Governor Profile

Name: Elaine Hamilton

Term of Governance: Vice Chair of Governors: 28th July 2017 – 27th July 2021

Background:

Since September 2015 I have been employed by Northumberland County Council as a School Improvement Partner (SIP), using my recent Ofsted experience to effectively support first, primary, middle and secondary schools. I have also completed over 20 external pupil premium reviews for Northumberland, Newcastle and Gateshead schools using the National College for Teaching and Leadership best practice model. Working in partnership with school leaders I help schools to produce new Pupil Premium Strategy Statements, evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies and take further action to improve the progress and attainment of pupils eligible for pupil premium funding.

I retired from my full-time post of Principal of a large sixth form college in August 2014; under my leadership the institution progressed from the Ofsted "special measures" category to "outstanding". Prior to this post I was head teacher of three 11 to 18 schools. From 2014 to 2015 I worked as an Ofsted inspector, inspecting primary and secondary schools.

Reason for becoming a Governor and Supporting our School:

I live locally and wanted to be a governor of the school as I felt that my professional background meant that I have a lot of useful skills that I could contribute to its governance and that this would be a good way for me to make my contribution to school life.