

PRESCOT PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

GOVERNOR PROFILE

MY BACKGROUND



CAROLE ARNOLD
CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I lived in Prescott for several decades and attended Prescott Primary school as a child. I therefore have a deep loyalty and connection to the town and am fully invested in the future of this community. Prescott holds my history and my heart. An understanding of the area's unique culture and needs will help me to bring an informed perspective to this role.

I enjoyed being in the teaching profession for 43 years, the latter 24 of these being headteacher of a successful local school. During my time as a teacher, my passion for English developed as a subject leader of Reading, Writing and Oracy.

As a headteacher I enjoyed developing my strategic experience in order to champion the best outcomes for all children in every area of their development within a safe, nurturing, creative and stimulating environment. Working for Knowsley authority part time as a School Improvement officer, enabled me to support other schools and train new headteachers, which I found extremely rewarding, and helped me develop my awareness of what makes exemplary practice and what outstanding education looks like.

I hope to be able to bring some of this experience to my new role at this unique school.

MY SKILLS & INTERESTS

During my time as a headteacher I completed an M.A. Degree in Education, researching the school curriculum in countries across the world. The learning from this was invaluable and I hope to support the leadership team in continuing to enhance their already vibrant and ambitious curriculum.

I enjoy developing leaders at all levels and keeping at the cutting edge of educational developments. The wellbeing of staff and pupils as well as cultural, sporting and entrepreneurial opportunities are paramount in my philosophy.

I have 2 grown up children with my husband and 3 grandchildren - 2 of whom attend this wonderful school. My hobbies are reading, gardening, singing in a choir and calligraphy but most of all - having fun with my family and friends.

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WHY DO I WANT TO BE A GOVERNOR HERE?

After retiring, I soon realised that education was part of my DNA, so when I was asked to become Chair of Governors this year, I gladly accepted. I knew this was a forward-thinking school so I was honoured and excited to join the team. I was incredibly inspired by the school's values and energy, and I would like to work with them, so they can continue to thrive and build on their success. Being able to support staff and governors in what they do is a privilege. Providing children and staff with exciting opportunities every day and ensuring they become lifelong learners, is something I feel strongly about.

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT THE ROLE

I enjoy being part of an innovative school, which has many unique qualities. A talented and committed leadership team inspire all staff to have high expectations for every child, in order that they are well-prepared for the evolving modern world. Seeing children and staff who are committed, happy and enthusiastic is a joy.

Being part of a governing body who offer support and challenge, to ensure on-going improvements, is something I relish. I look forward to meeting children and parents and carers at future school events.

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DAMIEN McNULTY
VICE-CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

MY BACKGROUND

I am a former teacher at Prescott Primary, working here for 25 years between 1999 to 2024.

I am a parent to 2 children (now in their early 20s) that attended Prescott Primary.

Since 2024, I've been the National Official with responsibility for Salaries, Pensions and Conditions of Service at the Teacher trade union the NASUWT.

MY SKILLS & INTERESTS

I've been a long standing trade union representative of NASUWT the teachers union.

I'm a keen and active scuba diver (36!yrs) & instructor at Liverpool University.

I'm also a keen underwater hockey player and have been the National Chief Referee of GBUWH for the past 8 years.

WHY DO I WANT TO BE A GOVERNOR HERE?

I first became a governor as a staff member.

The role of governor is to act as a critical friend, given my trade union training and experience, I believe I can combine both those roles to positively impact the education offer and working environment at Prescott Primary.

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT THE ROLE

A continued engagement with school to continue to ensure that the values and ethos of Prescott Primary remain at the forefront of our decision making.



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I work at the University of Liverpool within the Outreach Team, and it is the job of my team to advise young people on the educational and training pathways that they need to enable them to study a particular subject, or work in a specific job role. I have worked there for over 20 years and have had the pleasure of supporting thousands of young people to pursue their dreams.

I have two children aged 6 & 11 who go to school in Knowsley.

MY SKILLS & INTERESTS

I love literature and reading (which was a big part of my studies at sixth form and university). I love all different types of books, classic and modern, but I have to admit that it has been the joy of my life to get to read the whole Harry Potter collection with my eldest daughter. We cried during the final book, and we mourned the end of the series of books once they were completed.

We haven't quite found anything that fills the hole that Harry Potter has left in our reading time together - although we are just embarking on Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief!

