

Geraldine Evans

I have lived in West Kirby for the last 5 years with my husband, David, and children, Bethan and Anwyn. The girls both attend West Kirby Primary School and are enjoying their time at the school.

I have been a member of the PTA since my children started school and continue to support PTA events.

I work for a neighbouring Local Authority in the HR team so hope I can use my professional experience to support the school.

Philippa Glover

I am an experienced leader who has facilitated and delivered strategic business and people plans across a diverse range of industries and roles – R&D, Quality and Operations Management. My current role as Knowledge Transfer Manager working for the UK's Innovation Network KTN (part of Innovak UK) gives me access to a wide network both regionally and nationally and tools to look for additional funding and finance.

I have fostered the development of empowered teams supporting them to reach the potential using a variety of tools to facilitate sustainable organisational and cultural change holding a CIPD qualification in Human Resource Management.

I am passionate about people and celebrating diversity. I strongly believe that if children feel safe and supported they are more likely to be happy and thrive. West Kirby is a place I love and would welcome the opportunity to be part of a team to further build on its success, supporting and inspiring the innovators and creators of the future.

Catherine Howell

I am passionate about teaching and learning having taught mathematics to 11 to 18 year olds for over 12 years: 7 years at Wirral Grammar School for Girls and 5 years at the British International School, Ho Chi Minh City – 2 years of which I was Head of Department. I am up to date with current policies and how children learn and develop fascinates me. As my children progress through KS1 and 2 I am broadening my interest and knowledge of primary pedagogy.

I am a qualified teacher of yoga and have an up-to-date DBS Certificate. I have recently completed a course of teaching and yoga to adolescents. This included a module on the changes that occur in the brain at this time and the effect this has on well-being, behaviour and relationships. I have an interest in recent neuroscience research and mindfulness techniques and I am a member of Pensby Running Club.

As an educationalist and mother of two young boys I am keen to be part of the school and wider community.

Aaron Leach

I am a Deputy Headteacher of a large primary school in Liverpool but live here in West Kirby with my partner and two wonderful children. I would relish the opportunity to stand as a governor, to act as the voice of the parents and firmly believe I have the experience and expertise to provide the support and challenge needed to ensure the school builds on its strengths and continues to improve. I haven't lived in West Kirby all that long, having moved here from Wales in 2013 but fell in love with the village and already feel part of what is a strong community. I feel passionately about providing the children of our village with the best possible start at life through high quality education!

As a Deputy Headteacher, I am aware of current education policy and innovations in the sector, particularly in relation to safeguarding as I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead at my school. I also sit on the School Improvement Liverpool Safeguarding Focus Panel, one of only twenty members. Safeguarding children is a real passion of mine.

I have extensive experience of teaching across the phases from EYFS to upper Key Stage 2 and have worked in requires improvement, good and outstanding schools. I am also responsible for Assessment, Curriculum, the school website and social media platforms in my current role and would love the opportunity to utilise my skills and experience a little closer to home, in the school my own daughter attends.

Bryn Williams

Ayla Williams in Mrs Green's Year 2 class is my daughter and I am keen to contribute to the continued success of West Kirby Primary School by becoming a parent governor.

My background is in science and education. For the past 12 years, I have taught at secondary and further education level and I am currently a biology lecturer at the City of Liverpool College. Prior to teaching, I was a scientist at Bristol University researching the biology of learning and memory.

I have been a staff governor at a large comprehensive secondary school in Swindon where I was an active member of the curriculum committee. I brought expertise that enabled the committee to properly interrogate the senior leadership's account of the students' progress. I also became a member of the finance committee.

As a parent governor, I would bring an understanding of the standards that primary school students need to achieve in order to succeed at secondary school. I also have a wealth of experience in current education policy and school governance.

I would make it my goal to be a helpful contact for other parents with questions about the work of the governing body.

If elected, I would be a source of support to the Headteacher and also be ready to challenge her, or the decisions of the governing body, if they were to diverge from the central aim of putting the progress of the students of West Kirby Primary School first.