

Governor Profile

Name: Elaine Wood

Term of Governance: Chair of Governors

Background: 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. When I moved to the beautiful county of Northumberland I was employed by Northumberland County Council as a School Improvement Partner (SIP), using my Ofsted experience to effectively support first, primary, middle and secondary schools.

I live locally and having retired in September 2020 I felt ready and able to take on the role of Chair of Governors and work in partnership with the headteacher and her excellent team of staff to further raise educational standards. I successfully completed the National Governance Association “Leading Governance Development for Chairs” course in 2022.

Reason for becoming a Governor and Supporting our School:

I became involved with Linton Primary School through my work as a School Improvement Partner (SIP) with Northumberland Education Authority. I was so impressed by the pupils and staff that when the opportunity came up to become a governor and to be part of the school’s journey, I jumped at the chance.

I passionately believe we have a duty to ensure that all young people get the best possible life chances through high quality education. I am committed and hardworking, giving of my time freely and getting involved whenever I can.