

### **Caroline Foy – Co-Chair & Parent Governor**

Caroline joined the Governing Body in June 2016 and was elected as Vice Chair in September 2017. A local girl, she has a daughter Emily, who attends South Hiendley JI & EY School.

She has an array of knowledge and experience to bring to the role, having worked in Wakefield in the NHS for 17 years, undertaking roles such as Accountant, Commissioning and Contracting for Community, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Services. She is also a qualified Counsellor.

Speaking about her role, Caroline says: “I am passionate about the health and wellbeing of children and ensuring all pupils are supported to reach their own goals. I look forward to working with the children, parents and carers and teachers in such a cohesive and respected school.”

### **Matt Trainer – Co-Chair & Co-opted Governor**

Matt is an ex-pupil of South Hiendley School having attended until 1987. After High School and Sixth Form College, he went on to graduate with BA Honours in French and Spanish from Lancaster University in 2000 and a PGCE in Spanish and French in Secondary Education in 2001.

Since then, he has lived and worked in the local area in three Local Authority controlled schools. Currently employed as a teacher at Horizon Community College in Barnsley, Matt has family and many friends in the village. Matt is the Chair of the Standards Committee.

Still living here in South Hiendley, Matt says about his role as a governor: “My role as the Pupil Premium Governor means that I keep a close link with the school’s Pupil Premium Leader and support the work of the Headteacher and the rest of the Governing Body. It is my commitment to South Hiendley Junior, Infant and Early Years School to ensure that the children who attend here are happy, safe, well-schooled and ready to move into secondary education and then on into adult life, wherever that may take them.”

### **Debbie Jones – Co-opted Governor**

Debbie has lived in South Hiendley for over 25 years and started as a helper in school over 20 years ago. She now works in school as a Teaching Assistant and HLTA when class cover is required. She is also a very valuable and active member of the school’s PTA and helps to organise and run many events, including providing refreshments for discos. Debbie’s design flair has contributed to many performances and displays in school! Debbie has been a school governor for many years. She is a Co-opted governor, is the Special Needs Governor and currently sits on the Pupils and Standards Committee.

Debbie is a mother of six as well as a grandmother. She says there is nothing more rewarding than this aspect of her life.

Debbie says about her role as governor: “I enjoy being a governor as I like to be involved in all areas of school life.”

### **Becky Heselden – Parent Governor**

Becky Heselden became a Parent Governor in December 2016. She has lived in South Hiendley all her life and attended South Hiendley J I & EY School. Becky has a daughter, Lexi, who attends South Hiendley J I & EY School and a younger son, Vinnie.

Becky has worked for the NHS in forensic Mental Health for 8 years as a Healthcare support worker. She started her new role within the NHS as an associate practitioner in February 2017, along with starting Barnsley College to study level 5 in Leadership and Management.

### **Laraine Whelan – Deputy Head Teacher and Staff Governor**

Laraine took up the post as Deputy Head at South Hiendley in September 2013. Her connections to the school started way back in 1982 when her eldest, a son, started his education at the school, followed by her younger child, a daughter, in 1984. A valued member of the South Hiendley community, Laraine has grandchildren Maddie, Evie and Erin currently attending South Hiendley J I & EY School.

Laraine has been a teacher for many years and has a wealth of experience, having taught in a number of schools in the authority and having visited several others in her role as a Lead Teacher for literacy; an Every Child a Writer leader; a Literacy Consultant; and a KS2 writing moderator.

Laraine lives in South Hiendley and has brought her family up in the village. Speaking about her role as Deputy Headteacher and School Governor she says: “My real passion is in the teaching of English, but I am dedicated to enhancing the life chances of each and every one of our children by giving them a wide and varied educational experience.”

### **Gillian Squires – Co-opted Governor**

Gill became a Governor in November 2017. Gill is a qualified Nursery Nurse and Hospital Play Specialist. She has now retired from the Pontefract, Wakefield and Dewsbury Mid York’s Trust. She is looking forward to offering her time, knowledge and skills to the Governing Body. In her previous role, Gill led 5 other staff through a number of changes. She also held the role of Link person in Health and Safety and Risk Assessment. Gill’s own children attended South Hiendley School and now her grandchildren attend.

### **Dan Trainer – Co-opted Governor**

Dan took on the role of Co-opted Governor in November 2017. He has lived in South Hiendley since the age of 4 and attended South Hiendley School. Dan has a son who attends South Hiendley School and a younger daughter. Dan has worked at Direct Line Group for 16 years, in various roles. His current role being an Incentives Analyst. Dan can also be seen out and about the village on his vintage tractor!

## **Lisa Sanderson – Headteacher**

Lisa has worked in education for over 20 years in various roles across three different schools. She worked in Foundation Stage, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two before becoming an Assistant Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Acting Headteacher and, finally, Headteacher of South Hiendley School in January 2009.

Educated to B.Ed. Honours Degree level and having the National Professional Qualification for Headteachers (NPQH), Lisa is a working mum with three sons.

Lisa is very passionate about the school and speaks very highly of its pupils. She explains: “It was the ethos of the school that first attracted me to the role of Headteacher here. The manners and politeness of the children are outstanding. We see on a daily basis here children who want to help each other, classes full of friends and a real family and community spirit throughout.

Since becoming the Headteacher at South Hiendley J I & EY School, I have seen full cohorts pass through the school and I am very proud of what they have achieved. The children here are wonderful and are a pleasure to work with. They are helpful, kind, hard-working and respect each other. I look forward to seeing the successes of the pupils here at our school and will work hard with everyone on the governing body to ensure they receive the best education available to them.”