



**John Cresswell**

I am a Local Authority appointed Governor and Chair of the Finance & Premises Committee. I live locally with my wife and work as an IT Manager for an Inspection and Testing Company. My hobbies and interests include walking, cooking and folk music.



**Chris Gill**

I have been a co-opted and community governor at West Kirby Primary School for about 25 years now.  
I have worked on all of the committees over the years. I do have a special interest in Safeguarding, Special Needs and Early Years.  
I have worked as a Counsellor with Children and Adults for 18 years in various places such as Probation, Rape and Sexual Assault Centre, Sure Start Centres and presently at schools across Wirral, Liverpool and Cheshire.  
I run a Domestic Violence programme for Women in Wirral.  
I have been a Supervisor .Special Needs Coordinator and Safeguarding Deputy at St Agnes Pre School for over 35 years, now just one morning a week but love it.  
I sing in The Liverpool Harmonic Gospel choir and I play the Melodeon in the band for the Mockbeggar Morris dancers.  
As well as the above, I love walking and swimming.



**Gary Price**

I am an Associate Director for Strategy and Partnerships at Arrowe Park Hospital after first starting work in the NHS 17 years ago as a clinician. I have lived in West Kirby all my life and I am married with 3 children, 2 at West Kirby Primary.  
  
Outside of work I am a voluntary crew member of West Kirby RNLI and a member of West Kirby United Reformed Church.



**Eleanor Hope**

My name is Eleanor Hope and I am a parent governor. I have three children who are all very happy at the school. I grew up in Liverpool before moving to Edinburgh to do a Maths degree at university. We moved to the Wirral after getting married and I am now a Maths teacher at a local secondary school. In my spare time I love playing netball.

**Bethan Halpenny-Collins**

I joined the governing body in March 2017 as a parent governor. I have two sons in WKPS and am keen to support the school to create a healthy environment that promotes the wellbeing of all.

I am a lecturer in the University of Liverpool and an occupational therapist by profession. Alongside teaching occupational therapy students, I undertake research into lifestyle and wellbeing, mostly for people with disabilities. I also research higher education and widening participation.

**Geraldine Evans**

I am a co-opted governor and took on the role in 2018. By profession I work as a Senior Officer in the Human Resources Department of a Neighbouring Local Authority. I hope to be able to use the knowledge and skills I've gained throughout my career for the benefit of the school and its pupil's.

On a personal level, we moved to the Wirral about 6 years ago and my two daughters attend West Kirby Primary School. Out of work I enjoy spending time with friends and family and walking our dog.

**Aaron Leach**

My name is Aaron Leach and my daughter attends WKPS. I am a Deputy Headteacher and Associate Governor of a large, outstanding primary school in Liverpool. I feel passionately about providing the children of our village with the best possible start at life through a high quality education. I 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.

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 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 SMSC/British Values, Curriculum, the school website and social media platforms in my current role.

**Catherine Howell**

I am a parent governor, taking up the role in 2018. I have two sons, the elder of which is enjoying his time at WKPS. By profession I am a secondary school Maths teacher and have worked both locally and internationally. I enjoy running and yoga and I am a qualified yoga teacher. I am passionate about education and well-being and hope to support the school with my time and professional skill set.



**Kate Takashima**

I have been Headteacher here at West Kirby Primary School since September 2009 and prior to that my own children attended this school. As an educationalist and a parent, along with the staff and governors of the school, I am committed to the development and fulfilment of each child and to providing the best possible education for all of our children. When not at work, I love spending time with family and friends and walking on the beach or up in the hills of North Wales enjoying the views- or the rain!



**Tracey McCann**

I have been a staff governor at West Kirby since 2012; I previously held the post of parent governor at my children's school. I am married and have four children; my youngest are twins just about to start university. Before becoming a teacher I worked in the banking industry where I trained staff so I suppose teaching has always been in my blood. Every child deserves the best education that the state can provide. My aim as a governor is to do everything I can to make sure that everything is in place for children at WKPS to reach their full education potential. I enjoy being on our Governing Body and see the vital role that governors do in working with the school to ensure that it delivers a good quality education.