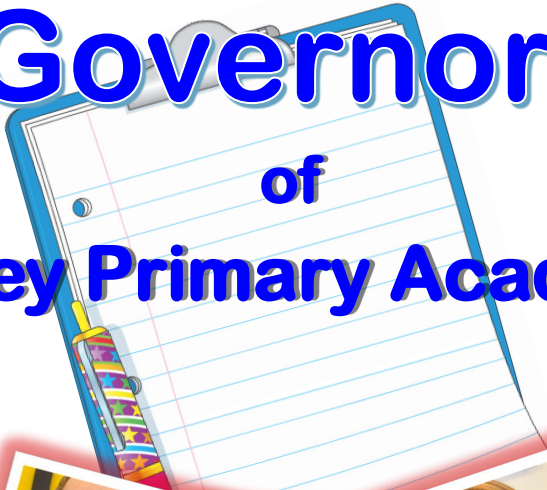




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Meet the Governors of Birley Primary Academy



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Full List of Birley Primary Academy

Governing Body:

Chair of Governors	Mrs Nicola Gregory
Vice Chair	Mrs Gina Newton
Parent Governors	Mr Matt Jones Mrs Rachel Reed-Hill
Community Governor	Vacancy
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Co-opted Governors	Mr Asim Abbas Mr Dan Tovey
Staff Governors	
Headteacher	Mrs Dawn McAughey
Staff representatives	Mr Darren Ward Mrs Helen Garratty



What do our Governors do?

Birley Primary Academy's Governors are a dedicated and hardworking group of individuals who seek to improve the life of the academy in order that every single child can reach their full potential!

In summary, the Academy Governing Body provides challenge, support and oversight at academy level and have delegated responsibilities in relation to:

Upholding the principles of LEAD Academy Trust

Establishing an ambitious local vision for the academy

Academy performance

School Improvement

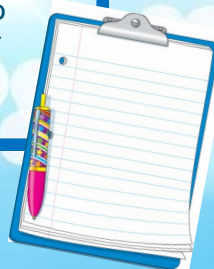
Safeguarding

LEAD Academy Trust utilises the skills and expertise of AGB members to provide effective governance appropriate to each academy's unique context.

As such, they have responsibility for raising school standards through their three key roles: setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability and acting as a critical friend to the Headteacher.

The Governors work together in order to undertake their monitoring and evaluation roles. Many aspects are covered such as: Strategic Direction, School Improvement Planning, Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs, the Curriculum, Standards of Achievement, plus Parents and Pupils.

Many of our Governors are also aligned to a particular area of the academy such as Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs, Pupil Premium and Diversity and Inclusion. They visit the academy on a regular basis to talk to staff, meet children and have a look at what happens day to day throughout Birley Primary Academy. They also visit the academy for special events.



Name: **Dawn McAughey**

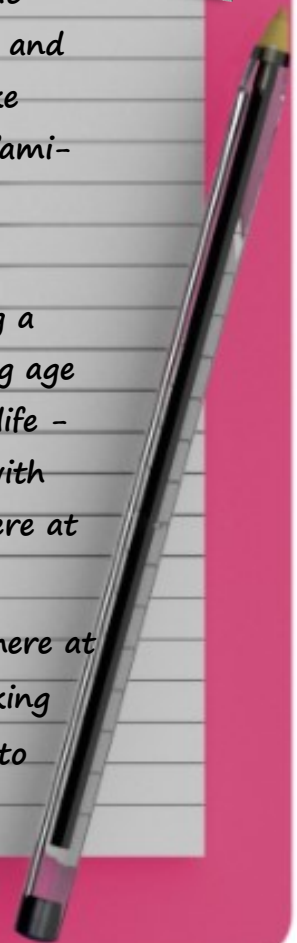
Role: **Headteacher**



I have been the Headteacher of Birley Primary as well as a governor here since April 2017, having worked here in the classroom for over 15 years. It's fantastic to be part of such a special school family and to be able to work with everyone to make things even better for our children and families.

I know from my own background how important education is and how creating a special spark for learning at a very young age can set someone on the right course for life - that's why I'm so happy to be working with everybody else to make things happen here at Birley!

I am very proud to be the Headteacher here at Birley Primary Academy and enjoy working with the governors in order to continue to make things even better!



Name: **Rachel Reed-Hill**

Role: **Parent Governor**



I am a parent governor at Birley Primary Academy, although my son has now moved on to the next stage of his education. I also attended the primary school as a pupil, many years ago! I am so grateful for the excellent start we both had to our educational journey and being a governor at the school helps me to play a small part in ensuring the future pupils get the same varied and challenging education.

I grew up in the area and although I now live a little further away, I still feel very much a part of the community of S12.

My day to day job is a lawyer in the Civil Service. Much of my career was spent working in family law which helps me in carrying out my role as the Safeguarding Link Governor.

Name: **Nicola Gregory**

Role: **Chair of Governors**

I am an experienced Community Governor, having been involved in governance within primary schools in Sheffield for over 25 years. I have been Chair at Birley Primary Academy since joining the AGB in December 2019 and regularly attend the Chairs Forum within LEAD Academy Trust.

I have worked in Human Resources within the public sector and schools for many years and currently work for Minerva Learning Trust in Sheffield where I lead the HR and governance services. I am a Chartered Member of the Institute of Personnel and Development, and I am qualified in employment law.

As the parent of a child who used to attend the school, I believe the staff are hardworking and committed to ensuring our children receive the very best education. I, and my fellow governors are equally committed to providing support and challenge to deliver this ambition.



