

Mr Paul Parnell (chair)

I have lived in Prenton for most of my life. I am married with two grown up children, both of whom attended Prenton Infants and Junior School as it was then.

I first became a governor when my children attended Prenton Junior school. I have been a school governor in various capacities i.e. Parent, community, vice chair and chair of governors.

I have been chair of governors for 12 years and have seen the school through two Ofsted inspections an amalgamation of the infants and Junior school and a change in headships.

I work as an Senior Electrical engineer in Scottish Power Energy Networks (Manweb as was) based in Prenton.

Mr Alan Thompson (vice chair)

My name is Alan Thompson and I have been involved in education since graduating as a teacher at the age of 21.

Following 10 years in the classroom I started a consultancy business to help schools all over the country make the most out of the new and innovative technologies that were available to them. In that capacity I built a very strong relationship with lots of Wirral schools, one of which was Prenton Primary. The Senior Leaders and teachers at Prenton shared my vision to enrich and enhance teaching and learning using the creative use of technology and over the last few years, together we have delivered fantastic experiences to our Prenton pupils. From appearing on BBC with a humanoid robot to supporting parents with eSafety in the home and from helping develop the technical infrastructure to giving teachers new skills to use in lessons; the journey has been exciting and very rewarding. To be a governor of such a lovely school and feel part of the whole community is a privilege and I hope that my experience and expertise continues to benefit Prenton Primary for many more years.

Mr Len Smith

Full Name Leonard Cartwright Smith.

Further Education Open University – BA[Hons] – Technical management, Fellow of Inst of Occupational Safety and Health, Assoc. Member of Inst of Chemical Engineers.

Place of Residence Neston, Cheshire.

Married to Susan for 48 years. 3 Children- 2 sons and a daughter, 6 grandchildren

Professional Experience Industrial Chemist / Chemical Engineer, Production Manager, Warehouse Manager, Health, Safety, Security and Environment Manager.

Hobbies / Outside Interests. Parish Church Council Member, Community Governor – Arrowe Park Hospital, Primary School Governor – Prenton Primary, Former Assistant District Commissioner – Scouting., Former Comprehensive School Governor – Northants, Choral Society Member – Various over the years, Grade 8 ABRSM Vocalist. Grade 8 Musical Theatre.



Mr Graham Bennett (chair of finance committee)

I am married and have three daughters, all of which attended Prenton Primary before joining high school. I became a Governor when my youngest daughter was in Prenton infants, as it was then, which was over 15 years ago. I joined as I wanted to give something back to the community and to help the school develop and grow.

Originally from North Wales I moved to The Wirral in 1993. I enjoy watching sport and in my free time I like to go walking in the Welsh hills. I also enjoy reading and cycling.

I have worked for a Bank for 29 years which is probably why I am Chair of the Finance committee too!

Mr Leigh Povall

As a former pupil, my association with this school goes back almost 40 years. After leaving full time education I served an apprenticeship in mechanical engineering, and then went on to work for Cammell Lairds.

When I was twenty, I was selected to take part in Operation Raleigh (now Raleigh International). This is a charitable organisation for young adults. Their mission is inspiring young people to be the agents of change. I spent 3 months in Kenya volunteering in a rhino sanctuary, a period I will never forget, learning life skills which remain with me today and made lifelong friends in the process.

In 1991 I became a Firefighter for Merseyside Fire Service, a career I still love over 25 years later. I have remained an operational Firefighter throughout this time but have accepted additional roles, such as; a School Fire Liason officer at Ridgeway High, and also a Firefit Ambassador a role I continue with here at Prenton.

Both my daughter and son have passed through the school, from Reception/Foundation right through to year six, and it was during this time that I first became a Governor, wanting to put back something, for what some people may take for granted.

I have played rugby at Prenton RUFC for thirty years, admittedly not very much in the last ten years, maybe once or twice a season. Again wanting to put something back, I gained an RFU coaching qualification and helped with set up of a junior team, who are now representing the club at senior levels.