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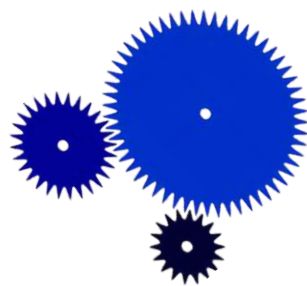
I am passionate about education and the transformative power of lifelong learning, and that's why I became a governor at Prescott Primary in 2018.

I bring with me over 20 years of experience of guiding young people to higher education and training. I have been privileged to watch lots of them graduate and/or go on to rewarding and fulfilling careers.

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT THE ROLE

Living in Knowsley, I wanted to become a governor here so that I could give back to my local area.

At Prescott Primary I have had the joy of being part of so many positive developments at the school and have been there to see it go from strength to strength.



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I am a Year 6 teacher and currently lead PE and Computing across the school, alongside my role as an Apple Learning Coach. This is my sixth year in teaching, having originally studied and worked in law before making the switch to education five years ago.

I grew up in Huyton and attended secondary school in Prescott, so I have strong local roots in the area and a real understanding of the community our school serves.

MY SKILLS & INTERESTS

Outside of school, I live with my partner and our two pets, and I love taking our dog on long walks and hikes. I'm a keen cook and enjoy putting on meals for family and friends, and I try to travel as much as possible - in recent years I've visited Japan, New York, and travelled around Italy.

I'm also a big Liverpool FC fan and regularly attend matches with my brother, alongside enjoying concerts and other sports. I've recently taken up golf and generally enjoy staying active

WHY DO I WANT TO BE A GOVERNOR HERE?

My work as PE lead, Computing lead, and Apple Learning Coach have given me a good grasp of curriculum development, digital learning, and pupil wellbeing through physical activity.

I feel a deep connection to this school through its ethos of supporting our children and always putting them first. Becoming a governor felt like a natural way to help shape and protect that ethos. Through my role in school development, I've worked closely with the technology we use, introducing apps and schemes that support teaching and learning.

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT THE ROLE

I relish the opportunity to work alongside a fantastic SLT and governing body, all of whom share the same commitment to putting our pupils first. Being a governor allows me to combine the analytical, policy-focused mindset from my legal background with the hands-on understanding of school life I have as a class teacher and subject lead.

I particularly enjoy seeing the tangible impact of decisions made at governance level, from curriculum development to the technology and schemes I've helped introduce, and knowing that this work directly supports the children and staff that I work with every day.

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JODIE BLACKBURN

MY BACKGROUND

I have been a Primary School Teacher for 15 years, specialising in Early Years Education. .

I am part of the Senior Leadership Team at my own school and I have gained NPQSL, Special Leader of Education and I was part of the EYFS Mentor Team for Knowsley Council for 6 years.

I have three children. Two girls aged 7 and 4 who both attend Prescott Primary and a baby boy aged 9 months.

MY SKILLS & INTERESTS

I have a particular interest in child development and education and enjoy continually learning, reading and broadening my knowledge in this area.

I love to travel with my family, experience different cultures and explore new places.

WHY DO I WANT TO BE A GOVERNOR HERE?

Prescot Primary School has always aligned with my core values of valuing and treasuring childhood, teaching children to be bothered and teaching respect, kindness and integrity.

Having two daughters attending Prescott Primary I wanted to give a family perspective that could help shape whole school decisions. I wanted to be a part of a forward thinking community.

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT THE ROLE

I really enjoy being part of a school who keeps the holistic child at the heart of every decision.

Prescot Primary's commitment to putting the learner first perfectly mirrors my own view of education.



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MY BACKGROUND

I am a former teacher and SENDCo of Prescott Primary. I've also worked as a learning mentor, and a SEND caseworker. I now run my own business as a specialist dyslexia teacher and assessor where I can use my understanding of SEND to support children and families.

I have two children who both attended Prescott Primary and are now in high school and college.

MY SKILLS & INTERESTS

I love to travel and explore different places in the UK and beyond. I have a National Trust membership and enjoy visiting the different sights whenever I can.

I also love learning and have a Masters in Psychology. I'm always on the lookout for a new course or some kind of training I can take part in!

