

EASTERSIDE ACADEMY



Our Governors

Jonathan Reay – Community Governor - Chair

My name is Jonathon Reay and I was appointed community governor, at Easterside academy, in 2014. I am the Head of Psychology at Teesside University and believe passionately that education should allow every child to reach their potential. I am looking forward to working with the governing body and the school management team to help the school maintain its outstanding reputation, allowing 'our' children to flourish. I am a member of the finance committee and have responsibility for pupil attainment.

I have one daughter and another child on the way. My wife was a school teacher for 5 years. We moved to the area 9 years ago.

David Foster – Community Governor – Vice Chair

Hi, my name is David Foster and I have been a community governor at Easterside for about 12 years. In addition to being a governor I also come into School to work with the Y6 on my project called "Stepping Up Together." This is a project I run in lots of schools showing Kids how to be better citizens and helping them make choices to keep themselves and the community safe.

I also work as an instructor at Carlton and love outdoor activities like; canoeing, archery, climbing and getting muddy!

I believe school should be fun as well as a place of learning and I hope the choices we make as governors help the school to achieve this.

As you can guess from my work my particular focus as a governor is on KS2 and learning outside of the classroom.

Ray Donnison – Community Governor

My name is Ray Donnison and I am proud to be a newly appointed Governor here at Easterside Academy.

I am really looking forward to working with the Academy in my capacity as Community Governor and am hopeful that my skills and experience can contribute to ensuring the Academy provides the best provision possible for its young Learners and the community it serves.

I have worked in secondary education for a number of years and currently hold the position of Assistant Principal within a secondary school where my areas of responsibility focus on Behaviour and Safety as well as primary transition.

I am also, along with my wife, a Foster Carer for the Local Authority supporting children in care within the age range of 0-16+. As well as being a Foster Carer I am also a father and my son attends the Academy.

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I believe that the roles and duties I currently hold will give me a unique perspective which will further strengthen the governance of the Academy.

Ruth Saber – Parent Governor

My name is Ruth Saber and I am proud to say that I am a new parent Governor at Easterside Academy. I am a full time mother with 2 children. My daughter is in reception at the school and she and I both love the school.

I feel that I am able to bring a parents point of view to the governing body and also the view and opinions of other parents. I would like to think I have quite a good relationship with a lot of parents here at the Academy so they do feel at ease when talking to me about anything relating to the school.

I hope the being a parent governor allows me to play a small part in moving this school onward and upward. I am a member of the Finance and Premises Committee as well as being the Early Years Link Governor.

Dave Elliott – Community Governor

Hello I am very privileged to be a new Governor at Easterside Academy. I am the Chair of Governors at Hemlington Hall Academy and have been on their Board since 2010.

I began my teaching career at what was then Stainsby School, now Acklam Grange, many years ago. I then taught at Southlands and spent the majority of my career at Rye Hills school in Redcar where I was Head of RE and then Assistant Head Teacher until my retirement.

I work as a Tutor with trainee teachers with the Redcar Teacher Training Programme which is very satisfying.

I ran the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme for over thirty years and I still enjoy the 'great outdoors' I go walking as often as I can and recently completed the Coast to Coast.

I am a Methodist Lay Preacher and I belong to Grove Hill Methodist Church. I enjoy music and dancing also going on holiday.

I am married to Sue and have two grown up sons and a grandson who is in year 1 at a local Primary school. We enjoy looking after him a couple of days each week.

So I look forward to becoming involved in the life of Easterside Academy and to meeting staff and pupils.