

## ANDREW NAUGHTON (VICE CHAIR)

I first joined the governing body as a parent governor in 1994 and I am now a Local Authority governor. I was keen to become actively involved as my two daughters were both going to be educated at Lionel Walden and I wanted to be involved in their education and have a better understanding of the many changes being made within the education system. My eldest daughter is now a primary school teacher - a positive endorsement of her time here as a pupil! When my daughters left Lionel Walden, I was happy to continue my involvement and to ensure all children achieved their potential. Twenty-three years later, changes within the education system continue and the school remains as focused as ever on providing children with the best possible start in life. Having previously worked as a manager at a bank, school finances was an obvious area for me to become involved with and I have been Chair of the finance committee for most of my time as a school governor. I have a particular interest in ICT, both in terms of the hardware and software solutions that are available to engage pupils in learning and also in the Computing curriculum which is being delivered to pupils.

## CAROLINE BUCKLE

I have been a governor at Lionel Walden Primary School for nearly seven years. The main reason for wanting to take on this very challenging role was to have an input into children's education which is ever evolving. My own two children have both now been right through this school from Pre-school to Year 6 and are now being educated locally at a Secondary school. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a governor which made my decision to remain even now my children have left a very easy one.

I work in a secondary school and this background in education has assisted me in my role as a governor. I assist with Year 6 transition so I have gained lots of knowledge over the years working with many other local primary schools. I have attended various training courses over the years covering most aspects of what is expected of governors and continue to attend local briefings run by Cambridgeshire County Council so that my knowledge remains up to date.

I share the schools joint vision to make sure we are ambitious for each and every one of our pupils and their achievements is at the heart of everything we do as we strive to recognise, nurture and reward that achievement. We are as proud of our social and sporting achievements as we are of our academic

performance. The successes we enjoy are due to the strong partnership we are proud of between both children, parents, staff and governors alike.

I feel very proud of what we have achieved during my reign here as a governor and very much look forward to the new challenges that we will no doubt be facing us during the coming years.

#### VERONICA CRONIN

I have been governor here since 2010 when I was elected as a parent governor and I am now a co-opted governor. My daughter attended this school until July, 2015. I have been a teacher for eighteen years and until recently worked in a primary school in Wisbech where I was the SENDCo (co-ordinator for Pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and a member of the Senior Leadership Team. I am currently working as a Specialist Teacher for the SEND Specialist Teaching Team. I am the link governor for SEND which means I meet with staff in school and monitor the school's provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs and then report back to the full governing body. I am also the Group Scout Leader for the 1<sup>st</sup> Doddington Scout Group.

#### SARAH GOWLER

I have been a governor since April 2014 as I wanted to ensure that the school, which my son attended, continues to offer a very high standard of education, not just during his time here, but for pupils attending in the future. Also, I believe that all children should be given the opportunity to develop, both academically and socially, and be the best they can. Being on the school's governing body provides us with the opportunity to see first-hand that the Headteacher and staff provide a safe and caring environment for the children to develop in. With a background in media and administration, as well as being a parent, I have a varied range of skills and knowledge that assist me with my role as a governor. These include having an understanding of the legislation relating to safeguarding, writing policies, dealing with confidential issues, co-ordinating data collection and planning events. I am currently a full-time administrator within the NHS as well as assisting my husband with his architectural and energy consultancy business.

## KAY NAUGHTON

I have been employed at Lionel Walden Primary School as a Teaching Assistant since 1996 and a governor since 1998. My two daughters, who are now in their twenties, both attended this school and have fond memories of these formative years. I am now a Senior Teaching Assistant and have a leading role in managing and deploying the team of fifteen Teaching Assistants. My enthusiasm for working at the school gave me the drive to want to learn more and involve myself in the work of the governing body. Nineteen years later, having seen the school grow to what it is today, I still have that same enthusiasm. I am involved with so much of what the school provides. My expertise comes from the length of time working here across all age ranges and all curriculum areas. I am very much involved with Computing and Physical Education which are key areas of the curriculum. I see the day-to-day running of the school and help to promote and embed decisions made by the governing body. I feel my experience is highly beneficial and informative to the governing body.

## GARY CROXON

I am pleased to be a new parent governor for Lionel Walden Primary School, and hope that I can bring strategic support to the school which will help continue, and improve, the positive outcomes it achieves. I have a child who attends the school and can see first-hand how good the level of teaching is.

I work for an educational charity where I lead on a number of projects covering East Anglia; mainly focusing on early years childcare, wrap around care for school age children and family support services. I have a strong knowledge of safeguarding, child protection and the early years sector. I have gained a Level 5 in Leadership Capability awarded by Coventry University and I hope my skills and knowledge in HR, people management, financial management and leadership will benefit the governors and the school.

## STUART CAVE

I have lived in the village of Doddington for over fifteen years and have two sons attending Lionel Walden Primary School. The school has a fantastic reputation for the standard of education provided that is backed up by excellent academic results. I was fortunate to recently join the board of governors and become involved in the decisions that will affect not only the day to day running but also the future of the school. My background in the

Construction Industry rather than education, will enable me to enter discussions from a different angle and question the reasoning behind the decisions made. I look forward to working with the school team and current board of governors to maintain and progress the high standards of achievement, enjoyment and fulfilment for both current and future pupils of the school.