my children attend the school. When I have some free time Wendy, my wife and I tend to go cycling and I am always being told off for fixing bikes in the kitchen. I have over 30 years' experience of working with people with special educational needs and disabilities



Mark Snow  
Community Governor

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I started as a community governor at Forest Way School in 2016. I work in the head office of a bank in Leicestershire and organised community days for bank staff to Forest Way in 2014 and 2015. Having seen the school and met some of the children, I wanted to help and do more. I am delighted to now be in a position to do so and bring my business skills to help. I am married and have 3 children who are at varying stages of flying the nest, which means more time on dog walking and trying to play football.



Laura Browne  
Parent Governor

**Laura Browne**

I have recently joined the governing body as a parent governor. I am 33 and the mother of three children, my eldest child attends Forest Way. I applied for the role as a parent governor as I want to be able to voice the views of others and act as an ambassador for the parent body! I was working as a senior mental health practitioner within the NHS, since having children I now offer support to a charity working with families needing support with diagnosis of a child.



Julie Watkinson  
Parent Governor

**Julie Watkinson**

I joined the governing body, as a parent governor in January 2015. I have been a foster carer for children with special needs for 19 years. Most children are long term and one child in my care attends Forest Way. I will always do my best to listen to pupils, parents and carers. I cannot speak highly enough of the school and the hard work that all members of staff do to make Forest Way a safe and happy environment.



Roy Cafferty  
Community Governor

**Roy Cafferty**

I retired from HSBC Bank in 2011 after working for them for 41 years. At the time of my retirement I was a Senior Commercial Manager based at Grove Park in Leicester. I am married with 3 grown up children and 5 grandchildren. I also Chair the Leicestershire Board of Young Enterprise, a national charity aimed at providing young people with the opportunity to experience the world business. I am also a member of Bradgate Rotary Club and have been involved in arranging for the sponsorship of a number of individuals to attend the Calvert Trust, a residential outward bound centre in the Lake District. It was through this connection that I was introduced to Forest Way School. I was subsequently asked if I would consider joining the Governing Body and I look forward to helping them, teachers and staff, continue the excellent work that they do.

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**Jason Brooks**

I am currently Headteacher at another Leicestershire Special School and have been teaching for 28 years. Prior to being a Headteacher, I have extensive experience of working at senior and middle leadership levels in a wide range of mainstream and special school contexts. I have also worked in the role of Executive Headteacher for a one year secondment. My particular areas of expertise are in leadership and management, curriculum, assessment, school improvement, behaviour for learning, personal development, behaviour and welfare, English and Physical Education. I have also worked with a number of schools in helping them to secure improvements in quality and outcomes. I am also a fully qualified Lead Ofsted Inspector and have carried out a number of inspections, in a variety of settings. I am in the process of applying to become a National Leader of Education. I live locally and have excellent local knowledge and links, in addition to my educational expertise.  
Away from work I am a keen supporter of Leicester City and enjoy indoor rowing and going to the gym. We have 2 children, Angel (18 years) and Ewan (14 years).



Dr Lesley Trivett  
Co-Opted Governor

**Lesley Trivett**

I am an enthusiastic co-opted member of the governing body and have served on the board for four years. I come from a family with an educational background with my father being a retired primary headteacher. I am by profession a dental surgeon working part time in a general practice. I also work as a dental adviser for the care quality Commission. I have followed the progress of Forest Way School from the beginning and hope to bring my knowledge to help the school by being a governor. I have previously been a governor of a primary school so do have some insight into the duties required.



Trish Marney  
Co-Opted Governor

**Trish Marney**

I was recently co-opted onto the governing body after having been a staff governor for 18 years since joining the schools as secretary in 1999. Prior to joining Forest Way, I had worked as a secretary in an American Bank in London, an Australian Bank in New Zealand and was secretary at Ashmount School for 11 years. Since joining Forest Way, I have seen the school grow from 65 pupils to the current number on roll, 218 pupils. I am proud to work in such a fantastic building and to be part of an outstanding school. In my free time I enjoy walking, camping and spending time with my 4 grandchildren.



Gail Seaton  
Headteacher

**Gail Seaton**

I have recently taken over as Headteacher, after working at Forest Way for over 10 years. I feel very privileged to be taking on this role, working with such a supportive and committed team of staff and Governors. I have worked in education for over 20 years, this includes experience in mainstream primary and secondary schools as well as an international school. I have 2 daughters who are both away at University. In my spare time I enjoy swimming and cycling.



Kim Booth  
Staff Governor

**Kim Booth**

This will be my third year as a staff governor. I have worked at the school for many years, initially as a nursery nurse but I retrained and qualified as a teacher with full support from the school. I have now been teaching for 8 years. Out of school I enjoy creative activities, walking, music and theatre and exploring different parts of the country, particularly the coastal areas. I look forward to learning about the role of staff governor and being part of a governing body that puts the needs and interests of the pupils first.



Rebecca Hayes  
Staff Governor

**Rebecca Hayes**

I have been a member of staff at Forest Way for 19 years and during that time I have progressed from working as a casual supply, to going back to night school to gain my NNEB qualification. In 2008 I was promoted to a Senior Classroom Teaching Assistant. In the past I have served on various Scouts, Beavers, Preschool and the District Lions Club committees where I helped raise funds for local charities and volunteer groups. I am an approachable person and strongly feel that all pupils, staff and parents deserve respect, time and support.