Mrs Ann Bridson

Ann Bridson- Community Governor

Ann has been involved with Prenton Primary School for over 40 years, both her sons attended the school, one is now a teacher. She and her family have lived overlooking the school for over 50 years. Ann came to Wirral from Liverpool in 1963, she was a radiographer at Birkenhead General Hospital. After bringing up her children she took a degree in Applied Psychology and then a Masters degree in Social Work at Liverpool University. This led to her working as a social worker with older people until her retirement. Later when she became a local councillor for Prenton Ward, when she also became a council representative on the governors. On retirement from the council she became a Community Governor looking out for issues concerning residents living close to the school.

Mrs Gill Lindfield

I have been a Headteacher for 21 years, the last 12 of which were at a local primary school. As part of a very successful Cluster of schools, I worked closely with Prenton. I was delighted to be invited to become a Governor at Prenton in 2014 and am proud to be associated with such a caring and successful school at the heart of its community.

My present responsibility as Governor is SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural). As part of the role I meet with key leaders to discuss the range of whole school initiatives supporting these areas of school. This gives a valuable insight into the dedication of the excellent school team.

I currently work as a School Improvement Associate with several local schools, a role which enables me to support Senior Leaders in a variety school development initiatives. I am also a part time ESOL tutor through Wirral Lifelong Learning. Any spare time I may have is used very effectively by my two young granddaughters.

Cllr Tony Norbury

My name is Tony Norbury and I was elected by the people of Prenton to represent them as a Labour councillor . I have worked most of my life to irradiate inequalities that exist because we have an economic system that doesn't work for all .

I have been an active trades unionist all my working life and am a member of Unite and Unision .

I have worked at Vauxhall Motors, managing pubs , taxi driving and at present I work with Merseytravel / Merseylearn as an active Trades Union Learning Representative helping people in work and the community develop themselves through education to be all they want to be . Working at Prenton Primary School gives me great pride as I was brought up in Prenton boy and man. I will use the skills I have gained to help the school eradicate the inequalities in our education system . I believe that every child should be entitled to the very best education irrespective of their economic circumstances. Education defines lives and changes lives it is so important to give every person the best possible access to a quality education system that is supported through the community

Mr A Davies

My name is Andy Davies. I have had links with Prenton Primary School for a long time. I was a pupil in the 1960's and 70's and all four of my sons attended the school too. The youngest left in 2014.

Since leaving university I have been a teacher then Headteacher at primary schools in Wirral and now work with Wirral Local Authority supporting primary schools.

I have lived in Prenton all of my life and was delighted to become a governor in 2016.

Ms Gill Taylor (staff)

I am staff governor and have been for 12 years.

I have worked for the local authority for 19 years and been at Prenton Primary School for 17 years, working in the school office first as a secretary, finance officer and now as School Business Manager.

Prior to working for the LA I had a career break when my daughter was born. My work life previous to that was 12 years in Management Accounts and Corporate Insurance.

I am a very family orientated person and enjoy spending time with the four generations in mine. I am an avid baker in my spare time and am part of Free Cakes for Kids UK, a community group of volunteer bakers who make cakes for families who are in difficult circumstances and find it hard to provide a birthday cake for their child.

Ms Hayley Cooper (parent governor)

As a full time working mum I am rarely able to attend the school drop offs and pick ups or be as involved in school life as I wanted. I therefore saw the position of a parent governor as a way of becoming involved in school at a more practical level.

My day job as a Solicitor-Advocate means that I am used to public speaking and advancing argument in court (often that of the underdog) which I thought may be useful skills as a parent governor.

I have two children at Prenton Primary who have settled in well and are very happy. Any small part I can play in that to support the school and other children motivates me to continue in the role.

I have been living in Prenton since 2005 and now work here too, it is a wider community that I love and am happy to be part of.