

Governor Pen Portraits

Mrs Sandra Turner (Chair)

I have worked in education for 29 years, 10 of those as a mainstream Reception and Nursery teacher and 19 as Headteacher of Greenhall. During my time at Greenhall, I achieved outstanding status and was successful in securing our new purpose-built building.

I have always been passionate about Special Needs and have fought long and hard to meet the needs of both the children and their families. I am also very proud of the wonderful staff we have at Greenhall and will do all I can to meet their needs as well.

I also know the trials, tribulations and wonderful joy of having a disabled child – my Grand-daughter has a micro-deletion of chromosome 1 and attends a Special School. She also struggles with hypothyroidism asthma.

I would like to think that the major qualities I bring to Greenhall are my huge capacity for caring and my tenacity to fight for the school whenever necessary. The school is rightly a school to be proud of!

Mr Rod Goldthorpe (Vice-Chair)

My work in special education extends over 35 years & I remain passionate about special schools & their ability to provide for children with special needs.

I retired in 2012 as a successful head teacher of Walton Hall Special School near Eccleshall, took a gap year in Africa, lectured full-time at Wolverhampton FE College (Special Needs).

Currently I am enjoying being a part-time supply teacher for Hays Education ...this keeps me in contact with the mainstream curriculum.

I helped set up & am trustee of a special needs Youth Club (WhyCh) and am also vice-chair of Youth Service at Stafford Castle Rotary Club.

Greenhall is an unique school delivering specialist provision way beyond anything I have come across at mainstream level.

It's staffing expertise, teaching delivery & resources are geared directly to meeting it's children's special needs.

Results I believe speak for themselves. Such a provision should be valued within our community & nurtured.

It is an honour to serve as a Governor & be part of this process.

Ali Brown

Hi, I'm Ali Brown, my son attended Greenhall until July 2017 and I am one of the Parent Governors on the committee. Regarding the school, I am the nominated Governor with responsibility for safeguarding and the Premises Committee. Outside of school, I work for the NSPCC and also sit on the committee for Cerebral Palsy Mid Staffordshire. I think Greenhall is an amazing school and am totally committed to

supporting the staff in empowering our children in every way possible, as well as supporting our parents too. I'm very happy to be contacted for anything - whether it's about school matters or you just want to talk to someone else that gets very little sleep, contact the office who will pass on the message. Thanks, Ali.

Annette Martinez

Hello, my name is Annette Martinez. I am the parent of Sophia who is currently attending her 2nd year at Greenhall. I became a Parent Governor as I wanted to be more involved in Education and support children with special needs. My daughter has complex medical and physical needs and needs 24 hour support. I am a mum to 6 children, 1 of which is studying Special Educational Needs at Derby University. I have worked within the Healthcare Sector for over 8 years and I am currently working 1:1 with a young adult with complex needs. I look forward to supporting staff and parents of Greenhall.

Joanne di Castiglione (Headteacher)

I started as Headteacher at Greenhall in September 2014. As a trained Conductor-Teacher, I am passionate about seeing children achieve their potential and develop their independence. Although I have worked across the primary phase, my heart is in Early Years and early intervention, supporting children and families as they start their education.

Robert Tedstone

I have been a Governor at Greenhall Nursery for 40 years and was a founder member in 1974. I am Chair of Cerebral Palsy Mid Staffordshire, a local Charity which has a close association with Greenhall and supports many of the children and families. I have been involved with other Local Charities, helping people with disabilities and the unemployed. I am a Solicitor in private practice.

Kate Anderson (Staff Governor)

I have been a Teaching Assistant at Greenhall for over 26 years. Recently, I began a new role as HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) and I'm looking forward to any challenges this may bring.

I took over the role of staff Governor last year but I have been a Staff Governor and Associate Governor for many years in the past.

Greenhall holds a very special place in my heart and I consider it a privilege to help all our children reach their full potential, making sure they all have fun along the way! I run the Toy Library and I'm happy to speak to anyone that is interested in using this fantastic resource.