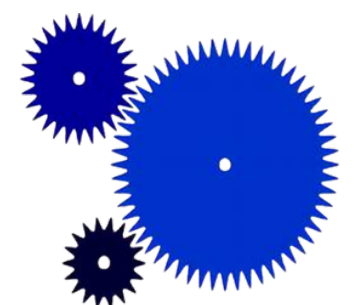
WHY DO I WANT TO BE A GOVERNOR HERE?

I left Prescott Primary in 2018 but really wanted to stay involved with the school.

My connection to the school runs deep, and I know first hand how wonderful the values and ethos are. Prescott Primary is a special place and always puts the learner first ensuring that all children are welcomed and supported.

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT THE ROLE

I enjoy supporting the school from a strategic perspective, being part of the high-level decisions that shape the future for the next generation of children.





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My career has been varied with main roles having included the Police, Education, Youth Work and now working for the Local Authority.

I have always been heavily involved in roles that support children and young people to thrive.

MY SKILLS & INTERESTS

I have experience of funding applications, projects and programmes. In my not so spare time I help run Glenbuck Juniors a self-funded football club that operates from Prescott Primary that currently has nine teams.

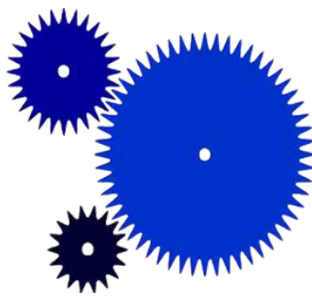
WHY DO I WANT TO BE A GOVERNOR HERE?

Through running football at the school site, supporting school projects and being a parent of a child attending the school I really love the ethos of the school and how invested they are in the children that attend. I wanted to be a part of helping to build on the fantastic work that is already being done.

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT THE ROLE

Be a part of continued positive practices and exciting changes that are rolled out across the school.

I enjoy being the link between the school and the football community delivering on shared fundraising projects.





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was born in Liverpool and attended Holly Lodge High School. I became a Police Officer and worked as a PC from 1979 to 1992. I decided to change my career and spent 5 years training to be a teacher. I finally became a teacher and started working at Prescott Primary in 2002. I retired in 2020 but loved my time at the school and have returned since to cover classes when staff are absent.

MY SKILLS & INTERESTS

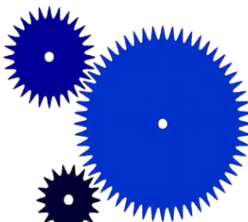
People say I am a great communicator. I'm a doer - I get things done! I am a loyal friend; I love my family and I adore my pets. I also love my school family as if it were my own, I am now able to work as a dog-sitter and travel across the world doing this. I have loved hockey all my life and played in the Hockey National League when I was in my 30s. I love all sport! I also love listening to audible books.

WHY DO I WANT TO BE A GOVERNOR HERE?

Prescott Primary is an extension of my family and I want to help it continue to grow. I believe I can support the team with my knowledge of this unique place and how it works. I love being part of a successful team.

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT THE ROLE

I absolutely love being involved in supporting children, staff and families. I am driven and enthusiastic and want the best for our community and love helping our children becoming independent, bothered citizens as they journey through school.





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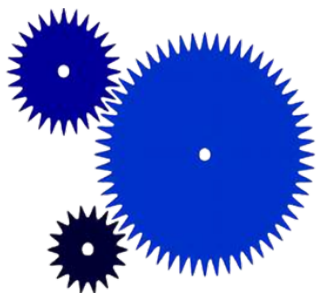
I am a Dentist who works in Huyton. I have been doing this job for 27 years and enjoy meeting and caring for the local population.

I have 2 children, 15 and 13, who both attended Prescott Primary.

MY SKILLS & INTERESTS

Outside of work, my passion is horses. I own one and like to compete in Show Jumping and Eventing.

I also have 2 dogs, Walter and Coco who I enjoy going on walks with in the Lake District.



WHY DO I WANT TO BE A GOVERNOR HERE?

I come from a family of educators and so have always been passionate about education. I felt that becoming a Governor was a way to give back and help shape the future of the children who attend Prescott Primary, where the staff work so hard to achieve a lasting legacy of lifelong learning. I became a governor at Prescott Primary in 2018.

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT THE ROLE

Having been a Governor for 8 years now, it has been an honour and a joy to see how the school has changed. How the staff have overcome many challenges to make the school what it is today. It really is a pleasure to be part of such an inspiring team.