



MERSEY VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Meet the Governors – Portraits and Profiles

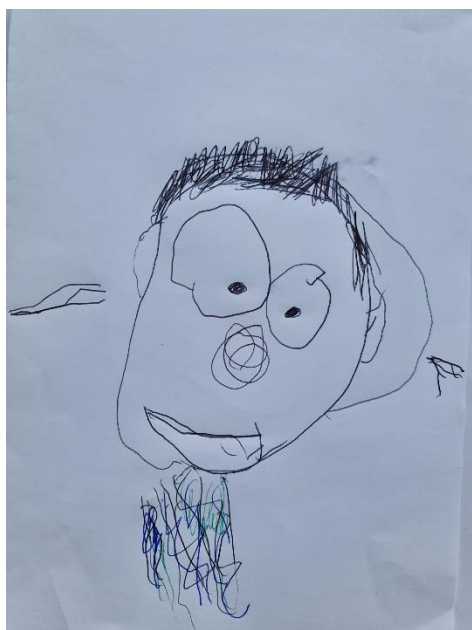
As drawn by pupils of the school (with more or less good levels of accuracy!).

Chair Of Governors – William Goundry



I am a father of two children, Imogen and Albert, and have lived in the Heatons for over nine years. When not being a dad I am mostly busy working as a scientist in the pharmaceutical industry, developing chemical processes to make new medicines. In my free time I enjoy sport and am a qualified rowing coach; most Saturday mornings I can be found at Burnage Parkrun. As a Parent Governor I am committed to ensuring that Mersey Vale not only remains outstanding but that the school goes from strength to strength.

Ismail Satwilkar - Parent Governor

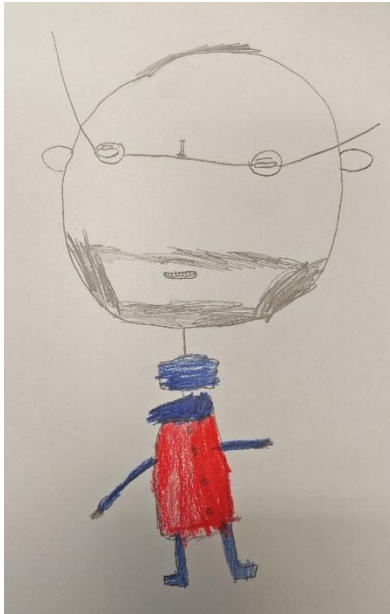


Hi there! My name is Ismail Satwilkar and a father of two girls, with my eldest Rabia in nursery at Mersey Vale Primary School.

I was a bit nervous at the start but I am super excited to join the governing board at Mersey Vale to support the children, the staff and the community as a whole. I run my own architectural practice and we design buildings and spaces not just for individuals but also design buildings and spaces for the community!

Engaging with clients for what they require and need in a project allows me to put their minds at peace by sitting in the driving seat and navigating them to their dreams. This is what I am about and this is what I aim to do for Mersey Vale Primary School! I live locally in the area with my wife and two girls and I am looking forward to getting straight into my role and to help this brilliant and aspiring school to achieve big things!

Tom McGee – Co-Opted Governor



Like many people I always wanted to be a teacher - in a Primary School ideally - but I ended up after an English degree in a Sixth Form College for over 30 years!!

I've enjoyed being on Mersey Vale's Governing Board for the past 10 years - it makes me realise how hard it is for both children and staff to meet all of their targets.

Now that I've retired I spend time on my allotment and trying to cook

I'm the most awesome grandpa in the world - and I have a T-shirt that says so!

Sophie Ingle-Raja - Parent Governor



My name is Sophie Ingle-Raja.

I have three children who attend Mersey Vale Primary School and wanted to become a governor to help the school in the best way that I can.

My hobbies include going for walks and making various items using my craft skills.

Angela O'Brien - Parent Governor



I'm Angela O'Brien, mum of two and a qualified primary school teacher.

I'm currently a stay at home mum and if I get any spare time, enjoy reading and going to the theatre.

Rachel Marsden – Co-opted Governor



Hi, my name is Rachel Marsden and I am the mother of two teenage children, 2 cats and a snake!

I live and work in Didsbury. I have been a primary school teacher at Cavendish Primary School for nearly ten years and I absolutely love my job. I find working with children every day so rewarding. My passion at school is science and I run an after school science club each week. I enjoy carrying out the investigations as much as the children do.

This is my first post as a Governor and I am really looking forward to learning all about Mersey Vale and working with everyone.

Michelle Lawton – Co-opted Governor

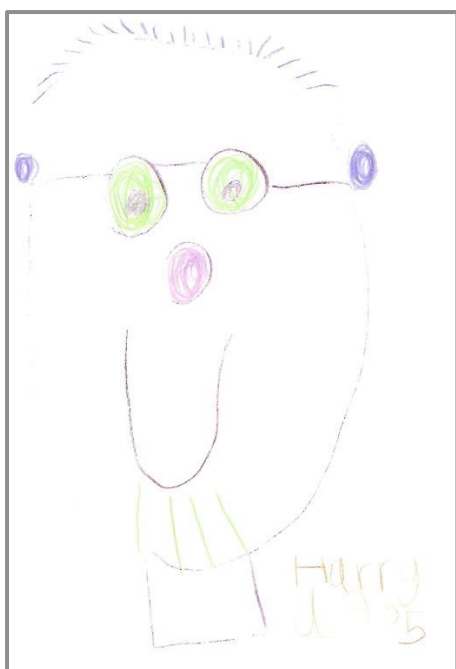


Hello! My name is Michelle Lawton and I am really excited to join Mersey Vale as a Governor. I am looking forward to supporting the school in achieving its targets and for it to continue to be a great place to learn.

As a solicitor I would help people solve a problem that they couldn't solve on their own. I now run my own business as an executive coach where I help people become the best versions of themselves. I am also studying psychology as I want to help people understand their thoughts, feelings and behaviour.

In my spare time I enjoy going running with a local running club in the Heaton, cycling and reading.

Iain Patrick – Parent Governor



I'm Iain, and my son Harry (who turns 6 this coming January) is currently enrolled in Year 1 at Mersey Vale Primary School. I've worked for a Manchester-based Internet Service Provider (ISP) for nearly eight years, and I've called the charming neighbourhood of the Heaton home for close to 17 years. During most weekends and school holidays, you'll often find us at our holiday home near Caernarfon in North Wales.

We share a deep passion for traveling, and our journey began when Harry was just 2 years old. Together with my wife, we embarked on an incredible adventure around the world. Our journey took us to exotic destinations like Singapore, the vibrant city of Melbourne in Australia, the picturesque town of Raglan in New Zealand (for a wedding and the reason for the trip), the iconic streets of San Francisco (where my sister/nephews and Harry's Aunt/cousins reside), and the bustling heart of New York.

Our upcoming travel plans are equally exciting, as we're preparing for a trip to Vietnam and Japan in a couple of years. The main highlight? Riding the famous bullet train in Japan! Fun fact: Antarctica is the only continent I've yet to set foot on!

In addition to our adventures, I'm eagerly anticipating my role as a governor at Mersey Vale Primary School, where I hope to make a meaningful contribution to our local community and support Harry's and the other children's educational journey.