

Governor Profile

Name: Gillian Knights

Term of Governance: 10/06/2019 – 09/06/2023

Background:

I started my career as a Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Counsellor in a child's prison following successfully completing my degree in Psychology. I then went to work on a government initiated pilot scheme, which looked at involving parents more in the lives of their children in school and how to bridge gaps between school and home.

When the pilot ended I went to work for Northumberland County Council within 'The Locality Inclusion Team' and eventually became a senior within the team, managing 9 staff.

In April 2017, myself and a colleague from the Locality Team, set up our own company called 'Thriving minds for Learning'. Our company is underpinned by the 'Thrive Approach' and we support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children in schools.

Reason for becoming a Governor and Supporting our School:

I was asked to join Linton Primary Schools governing body in November 2019 and accept without hesitation due to previous work I have undertaken in the school. My acceptance came on the back of the schools values and ethics aligning with Thriving Minds values and ethics. I was voted in as vice chair in December 2020 and look forward to being a proactive member of the governing body.