

Meet Our Governors



Mary Shackleton – Chair of Governors

I moved to Nun Monkton 10 years ago and have 3 children, 2 are in the school and my eldest has recently moved up to secondary school. I have a degree in Politics and Social Policy from the University of Leeds and an MSc in Real Estate from the University of Reading. My background is in property development and sales before qualifying as an RICS Chartered Surveyor and Valuer. My husband and I now run a Training and Development consultancy. I love to travel and have had many adventures exploring various corners of the globe. I still have many more places to see on my bucket list! I love dogs and have two energetic Labradors who keep me busy! I became a governor in 2020 because I want to be able to support our special village school and the community and ensure that future generations continue to enjoy the wonderful education that my children are experiencing!



Sue Stout – Wellbeing Link Governor

I've lived in Nun Monkton for 40 years; both my sons attended our fantastic village primary school and now two granddaughters. I believe passionately in small primary schools and have been a school governor here for almost 30 years. I also am a trustee of the Dorothy Wilson Charity which owns the school building. As a long serving civil servant working within the Operational Delivery profession, I bring expertise in personnel management, HR policies and an in-depth knowledge of the school's development in the 21st century.



Heather Jackson – Vice Chair and Safeguarding Link governor

I live in Nun Monkton with 2 children attending the school. I joined the governing board in 2020 excited to join a dedicated team, passionate about helping our fantastic small school thrive.

My day to day job is varied, from helping on our family farm to regulatory science. I bring a background of staff management, career development and working in a regulatory environment to the governing board.



Mel Stout – Health and Safety Link governor

I am originally from South Africa and relocated to the United Kingdom in 2010. I am married to a Yorkshire-born husband, and we have two children—one currently in high school and one still attending the school. As a family, we enjoy spending time outdoors and travelling, often exploring new places in our well-used but reliable campervan. Professionally, I work as an IT Software Project Manager. I have served as a school governor for five years and am a co-opted governor sitting on the Curriculum Committee. I am committed to supporting the school and ensuring that all pupils receive the highest standard of education.



Natalie Moreton – Chair of the Finance Committee

My daughter attends Nun Monkton Primary School, with her younger sister to follow in the coming years. For the last 10 years I have worked in the financial sector and hope to volunteer my skills to support the school in anyway I can. I'm passionate to keep our unique school thriving so more children can learn in an inspirational and passionate environment."



James Hodgson – Link Governor for Climate and Sustainability

I am Dad to two boys who attend the school. I am a Chartered Accountant by profession and currently the Chief Financial Officer of a BCorp technology consultancy based in Newcastle. My career began in London where I gained my ACA and encompasses a wide-ranging experience in Finance, from multi-national banks through to tech start-ups.

I became a school governor so that I could contribute my skills and experience in the hope that they may in some small way contribute to the ongoing success of the amazing school which is at the heart of our community. We came to the village four years ago not knowing anybody, and through the school our family have got to know a wonderful and friendly group of people who all contribute to making the school what it is today. We believe that Nun Monkton School offers a unique educational and social backdrop and we would love to see it continue to thrive for future generations.

Although my competitive sporting days are behind me, I also coach the Under-7's team at Green Hammerton Junior Football Club, occasionally play golf (badly) and also enjoy cycling.



Melissa Parker – Staff Governor, Base Leader, SENDco and Y4/5/6 class teacher

I'm Melissa Parker, a teacher and governor at Nun Monkton, where I've had the privilege of teaching Years 4, 5 and 6 for the past four years. Before earning my PGCE in 2020, I worked across all year groups as both a teacher and teaching assistant. As the SENDCo, I'm passionate about ensuring every child receives the best possible education. I also lead Literacy, Science, Art, and MFL. My academic background is in science, with a BSc in Biology from the University of St Andrews and an MSc in Veterinary Science from the Royal School of Veterinary Studies, Edinburgh. Outside of work, I love reading, traveling, and spending time with my Wire Fox Terrier, Otto. I also enjoy attending music concerts and festivals and love anything related to art or creativity.



Victoria Lindsay – parent governor

As soon as I visited Nun Monkton, in the search for the right school for our girls, it was very apparent what a special school it is - delivering a great academic experience in a safe, friendly and engaging environment for the children. I'm keen to contribute, in whatever way I can, towards the preservation and longevity of this small and beautiful school and its values. As well as having a child at Nun Monkton I also work in the village and can, therefore, see the value the school holds for the wider community.

By trade I am a chartered accountant (ACCA), and have worked in finance since graduating from the University of Sheffield in 2010. I love painting, dogs (you'll see our cavapoo at the school gates on occasion) and a good natter.