

Appointing Body: Academy Transformation Trust
Chair of Governors
Community Governor
Term of Office: July 2019 to July 2023
Links: Leadership and Management, Safeguarding

I have been connected to the Dukeries Academy since it opened in 1964, when it was the first purpose built comprehensive school in Nottinghamshire. I have been a governor since 2011 and became chair in 2014.

My whole career has been spent in education. After teaching in secondary and middle schools I eventually became headteacher of a Mansfield middle school. When I retired as a head I worked for Nottinghamshire County Council as an inspector. I was a trustee on the board of ATT for three years.

I am passionate about providing the very best education for the children in our local community.

I believe I have the expertise and skill to challenge and support the Principal and staff of the Dukeries to provide the best opportunities for all students to achieve the very best they can be.

Gill Empson

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Vice-Chair of Governors
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Links: Curriculum, Behaviour

I have served as Chair of Ollerton Junior School governors, Prison Visitors at Ranby Prison, Ollerton Infant School Governors, and Ollerton and District Labour Party, also as vice-chair of the CAB and for eight years on Ollerton and Boughton Town Council. I was born in Worksop and have lived for fifty years in Walesby and am currently a governor of Walesby Primary School and can often be found maintaining the paths in Boughton Brake. My children were educated at the Dukeries Comp. and I worked there for twenty years first as Head of Biology and then as Head of Science and was proud to be on the committee which set up the Dukeries Complex being responsible for Whitewater, the day Centre for the Elderly and the Under-Five Unit.

This community and the Dukeries have been central to the lives of myself and my family and as a governor I am pleased to have the opportunity of assisting in its continued success.

Tony Spratley

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Links: Sixth Form, Careers, Health and Safety

I was recruited as a Governor of Dukeries Academy five years ago by Stella Smedley MBE, who as a local councillor had done most for the school since its foundation. I came from fifteen years as a Governor of Portland College, an FE College for the disabled in Mansfield, with six years as Chairman. My working life has been spent at Thoresby, a large agricultural and forestry estate, around Ollerton which is home to many Dukeries families. I spent ten years at the top table of the National Trust being chairman of the Midlands Region and in London sitting on the audit and investment committees and chairing the nominations committee for the Council. My key role was as one of three trustees who researched and wrote the Blakenham Report on the Governance of the Trust which was implemented by an Act of Parliament in 2002. I have been the link Governor for Sixth Form and careers and have recently taken responsibility for Health & Safety. It is a matter of great pride to me that Dukeries continues to improve its service to the community throughout a time of ravaging cuts in its budget.

Hugh Matheson M.A. D.L.

Appointing Body: Academy Transformation Trust
Parent Governor
Term of Office: July 2019 to July 2023
Links: Higher Achieving Pupils; Relationships, Personal, Social and Health Education (RSE/PSHE)

As a parent governor, I see my role as giving families a voice and oversight in the governance of our school.

I contribute an experience of working life spent in the community and education:

- I have been a primary school teacher since 2010, including three years at Maun Infants. I now work locally as a supply teacher.
- I am a professional storyteller; my work has included the Robin Hood Festival, Clumber Park, and BBC Radio Nottingham. I am on the organising committee for Ollerton's annual St George celebrations, and played St George in 2018 and 2019.
- I am a Church of England priest, and was Vicar of Edwinstowe until 2010, where I was vice-chair of the school governors. Before that I was a university chaplain. I still take services locally, in particular supporting the vicar and her team at the Ollerton group of churches.

I am proud of our school: our family have personally benefitted from its excellent record, particularly on Special Educational Needs and promoting academic progress. I enjoy giving something back to the academy and the local community.

Alistair Littlewood