

Jane Goodwin –Chair, Co-opted Governor

I have lived in Greenfield for the last 26 years, and taught in a number of schools in Oldham during that time. My last job was as Headteacher of Knowsley Junior School, from which I retired in 2013. I have a lifelong interest in education, which I believe should be centred on the learning needs of individual children, allowing each child to develop at their own pace.

I have done other voluntary work since retiring, but am delighted to be once more involved with children and education, and will do my best to ensure that Friezland Primary School continues to be a happy and successful school that puts the needs of children first.

On a personal note, I am also involved in the child care of my grandchildren two days a week, and enjoy walking in our wonderful local countryside.



Mrs Victoria Fitzpatrick - Vice-Chair, Parent Governor

I work for Unity Partnership as a Senior Organisational Development Adviser and have worked with schools for several years in a HR capacity. I understand the challenges schools face and try to apply my knowledge and experience to support our school. I have two children currently at Friezland, and one older child who has now left, I therefore have a real interest in daily school life.



Miss Rachael Swaby - Headteacher

My name is Miss Rachael Swaby. Prior to becoming Headteacher, I have been a Staff and then an Associate Governor of the school, since 2006.

We currently have a strong Governing Body who effectively support and challenge the leadership team. There is a breadth of skills amongst us and by working collaboratively and following the ethos 'A family committed to making a difference', we are able to ensure a high level of education and care for all our pupils.



Miss Rebecca Hill - Staff Governor

I currently hold the position of Assistant Headteacher and teach Year Five and Six at Friezland. I was elected as Staff Governor at the start of 2017 and am pleased to represent the school staff on the Governing Board. I was a pupil of Friezland myself and, after spending the first 9 years of my teaching career in Inner London, I returned to Saddleworth in 2016. In my spare time, I like to travel to visit friends and family in this country and abroad.

Mr Peter Freeman - Associate Governor (Staff) Non-voting

I have worked at Friezland for nearly 7 years now and have been a governor for 2 of those. I have worked throughout school as a teaching assistant and enjoy the challenges each year provide which keeps me on my toes. In my spare time I enjoy visiting new places with my daughter, going for walks in the Saddleworth countryside and making new things in the kitchen. I feel I provide a staff voice on the governing body and have enjoyed helping the school through its recent transition period.

Mrs Tina Dickinson-Rhodes - Co-opted Governor

As a fairly recent newcomer to the area, I first became involved with Friezland School when my granddaughter became a pupil here. I was invited along with my daughter to be a member of the Centenary Committee for the year. We both enjoyed all the planning for this very special year. I started to help out in school where I could and at the same time I also became a member of Friends of Friezland Committee. I have come to know some of the

children and their family members, as well as getting to know the staff and other members like myself who are part of the schools family at Friezland. I have many skills which I would love to pass on to the younger generation – two of my skills are gardening and sewing. I am always looking for new challenges, which is why I applied to become a member of the governing body at the school. I am looking forward to learning some new skills and experiences while being part of such a lovely welcoming school.



Mrs Yvonne Farrand - LA Governor

Joining the Friezland Governing Board in September 2017, I have been a school governor in both Primary and secondary schools in Oldham since 2008. I consider myself an active governor, currently a Local Leader of Governance for Oldham Local Authority. Having spent many years working in education management supporting overseas students and disadvantaged students in our local community, I am committed to education and wanted share my skills and knowledge to help young people to get the most out of their education and to support the school on our journey to Outstanding. I am passionate about education, with a belief that sharing best practice, learning through collaboration and team work are the keys to success. A former Student Services Manager, I now work as a Management Consultant in UK and International Education. I find my role as a governor very rewarding and enjoys being a part of the Freizland family.

