



**Roundwood**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# MEET THE GOVERNORS



**Jen McGrath**  
Chair of Governors

I joined the governing board at Roundwood Primary School in December 2022, initially taking on responsibility for finance. I now serve as Chair of Governors.

Professionally, I work as a Project Manager with strong experience in people management, communication, and financial control. I became a governor out of a personal interest in education—many members of my family are teachers, and I have two children who attend the school. I'm passionate about supporting Roundwood strategically and ensuring it continues to provide a nurturing, high-quality learning environment. I hold deep respect for the teaching profession and am committed to working collaboratively with staff and fellow governors to help the school thrive.



**Emma Direkze**

I became a governor at Roundwood Primary School in December 2024 and have responsibilities for the curriculum and complaints. Although I am still new to the role, I am greatly enjoying the opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction of such a supportive school.

In my professional life, I am the Director of a local tuition company. This role is both busy and rewarding, as I manage all aspects of the business while also teaching a full schedule as a qualified secondary English teacher. I work with children aged five to nineteen, and my passion for education is what led me to school governance. Outside of work, I am married with two children – a seven-year-old son and a four-year-old daughter – who keep me busy! I love the theatre, enjoy good food, and am at my happiest when hosting family and friends.

**Katie Warwick**



I have been a Governor for Roundwood Primary School since December 2024, after moving to Tingewick earlier that year. Currently, my focus is pupil and staff wellbeing, as well as Maths attainment. I was a Secondary Mathematics Teacher in the Midlands area for 10 years, before taking a career break to be at home with my two young children. I became a governor to use my experience of teaching in schools, and to positively contribute to my local community.



**Hannah Gilmore**

I bring a wealth of experience from my role in the Royal Air Force, where I currently

support senior decision-making and governance, involving strategic planning, executive support, and operational leadership. Having previously worked as an Emergency

nurse, I developed a strong foundation in safeguarding practices and child protection. Alongside my clinical background, I have worked extensively in People Operations, focusing on personnel management, team development, and mental health support. I am passionate about promoting positive wellbeing across the school community, and understand the importance of nurturing both staff and pupil welfare. I aim to bring a thoughtful and balanced perspective to the governing board, combining my operational experience with my professional expertise.

**Jean Pitman**

I have spent a long career in teaching; for many years as a SENCO in a large school in Newhaven on the South Coast. After retiring, my husband and I decided to move into this area to be near our daughter and her family. My Grandson attends Roundwood and is very happy at the school. Hence when the opportunity arose last year, I joined the governing body hoping to bring my experience to support the staff in providing the best education for the children. So far, I've been very impressed by the nurturing environment, the rich curriculum, and the hard work of all staff at Roundwood. I have really enjoyed my in-school visits and am looking forward to this new academic year.

