

Name:	<i>Tracey Baxter</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Parent Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>06.11.15</i>	Office Expires:	<i>06.11.19</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Science Consultant (Education)</i>		Committees:	<i>Curriculum</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I have worked in education for my whole career, firstly as a secondary science teacher and then as a Local Authority Science Consultant. I am now an independent science consultant working with schools and LAs across the North West. I also write science textbooks and resources.</i></p> <p><i>Education is a passion because I see the difference that good teachers and good schools can make, not only to a student's academic success but also to their experiences, opportunities and life choices. I am also Vice Chair of Governors at a local primary school.</i></p> <p><i>I have two great boys who make anything worthwhile! My eldest son attends Woodchurch High while the youngest one is still in primary school.</i></p> <p><i>I also 'enjoy' exercising, especially if I can get the whole family involved.</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p><i>Brookdale Primary School</i></p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>Director – Tracey Baxter Consultancy Services Ltd</i></p>					

Name:	<i>Sharon Broderick</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Member Appointed</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>01.10.12</i>	Office Expires:	<i>12.10.20</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Police Community Support Officer</i>		Committees:	<i>Finance &amp; Personnel Curriculum</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I have worked within the Woodchurch community since 2003, initially as a Police Community Support Officer and more recently as a Family Intervention Worker with Wirral Borough Council. My role as a Member Appointed Governor helps me to support the staff, parents and pupils both at the school and within the community as a whole. I bring to the Governing Body skills around Personnel and a local intelligence which contributes to an understanding of the context of the school. I regularly visit the school throughout the working day and attend a variety of reviews and meetings. My area of interest is Pastoral.</i></p>					
Other Governing Bodies: <i>N/A</i>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>Employed by Wirral Borough Council as a Family Intervention Worker</i></p>					

Name:	<i>Mike Brown</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Co-opted Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>01.10.12</i>	Office Expires:	<i>04.12.19</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Retired</i>		Committees:	<i>Finance &amp; Personnel</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I worked for Birkenhead and later Wirral Education Department for 34 years before taking early retirement. I moved to a private sector company where I worked with a number of local authorities as an Education Consultant specialising in the suitability of school buildings. Both my children attended Woodchurch High School, achieving good results and thoroughly enjoying their time in the school. When I was asked to consider becoming a governor of the school I consulted them and both said that I must do it. Their instruction was to keep the school good and help to make it better. I have two young grandchildren and look after them during the week while their parents are at work. I read anything and everything, listen to and make music and am a keen photographer.</i></p> <p><i>I attend Faculty and Pastoral reviews.</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p><i>None. I am a Governor of Woodchurch because we have a strong family connection with the school.</i></p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>None</i></p>					

Name:	<i>Simon Burke</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Parent Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>01.10.12</i>	Office Expires:	<i>26.11.18</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Civil Servant</i>		Committees:	<i>Audit &amp; Premises (Chair) Curriculum</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I am married with one daughter who attended Woodchurch High School and am just beginning my second term as a Parent Governor during which time I have served on two sub-committees. I attended Wallasey Grammar School and then worked in the Civil Service for 39 years, having recently taken early retirement. In my spare time I enjoy walking my dogs, reading, politics and all sports.</i></p> <p><i>I have a specific role supporting the Health &amp; Safety Officer in school.</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p><i>None</i></p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>None</i></p>					

Name:	<i>Sue Cronin</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Member Appointed (Liverpool Hope University)</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>19.09.13</i>	Office Expires:	<i>19.09.20</i>
Professional Role:			Committees:	<i>Finance &amp; Personnel Curriculum</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I have worked in education for over twenty years. I started life as a secondary Mathematics teacher, working in a range of schools across Liverpool before working as part of the school effectiveness team for Liverpool Authority. For the last 12 years I have worked at Liverpool Hope University in Teacher Education, I am passionate about making sure we have trained outstanding teachers who will make a positive difference to children's lives. This is not just because I work within the field of education but because as a mother with 3 children of my own I know the impact great teachers can have on helping them to get a good start in life. Teachers and schools make a difference and governors have a role in helping schools to continue to work to improve opportunities for their pupils. Being a governor at Woodchurch is a great opportunity to support a school committed to the highest levels of achievement and care for all of its pupils.</i></p>					
Other Governing Bodies: <i>N/A</i>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>Employed by Liverpool Hope University</i></p>					

