

The Leen Mills Primary School Governors

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Keith Barnes (vice chair)

Key Stage 2 link

I joined the Governing Board in Spring 2017, having previously been a governor at both a primary and a secondary school for a total of 12 years. I consider education to be so important and have always sought to help promote schools both for my own children, all of who went on to university, and for society in general. Education opens so many doors it is important to me that every child has a good education. I am a qualified accountant and have worked in industry and the Public sector for over 30 years before taking on and running a community cafe and advice centre for the past 13 years. I also volunteer with the Citizens Advice Bureau. I am a sports fan and still play squash.

Emma Paine

Key Stage 1 link

I have been parent governor in the school now since 2016 and previously a governor at another Local Authority school for four years. I believe that all children should be provided with a good education and life experiences to enable a better future for all.

I currently work with Diverse Academies Learning Partnership as a Clerk to the Local Academy Board at two Academies in Mansfield. Previously I worked at a local solicitors for seventeen years. When I'm home, I look after my two children and football loving husband and son. My passion lies with cake decorating when I have some spare time and always love making a good wedding or birthday cake or having a good long walk in the countryside.

Glenn Hutchinson

PE link

I joined the governing body in September 2015 as the staff elected governor. I joined the governing body for two main reasons. Firstly, to help improve outcomes for the pupils of Leen Mills, both academically and socially. Secondly, to provide a link between the governors and staff to help represent the views of the staff. I am the Key Stage 1 Manager here at Leen Mills and as such a member of the Senior Leadership Team. I oversee the day to day running of KS1, teach in Year 1, undertake data analysis, ensure consistently high standards through a range of monitoring activities and I am an appraiser.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, swimming and I am a member of a badminton club. I also enjoy exploring new countries and aim to visit a new one every year.

Jo Denyer

Foundation stage link

I've been a governor since Autumn 2016 and wanted to become one for 2 main reasons: 1) working directly with schools will help me be better at my job and 2) I want all kids, including my own, to get the best education they can at Leen Mills. My day job is at the Department of Education (DfE) – I lead a team who is working with Spain to bring over modern foreign language teachers into (mainly) English secondary schools. Before that, I worked at the National College for School Leadership (NCSL) on CPD programmes for school leaders and before that, I did a PhD in Chemical Engineering. When

I'm not in work - I am mum to two sons, wife to a gym-going gamer and have a love/hate relationship with running and food.

David Barrett

I have been a governor since May 2017. I wanted to become a governor because of my knowledge and interest in education law and policy. I am currently a lecturer in law at Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University, where I teach Constitutional Law, EU Law and Trusts. Prior to becoming a lecturer, I did a PhD at the University of Bristol which explored law and socio-economic inequality that partly looked at the pupil premium. I subsequently published work on the Prevent Duty and Ofsted. Outside of work I love to travel (I particularly like Italy and the US), going to the cinema and I am a foodie (I love both cooking and eating great food).

Cathy Pascoe

Foundation stage link

Health & Safety link

I have been a Governor at Leen Mills Primary School for over ten years. In that time I have experienced many changes to the school building and staff I have seen children start and leave and have the enjoyment of seeing them all grow and achieve amazing things and know that as part of Leen Mills I have been part of their journey.

I originally joined as I felt that as a non-teaching staff member I would be able to put forward actions in the best interest of the children and would at that time be a strong community link between parents, staff and other community members

I have always believed in the philosophy that no matter what age or ability we are always learning and we do this from opportunities we have and share and as a governor, I believe this is important to make sure this is delivered

As you are aware, I have recently been given the chance to change my career direction & I am busy with this new venture with little spare time, which I now use to watch the back of my eyelids

Damian Cooney

Safeguarding & SEND link

I have 2 boys at Leen Mills, and so in September 2015 when parents were asked if they wanted to apply for the Governing Body I thought it would be good opportunity to help the school.

I had no experience in schools or education at the time, but my 19 years working for E.ON have provided experience across lots of areas including team management, project management, IT and marketing. My family and I moved to Hucknall around 10 years ago and love the area and the people here.

My hobbies include a passion for gardening, football, cycling, squash, camping, swimming, and I've developed have a keen taste for local ales.