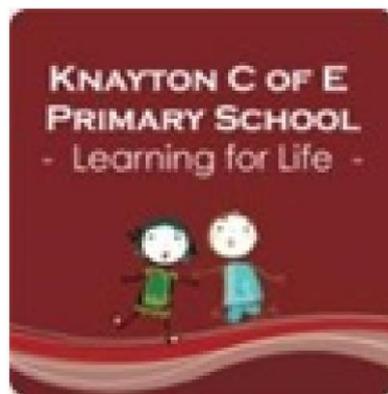


# Governors

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## Community Governor – Richard Morrice (Chair)



I became a Governor at Knayton in 2006, and then elected Chair of Governors in 2008. My three children have all attended Knayton School with my youngest currently in Year 5.

I qualified as a Chartered Civil Engineer and following a career in the construction industry, established my own business in 2004. I now provide support in the concept, design, funding and delivery of projects for councils, schools, community organisations and private clients.

Contributing to the success of Knayton School and using my experiences and skills to support the staff is tremendously rewarding and I have gained a great deal of knowledge in an area which initially was very new to me.

## Community Governor – Jane Makin NPQH (National Professional Qualification for Headship)



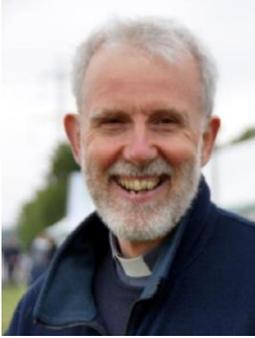
I started my career as a PE Teacher. I am now a Headteacher of a Prep School near Harrogate and an inspector with the Independent Schools Inspectorate. Living locally and having a passion and love for education I want to give something back to the community. I hope by sharing my skills and experience with Knayton I can help it to become the best Primary School possible, with the children at the heart of all decisions.

## LEA Governor – Linda Gibbon



I'm now retired but worked in social work and education throughout my career. I continue to use my knowledge and experience as trustee to four charities that support children and families, as well as being a member of the Advisory board for the Children's Centre in Thirsk. I live locally and have been a governor at Knayton for many years. I enjoy supporting the school that both my children and grandchildren have attended.

### Foundation Governor – Rev. Ian Houghton



I'm the Vicar of this parish and several others in the area. I taught for six years before ordination, continuing to work in education for a further ten years. I'm a Foundation Governor at Knayton and my role is to work with the staff and the Governing Body to provide an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. We do this by promoting Christian values in all aspects of life at the school.

### Foundation Governor – Jean West



I live in Boltby and am a member of Felixkirk and Boltby Parochial Church Council. I was asked to be a Foundation Governor at the School in 2013. I taught Primary Education at Husthwaite CE School for many years until health problems caused me to take early retirement. I am interested in caring for the environment; I love gardening and looking after my hens. I also enjoy walking my dog, cooking, crafts and family history.

### Parent Governor – Joanne Jones



My name is Joanne Jones and I live in Kirby Sigston. My husband Chris and I have 2 children: Jack in Year 2 and Sarah who goes to 'The Cabin'. I am an animal scientist and currently work part time as an animal nutritionist at a local feed mill. In the past I have held various committee roles within Northallerton Young Farmers Club and I am currently a member of Leake PCC. I also enjoy playing the piano and the clarinet and helping Chris on our farm. Our children are thriving at Knayton and I would like to contribute to the school to continue its success in future years.

### Parent Governor – Hannah Secouet (Vice Chair)



I've been an active parent at the school for over four years, reading with the children in KS1 as well as helping out with school trips. I worked for many years in Communications, including several years in central government. I also became a magistrate before moving back up to North Yorkshire four years ago, and I continue to sit at the court in Northallerton.

### Parent Governor – Joe Bainbridge



I live in Borrowby with my wife Jenny and our two daughters, Anja and Mia, who are both pupils at Knayton School. I'm a Chartered Tax Adviser by profession and run a private Family Office based in the local Hillside area. I'm a practicing Catholic, my interest include cycling and music, especially playing the acoustic guitar.

### Parent Governor – Marcus Oliver



I have recently elected to be a parent governor at Knayton. I have an Engineering background and am now the Managing Director of an Agricultural Machinery company. I have a son, Liam, in KS1 and am looking forward to using my skills and experience to help develop the school, as it continues to grow and thrive.

### Associate Governor – Linda Chapman



Children have played a huge part in my life for many years. I started out as a childminder, eventually moving on to owning and managing Borrowby Nursery and After School Club. I now have over ten years experience in Early Years settings and have achieved Early Years Professional Status, which is the highest qualification you can get. I've been a governor for a number of years and enjoy developing the great relationship between the nursery and school for the benefit of children and parents alike.

### Staff Governor – Bev Catchpole



As School Business Manager, I work with the Headteacher on strategic planning, health and safety and finance. I have worked at Knayton for 12 years and thoroughly enjoy all aspects of my role.

### Associate Governor – Rachael Globe



I have been part of the Knayton team for over 3 years. I always knew I wanted to work with children and my career started out in primary schools and nurseries. After completing a degree in primary education I decided to do my PGCE. Being a student teacher at Knayton made me realise it was the place for me. I was lucky enough to get a job as the Year 1 and 2 teacher and recently Key Stage 1 leader and Assistant Head. Being a staff governor has been a great experience. It allows you to be involved with all aspects of the school and work together to create and be clear on the vision, direction and development of the school.

## **What We Do...**

Knayton School's governing body is responsible for working with the school to ensure that it delivers a good quality education. Together with Mrs Beniams, who is responsible for the day-to-day management, we set the school's aims and policies, shaping the character of the school and formulating its general direction.

Key roles of governors:

- To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

- To hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff

- To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent

More information can be found on the following website, the School Office or ask any of the Governors:

National Governor's Association

<http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor/What-do-governors-do.aspx>