Name:	<i>David Cumberland</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Church of England Governor Vice Chair of Governors</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>01.10.12</i>	Office Expires:	<i>22.03.21</i>
Professional Role:			Committees:	<i>Curriculum (Chair)</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>Having started my career in the Primary sector I moved to teaching in Secondary schools as a History specialist, spending a number of years as a Head of Department and as a Head of a large sixth form.</i></p> <p><i>I have worked extensively with schools, local authorities and government agencies in developing teacher and initial teacher expertise and in the development of teacher training and teacher education.</i></p> <p><i>I am currently Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Education and Children's Services at the University of Chester, having previously taught at Liverpool Hope University initially leading the Secondary PGCE programme and then as Vice Dean with responsibility for Teacher Education programmes and as Director of Recruitment &amp; External Liaison.</i></p> <p><i>I have significant experience in school development and governance and have worked on a number of new-build projects, most recently Chairing the Education Transition Group for a new £33m ecumenically sponsored Academy in Newton-Le-Willows and was Chair of Governors.</i></p> <p><i>I am also a Director and Chair of the London Diocesan Board of Schools Academy Trust. At a research level my interests lie in Education Management, Post-16 education and development and the link to lower school achievement.</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p><i>Director and Chair of the London Diocesan Board of Schools Academy Trust and London Diocesan Board of Schools Academy Trust 2.</i></p> <p><i>Director on the University of Chester Academies Trust</i></p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>Director and Chair of the London Diocesan Board of Schools Academy Trust and London Diocesan Board of Schools Academy Trust 2.</i></p> <p><i>Director on the University of Chester Academies Trust.</i></p>					

Name:	<i>Louise Edwards</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Parent Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>26.11.14</i>	Office Expires:	<i>26.11.18</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Nurse</i>		Committees:	<i>Curriculum</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I have lived on the Wirral all my life. I used to work in catering but moved into nursing 14 years ago. My youngest son is in Year 9 and my younger brother has just finished his time at Woodchurch. I am an active member of the PTA team in school. I am a member of the labour party as I follow politics and have been interested in what I feel is going to happen in Government.</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p><i>N/A</i></p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>None</i></p>					

Name:	<i>Mike Gilbertson</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Church of England Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>01.10.12</i>	Office Expires:	<i>12.10.20</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Archdeacon</i>		Committees:	<i>Audit &amp; Premises</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I am a Church of England priest. As the Archdeacon of Chester, I have responsibility for over a hundred parishes, including those on the Wirral. I serve on the School Governing Body as a Church of England Governor, helping to encourage links between the school and the local church. I grew up in Stockport, worked for several years as a civil servant, then as a parish priest in London and in Hartlepool on Teesside before returning to the North West five years ago. It is a great privilege to be connected with Woodchurch High School – I think what the students and staff achieve here is amazing.</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p><i>N/A</i></p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>Work for Diocese of Chester as Archdeacon</i></p>					

Name:	<i>Julie Merry</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Staff Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>01.10.12</i>	Office Expires:	<i>10.10.20</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>		Committees:	<i>Finance &amp; Personnel (Vice Chair) Curriculum (Vice Chair)</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I originally started my working life in banking where I developed many skills, especially in the areas of finance, HR, leadership and management.</i></p> <p><i>After 20 years I left and went to college to train as a teacher. I have worked in a number of primary schools in a variety of years groups and later moved into Further Education where I spent 6 years teaching and supporting students aged 18-21 within the Faculty of Childhood Studies. I moved on to a secondment within Wirral Borough Council as a Safeguarding Officer where I had responsibility for the delivery of child protection training and for the implementation of policies and procedures for keeping children safe in our schools. Last January I moved back to Woodchurch High School Academy to continue my role as a safeguarding officer, supporting the safeguarding team in school, but also continuing to deliver training in safeguarding, together with acting as a source of support, for colleagues in our Wirral Schools. My role also involves working closely with Wirral Safeguarding Children's Board, where I sit on the Serious Case Review and the Child Sexual Exploitation Committees as the representative for Wirral Schools.</i></p> <p><i>I feel that the knowledge and skills I have gained and developed during my working life will enable me to help and support the Academy.</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p><i>Cathcart Primary School</i></p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>None</i></p>					

