

TRUSTEES/DIRECTORS



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Mark Snow

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.



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

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 the teachers and staff continue the excellent work that they do.



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).

	<p>Gail Seaton</p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Rebecca Hayes</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>VACANCY</p>		<p>TBA</p>

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Chanranjit Kaur Mehat

I am a mother of two children aged 18 and 21 who I have raised alone for the last 17 years. I have been in the Prison Service for 29 years and whilst raising my children have managed my career in that time gaining promotion to the rank of Senior Manager (Governor grade) within the Prison Service. Prior to joining the Prison Service, I was a qualified registered Nurse and in the Police Force for five years. My current role within the Prison Service is with the West Midlands Regional Safer Custody Team, which involves supporting prisons within the West Midlands around Safer Custody issues. I speak Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu as well as English. I am able to communicate with people from all different backgrounds and walks of life. I enjoy reading and going to the theatre to watch different types of shows and musicals.



Mark Kirton

I work locally as a project manager for an international company and it was through arranging community support over a couple of years at the school that I was approached to become a “member”. Previously I was a parent/governor for a large Leicester primary school for 8 years. I am delighted to have been invited to become a “member” of the school. This role is about having separation and independence from the Trustees, with an impartial oversight on how they are managing the school and plans for the future – to the benefit of the children and parents/carers. Rugby grabs my attention and I do try and have a run about every now and again, even though I’m not as fast as I used to be.