Name: Gina Newton

Role: Vice Chair of Governors

I have a range of experience in schools—over thirty years as a teacher, a school leader and a governor.

I hope I can use gained knowledge along with my experience as a parent to support Birley Primary Academy staff as they continue to provide excellent education and support to all its students.

My particular areas of experience and interest are Curriculum and learning.



Name: Matt Jones

Role: Parent Governor



I have lived and learned in Sheffield all my life, attending local schools around Birley, and studying at Sheffield Hallam University for both undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications. I now work for that same University and have over ten years of experience working in the education sector, currently as a senior project manager. This background gives me a good understanding of governance, strategy and operations in an education environment, skills which I can apply to my role as a parent governor here at Birley Primary Academy.

I applied as a parent governor because I am passionate about education in general, and more so when it comes to the education of my own children. I am trusting Birley Primary Academy to play a key role in shaping the education of my children and I want to represent the parents perspective on the Academy Governing Body to ensure that the decisions which are being made will have a positive impact on the learning of the children – and if they are not, I want to be in a position to challenge this and raise my concerns through the perspective of a parent at the appropriate time.

I find the role really rewarding, it doesn't take up much time, and it is great to be able to visit the school and speak to teachers and children about what is working well, and what they are trying to do better.

Name: Darren Ward

Since September 2009, I have had the privilege of working at Birley Primary Academy in a number of roles. Initially, as a class teacher, I really enjoyed my time working with incredible classes full of amazing children and their families to support them all to make strong progress in their learning. Therefore, in 2016, I jumped at the opportunity to help lead the academy in the role of Deputy Headteacher and as a Staff Governor and continue to love working in both of these roles today.

On an educational level, I strongly believe that no matter their background, all children can achieve and can go on to do great things if they develop a love for learning and receive an outstanding education. It's this belief that makes me passionate about what we do here at Birley Primary Academy.

On a personal level, I live with my wife and three boys - who certainly keep me on my toes. In my spare time, I can generally be found either watching football (either SWFC on a Saturday or my boys on a Sunday) or taking family trips to different theme parks



Name: Daniel Tovey

Role: Co-opted Governor

I have worked as a teacher of Modern Foreign Languages for several years in London before moving into the Civil Service, eventually finding myself in the Department for Education. I have worked on a range of different areas from SEN delivery, to Academy Trust governance, and I now run the Schools Financial Benchmarking website. Whilst I enjoy my job, it is a real pleasure to maintain a connection with real schools and the real people that work in them and go to them. Since I moved up to Sheffield a few years ago I have loved being on the governing board at Birley. I moved up here with my partner, Anna, a Spaniel called Charlie (who I've failed to teach anything to in three long years! I'm better with kids, I promise!) and we've just had a baby boy called Rowan - who will need a good Primary school one day if you happen to know of any ;)



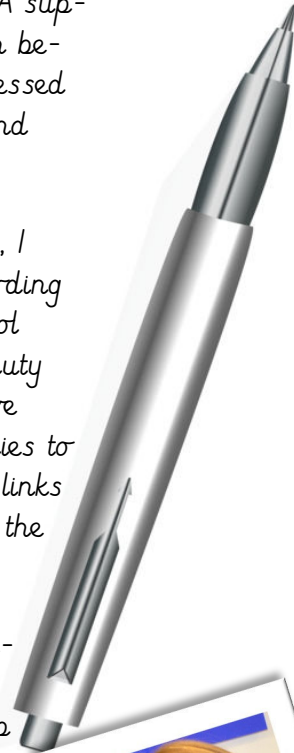
Name: *Helen Garratty*

Role: *Staff Governor*

I am the Safeguarding and Inclusion lead here at Birley Primary Academy. I have been working here for over 20 years and started as a TA supporting a child 1-1. After some years I then became a TA in Year 6 and eventually progressed to HLTA. I really enjoyed working in y6 and supporting the children.

Some years ago, after undergoing training, I supported the Leadership team in safeguarding some of our children and families in school which then progressed into the role of Deputy safeguarding lead for Birley. As a team we work closely with professionals and families to offer support for our families with strong links working closely with other schools within the Birley area.

I strongly believe that no matter their background, all children should be given the chance to achieve great things and develop a love for learning. It's this belief that makes me passionate about what we do here at Birley Primary Academy.



Name: *Asim Abbas*

Role: *Co-opted Governor*

As a School Governor at Birley Primary Academy, I bring a unique blend of professional healthcare expertise and a passionate commitment to student health and wellbeing. I am a Sheffield-er having been born, raised and schooled in our Steel City. I currently practice as a Doctor, working in York.

My journey in medicine began at Sheffield Medical School, where I not only cultivated a deep understanding of health sciences but also developed a strong foundation in leadership and education. My work spans both clinical practice and research with a focus on enhancing patient care through innovative health promotion and education strategies, and a clinical interest in Surgery. My experience in the medical field has instilled in me the importance of a holistic approach to wellbeing, one that I am eager to integrate into our school ethos.

As a first-generation doctor in my family, I understand the value of education and the opportunities it creates. I am committed to leveraging my background to support the school's mission in fostering an environment where health and education intersect to enrich the lives of our students. In this role, I aim to be a proactive advocate for initiatives that promote physical, mental and emotional wellness, ensuring our children have the best possible platform for success.



Finding out more...

If you would like to find out more about the Governing Body of Birley Primary or have any comments about the information in this leaflet, then please contact the

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