



Bomere & the XI Towns Federation

Governor Spotlight

November 2019



Governor Profile

Keith Lister

Chair of Governors since September 2018

My first year as Chair of Governors has proved to be an extremely eventful time with an Ofsted Inspection in March at Ruyton and a SIAMS inspection in July (also at Ruyton). Thanks to the sterling efforts of our dedicated staff and the support of parents, children and fellow governors, Ofsted awarded us *GOOD* with *OUTSTANDING EARLY YEARS PROVISION* and the Diocese judged us to be *EXCELLENT*. Needless to say, were very pleased with the outcomes of both inspections!

The Inspection process is very valuable to us as it provides an independent assessment of the schools which complements our governing and leadership activities and most importantly confirms areas to concentrate on in our School Development Plan; this helps to ensure that our improvement activities are focused in the areas of most benefit to our children.

Being a School Governor is a fascinating and very rewarding experience and I am very fortunate to be supported by a Governing Body with a wide range of skills and backgrounds. We have a vacancy at the moment, so if you would like to help make a difference to our schools, please let Lisa (Vice Chair) or me know directly or via either school office.

Thank you for your continued support to our Federation.

Members of the Governing Body

Keith Lister	Chair of Governors (Co-opted)
Lisa Holland	Vice Chair (Co-opted Governor)
Julie Ball	Executive Headteacher
Sallie Roberts	Deputy Headteacher (Co-opted)
Katie Farmer	Staff Governor
Andrea Hall	Local Authority Governor
Lucinda Burns	Foundation Governor
Barbara Gallimore	Foundation Governor
Mary-Lou Toop	Foundation Governor
Emma Quigley	Foundation Governor
Rachel Hudson	Parent Governor
Tony Simpson	Co-opted Governor
Jenn Varney	Co-opted Governor
James Reynolds	Parent Governor
Chris Beddoes	Co-opted Governor
Neville Ward	Co-opted Governor (Jan 20)
Vacancy	Co-opted Governor

Update

Colin Case has recently retired after 12 years of sterling service to our Governing Body, in addition, Michael Skinner, Michelle Kynaston and Simon Gittins have resigned as Governors since our last Newsletter and we thank them all for their service and valuable contributions to the running of our Federation.

Over the last year, we have welcomed Barbara Gallimore, Emma Quigley, Tony Simpson and most recently James Reynolds, Andrea Hall and Chris Beddoes. They bring further HSE, educational, foundation, financial and business skills to our board and we have included short Biographies for Barbara and Emma on page 2.

What do Governors do?

Governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in our school. We hold the main responsibility for finance in school and work alongside the Executive Headteacher to make decisions about budgeting. Governors work with the schools to set the strategic direction, aims and objectives, and to monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achieving them. We appoint, support and challenge the senior leaders and have an important role in ensuring that all stakeholders in the schools have a voice.

New Governor Profiles



Barbara Gallimore — **Foundation Governor** — I have lived in Ruyton-XI-Towns since 1981 and was a teacher at Packwood Haugh until my retirement. I am involved with many village and local organisations and am a church member. My hobbies include gardening, walking and cooking. I have a grandson at Ruyton school and work as a school volunteer and support all the good work that goes on there.

Emma Quigley — **Foundation Governor** - I have two children who go to Bomere and I also work as a teaching assistant at both schools. I love being part of these schools in lots of different roles. As a governor I get to have my say in issues I feel are important for the school to address and also be part of a team who all have the same focus to ensure our schools are the best they possibly can be.



Training

Staff and Governors are provided with a variety of regular training sessions to support school improvement activities. Governors are currently overseeing significant staff training concerning attachment. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to consultation meetings and SEND and Values workshops shortly.

Class Structure

We are delighted that thanks to the generosity of one of our sponsors, Ruyton remained at 4 classes for key subjects this year, and that Bomere Heath remained at 5.

Academisation

Having explored multi-academy trusts in depth, we have decided to continue with our Federation rather than becoming an Academy or part of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). We feel that this is currently the best way of managing our schools to the maximum benefit of all of our pupils.

Home School Agreement

We support and encourage parents to engage with school and have summarised this in the Home School Agreement which is available on our website.

A year in numbers

Approximately!

Hours spent in meetings per governor - 40 hours
Link Governor visits into school - 62 hours in total
Total hours spent on training - 40 hours

Are you interested in becoming a governor?

If so, please contact the office at either school, or speak to Keith (Chair) or Lisa (Vice Chair). Our current need is for new governors with an interest in, or experience of, Performance Management. Full training is provided. We would love to hear from you, even if you do not fit into this category.

For more information about what the Governors of our Federation do, please visit the school websites:

www.bomereheath.shropshire.sch.uk

www.ruytonschool.org.uk