

Moorside Primary School and Nursery Governing Board Members Profiles

Chris Lea: Chair of Governors

Resources

LA Governor

HT & Staff Pay Performance Panel, Finance & Benchmarking, Pupil Data, Leadership & Management, Safeguarding, SEND

Term of Office: 18 May 2022 – 17 May 2026.

My background is in Banking, having had the benefit of 36 years occupying a variety of roles and senior positions within a regional bank. I am married with three children, all of whom were educated locally and are now in full time employment. My daughter is a teacher in a primary school which has provided me with some insight in to challenges currently faced by teaching staff. I believe that my skills and experience will enable me to help and support staff in their aim to give all children the best possible start in their education.

Maureen Binks

Staff Governor

Pupil Behaviour, Attendance and Well Being

Term of Office: 4 February 2019 – 4 February 2023.

I have been employed as a teaching assistant at Moorside School since 2002. My early employment was in Banking, spending time working in corporate and personal banking then

as assistant branch manager before leaving to care for family members. After the birth of my own children, I retrained as a teaching assistant and have worked at Moorside Primary School since 2002.

I have always had a keen interest in the rights of people and worked as a volunteer at Ripon Citizen Advice Bureau for 13 years, until increased commitments at the school meant I was unable to continue. However, I continue my volunteering work in the community and now volunteer one evening per week for the NHS. I am interested in the mental health of our children and I am passionate about the nurturing ethos of our school community. I look forward to working together to provide the best for every child at Moorside Primary School and Nursery.

Claire Rowett

Headteacher

BA (Music), BEd QTS, MaST (Mathematics Specialist Teacher)

Term of Office: 1st January 2019

I have been teaching in North Yorkshire since 2006 as a classroom teacher, a leading Maths teacher and a KS2 moderator for the Local Authority.

I joined the team at Moorside Juniors in 2013 as the Deputy Headteacher and became the Executive Deputy

across the Infant and Junior schools in 2017 before taking up my role as the Headteacher. I am proud to be the Headteacher at Moorside.

It's a great privilege to work with our school community and the wider community, with our dedicated and caring staff team. In my role, I am fully committed to ensuring that every member of staff is supported in their own development, and that as team we work effectively together, to provide the very best opportunities for learning for all our children, through an enriching and exciting curriculum.

I am a creative person, (having completed my first degree in music performance) and aim to inspire children to be able to express themselves in their own ways, to grow in confidence and enjoy learning. It is the pleasure of teachers to unleash this in the children we meet.

Nurturing all pupils at Moorside, to understand them as individual learners, is paramount. It builds their resilience, helping them to feel secure in being challenged in their learning and feel proud of their achievements. It is my aim, as a leader, to establish and embed this ethos, to provide an excellent education for children at our school.

Matthew Kettlewell

Co-Opted Governor

Pupil Premium, Health & Safety

Term of Office: 15 July 2020 – 14 July 2024.

I have worked for North Yorkshire County Council since 2006, and in my current role as School Sites Officer in the Strategic Planning team since 2012. My role is extremely varied, working across the whole of the county of North Yorkshire. My main duties include working with Schools on property acquisitions and disposals, working alongside the NYCC Property Service as appropriate, also working on general site issues. I also work with Schools on small schemes of work, utilising individual Schools, and, the County Council's capital funding, where this is available. I also support Schools with grant applications and projects, such as Sports grants, and Lottery grants.

I first started working with Moorside as part of the School refurbishment project during 2019-20, and wish to see the School progress and continue to grow and flourish further in the newly refurbished building. As the School are on a new journey I wish to assist them establish themselves as an all-through Primary and Nursery School.

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I have visited the School several times during the refurbishment project, and feel that the School's ethos and general feel is extremely positive and welcoming. I would like to be a part of what will hopefully be the School continuing to grow in the future, with a growing popularity.

Dr Katherine Hammersley

Co-Opted Governor

Safeguarding, RSE

Term of Office: 3 March 2021 – 2 March 2025.

I am a retired doctor having worked primarily in Women's Health for thirty years. I also taught at Hull York Medical School for eleven years having both academic and pastoral roles.

I am married with three children and my eldest daughter is a teacher at Moorside and my grandson is a pupil in the school.

My hope is that I would be able to use my skills and experience to benefit the staff and pupils of Moorside and promote teaching and learning in a caring and supportive environment.

Kimberley Mearns

Parent Governor

Term of Office: 21 June 2022 – 20 June 2026.

My background is in business management with over ten years as a business leader, managing finance and people. I have two children, one in Moorside and another who has just moved onto secondary education after leaving Moorside. I also volunteer at an independent boarding school on a weekly basis working with students in a pastoral role to support with their wellbeing.

My hope as a governor is to be part of a team that provides a nurturing environment which ensures the best possible educational outcome for each individual pupil.

Jennifer Pallister

Parent Governor

Term of Office: 9 January 2023 – 8 January 2027

My professional background is in procurement and commercial. I worked in various procurement and governance roles at North Yorkshire County Council for 13 years before moving to Commercial Policy at the Department for Education in 2021. I live in Ripon with my husband and son, who attends Moorside Primary School.

I hope that my skills and experience will help to support positive outcomes for the children at Moorside Primary School and Nursery, and contribute to the shared goals of the governing body, promoting the school's positive ethos and PRIDE values.