Name:	Val Oldham		Type of Governor:	Staff Governor	
Tenure:	4 Years	Date Appointed:	01.10.12	Office Expires:	20.11.17
Professional Role:	Assistant Headteacher	Committees:	Audit & Premises (Vice Chair)		
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I have worked in education for over forty years, with most of my time being spent in secondary schools in Wirral and Knowsley. I have a Master's degree in Secondary Curriculum and spent two years as the Wirral Advisory Teacher for Secondary Science.</i></p> <p><i>Having been appointed here as Head of Science in 1991, I have been given many excellent and very varied opportunities for professional and personal development. After being Head of Science for over ten years, I took responsibility for Health, Social Care and Early Years, and later Personal, Social, Health Education and Citizenship. Other aspects of my role involve the Engineering, Creative Arts and design faculty, Student Voice and Eco.</i></p> <p><i>I am very fortunate to have worked at Woodchurch for over twenty five years, and have seen many changes. The Headteacher keeps us extremely well-informed and we have many interesting discussions at governor meetings, always striving to improve the school in order to enhance the pupils' life chances.</i></p> <p><i>On a personal level, I am married with two grown up children. One is training to teach and the other is thinking about it! In my spare time I enjoy exercise, horseriding, gardening, learning Spanish and travel.</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p>N/A</p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p>None</p>					

Name:	<i>Betty Renshaw</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Church of England Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>01.10.12</i>	Office Expires:	<i>22.03.21</i>
Professional Role:			Committees:	<i>Finance &amp; Personnel Curriculum</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>Retired School Business Manager with 20 years' experience in School finances and HR. Three years' experience as BSF Co-ordinator for the new school build. Wide experience in other financial, educational and company financial management. Chair of Chester Diocesan Board of Finance for ten years, current Director of Chester Diocesan Board of Education and Chair of Chester Diocesan Academies Trust and Chair CDAT Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee.</i></p> <p><i>Member of the Church of England General Synod and Church of England Finance Committee. Member of the Church Commissioners' Bishops and Cathedrals Committee overseeing the financial management of Bishops' See Houses including Lambeth Palace, and cathedral staffing costs.</i></p> <p><i>Lay Canon of Chester Cathedral. Trustee of several local community Trusts and Independent Examiner for local Guiding Organisations.</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p><i>Church of England Appointed Governor at The Bishop's Blue Coat Academy in Chester. Member of the Finance and Personnel, and Audit and Risk Management Committees.</i></p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>Chair of Chester Diocesan Multi Academy Trust (CDAT), director of Chester Diocesan Board of Education, Church of England Appointed Governor at The Bishop's Blue Coat Academy in Chester and Member of the Finance and Personnel, and Audit and Risk Management Committees.</i></p>					

Name:	<i>Pauline Roberts</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Parent Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>16.12.16</i>	Office Expires:	<i>16.12.20</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Chartered Accountant</i>		Committees:		
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2002 and since then have held a number of roles within Finance, Audit and Risk Management. I currently head up a team of Assurance providers for 4 international airports across the UK.</i></p> <p><i>I am a Mum of 5, with my eldest son having joined Woodchurch in September 2016. Running round after the family keeps me fit! But in any spare time I have I like to go horse riding or immerse myself in a good book. I also love to travel and like to explore as many new places as possible with the children.</i></p> <p><i>I am passionate about education and the difference that a good education, supported by inspirational teachers, can make to a child – both in terms of enjoyment of school, and looking forward into their future lives and careers.</i></p> <p><i>As a result of my current employer’s CSR scheme I volunteered to help Crossacres Primary Academy in Manchester to set up an Audit Committee and to work with them on all aspects of good Governance and control. Through this work I realised just how passionate I was about working with the school, and decided that should the opportunity arise, I would love to use my skills and experience to work with and support my own child’s school.</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p><i>Associate Governor for Crossacres Primary Academy in Manchester. Also Audit Committee Chair for this school.</i></p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>None</i></p>					

