

Nichola Storr (Chair)

I have recently been appointed Chair of Governors at Mandale Mill. I would like to tell you a little bit about my background. As a young child and into my teenage years I grew up in Normanby, a suburb of Middlesbrough. I attended Normanby Primary School and then went to Gilbrook Secondary School. I left school with 8 GCSE's grade A- C. I then studied my A 'Levels in Business Studies, Geography and Statistics at South Park Sixth Form College and I was awarded grades B, C and C respectively for these subjects. Upon leaving Sixth Form College initially I wanted to leave education and embark into the world of work. After applying for a large number of jobs and attending some interviews I decided that if I wanted to develop my career and move into a management role, then University was the best option for me. I moved to Sheffield and studied Public Sector Management at Sheffield Hallam University. After completing my degree I decided that I wanted to start my career in teaching, so I undertook a PGCE in Business Education. I was fortunate to gain a position in a school in County Durham to teach GCSE and A' Level Business Studies. After a few years, I decided to move to the South West of England. I gained a job teaching Scientists the principles of management. In 2002 I decided to return to the North East and taught in a few schools over the next four years. In 2006 I gained employment with Five Lamps as a Quality Manager and I have worked there for the last 12 years. I thoroughly enjoy my vastly varied role covering; quality accreditations, Health and Safety and a project supporting unemployed young people with training and progressing them into employment and self-employment. I passionately believe that the hard work our staff undertakes at Five Lamps makes a huge difference to the local community of Stockton and Thornaby. I decided to become a Governor at Mandale Mill to utilise my experience as a teacher and also give something extra back to the local community. I have also led on two Ofsted inspections at Five Lamps and I will be able to utilise this experience gained to support all of the key stakeholders at Mandale Mill.

Leanne Moore

I have been part of the Governing Body since 2009. I am passionate about making a difference to Mandale Mill children and enjoy seeing children achieve their dreams. I have two lively boys at home who keep me very busy when I'm away from Mandale Mill.

Janis Williams

I have worked at Mandale Mill since 2014 and joined the Governing Body in 2016. I thoroughly enjoy being part of the Mandale Mill family, working with and supporting our children to be the best they can be!.

Julie Ashton

I am Julie Ashton, a Staff Governor. I have worked at Mandale Mill, as a Teaching Assistant, since 2001. I began my Governor role in September 2012. I am also one of the lead adults working with the Rights Respecting Steering Group and Eco Warriors.

Carol Dunn

I am a recently retired school business manager and have worked in education for over 25 years, in the first instance overseas and then working in local schools in Stockton and Middlesbrough. My first job was helping to run a kindergarten in Nepal where my husband had been sent to work in the British Embassy, this brought me some interesting challenges. We then continued to travel around the world, living in many exciting places until 1991 when we decided to settle down on Teesside with our three children. They are now grown up but we have four very lively grandchildren aged from 18 months to 5 years, two are here in England and two in Hong Kong.

Sonia Bailey (Vice Chair)

Hello, my name is Sonia Bailey and I am the Local Authority Appointed Governor. With regards to the Governing Body, I am the Vice Chair, Safeguarding Link Governor and Chair of the Safeguarding Committee. As well as being a school governor, I am also training to be a teaching assistant. I live in Thornaby, with my husband and two children. My son attends Thornaby Academy and my daughter attends Mandale Mill School. I enjoy reading, watching Sci-Fi and fantasy TV shows and films, and playing strategy games. I also have two cats, Sophie and Sam. I have also worked as a Laboratory Technician, eventually working my way up to Laboratory Manager, for a hazardous waste management company, after completing my degree in Chemistry & Astronomy.

Katie Heeley

Hi, my name is Katie Heeley. I am really excited and looking forward to developing my skills and expanding my knowledge as I progress on my journey as a Parent Governor at Mandale Mill. I have a background working in Early Years but at present I am a stay at home mum to my 3 children, 2 of which attend Mandale Mill and my eldest is at Conyers. I have a love of reading and enjoy going on long walks with my husband and children. As a family we also enjoy going camping (when it's not raining).

Andrew O'Donnell

I am looking forward to the challenge of being a parent governor and helping Mandale Mill teach our children and give them an important educational start to their life of learning. I have lived in Thornaby for 12 years and the wider Teesside area for all my life, my three children currently attend Mandale Mill. I

work in IT for a major international tech company who provide transportation systems all around the world. With offices all around the world I get to travel and meet many people from different backgrounds and cultures. I hope to bring some of this knowledge and experience to my role as parent governor.