Name:	<i>Andy Smith</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Staff Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>01.10.12</i>	Office Expires:	<i>19.09.20</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Teacher of Science/ PPL</i>		Committees:	<i>Finance &amp; Personnel</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I am a Science teacher at Woodchurch High School, specialising in Physics. For a number of years I was a Pupil Progress Leader and worked with pupils from Years 7 – 11. I am now Assistant Headteacher and Lead on Pastoral issues.</i></p> <p><i>I have been teaching at Woodchurch since 1999 and have very much enjoyed being a Governor helping to support moving the school forward.</i></p> <p><i>I am a local person and have two young sons.</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p><i>N/A</i></p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>None</i></p>					

Name:	<i>Tony Smith</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>LA Governor Chair of Governors</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>01.10.12</i>	Office Expires:	<i>28.11.19</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Local Councillor</i>		Committees:	<i>Finance &amp; Personnel Curriculum (Chair)</i>	
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>I am married with two children and four grandchildren. I worked first as a teacher and then as a Senior Educational Psychologist. I have been an Upton Councillor since 1995 and am the Cabinet Member for Children Services in Wirral where I support our excellent local schools. In my spare time I like to watch football. I keep myself fit playing golf, walking and going to the gym. I enjoy visits to the cinema and theatre. I also like to travel and have spent time learning Spanish.</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p><i>N/A</i></p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>Councillor with Local Authority Wife's nephew is a teacher in school</i></p>					

**Governors whose term of office has expired in the last 12 months:**

Name:	<i>Ailsa Whorton</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Parent Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>01.10.12</i>	Office Expired:	<i>05.12.16</i>
Professional Role:	<i>Retail Bank Manager</i>		Committees:	<i>Audit &amp; Premises</i>	
<p><i>A little about myself: I have two teenage boys, one still at Woodchurch High School whilst my eldest is now in sixth form at Calday Grammar having had a very happy and successful 5 years at Woodchurch High School. I am a very busy full time working Mum and have been with my organisation now for 25 years having worked right across London, Liverpool and now more locally in Bromborough. I feel immensely proud of serving on the Governing Body of Woodchurch High School and feel it is a tremendous privilege to be involved with, and a part of such a fantastic school who put the children at the heart of everything they do. I am also in my "spare time" and lay minister at Holy Cross Parish Church. I am currently studying for a degree in Mission and Ministry</i></p>					
<p><b>Other Governing Bodies:</b></p> <p><i>I have previously served on the Governing Body at Hillsgrove Primary School in Kent and also at Woodchurch Holy Cross Primary School.</i></p>					
<p><b>Declaration of Interests:</b></p> <p><i>None</i></p>					

Name:	<i>Alan Brimage</i>		Type of Governor:	<i>Co-opted Governor</i>	
Tenure:	<i>4 Years</i>	Date Appointed:	<i>01.10.12</i>	Office Expired:	<i>12.10.16</i>
Professional Role:		Committees:	<i>Audit &amp; Premises</i>		
<p>A little about myself:</p> <p><i>A retired Civil Servant, I am now working part time. I became a Parent Governor when my son attended Woodchurch High School. He left school and was successful in gaining a high quality apprenticeship and a commitment to lifelong learning and development.</i></p> <p><i>As a Governor of Woodchurch Academy where I have served for seven years, I am in a position to use my skills and experience in the Audit &amp; Premises Committee. Since the school became an Academy I have been designated the Responsible Officer, a role which involves checking the Academy Trust's framework for internal control.</i></p> <p><i>It is my aim to serve the Academy for as long my free time permits</i></p>					
<p>Other Governing Bodies:</p> <p><i>N/A</i></p>					
<p>Declaration of Interests:</p> <p><i>None</i></p>					