

Meet The Governors

Chair of Governors (Foundation Trust Governor)

Tim McHanwell

As a previous parent of two pupils at Regent Farm I value the opportunity to play a role in shaping the future of the school in my capacity as vice-chair of governors. Being a governor allows me to influence the experience of all children and I always find all of the staff to be receptive to feedback whether this is positive or highlighting areas for improvement. My experiences as a governor have confirmed to me the dedication and commitment our staff have to all children within our community and I enjoy being a part of that in any way I can.

Vice-Chair of Governors (Co-opted Governor)

Sam McNally

I'm a parent to 4 lovely children. As a Co-opted Governor I love the opportunity to work alongside such a dynamic and passionate senior leadership team who clearly have high moral standards and strive to uphold the schools values every day. With 18 years of Leisure Based General Manager experience I'm confident that I will be able to perform my duties well. I'm proud of our school and all it has to offer and feel privileged to have the opportunity to help shape its future, as our children come through its gates.

Foundation Trust Governor

Rebecca Turner

I am the Headteacher of Archibald First School, Gosforth. I joined Archibald in September 2007 after teaching at a primary school in Newcastle for 5 years. On joining Archibald, I held the role of Key Stage 1 Team Leader until I was appointed Deputy Headteacher in October 2011 and subsequently Headteacher. In addition, I am a Director of the Gosforth Schools' Trust, and most recently, I was appointed as a governor of Regent Farm First School in September 2021. I am excited about strengthening the work of GST by working closely with other schools. I am looking forward to working collaboratively with the governors and staff of Regent Farm First school, providing both challenge and support, for the children, the school and its wider community. I believe that children should receive the very best opportunities and education through high quality teaching and learning, and I am passionate about providing a broad, rich and stimulating curriculum to the children of Regent Farm.

Co-opted Governors

Carole Drury

I became a Governor at Regent Farm First School in Spring 2024. I have worked with children for over ten years in three different primary schools. This involved supporting children from Nursery age to Year 6. I worked closely with teachers and then took small groups to develop children's progress in English and Maths.

I love spending time with children and enjoy helping on school trips at Regent Farm. I hope to bring my experience in education to the role of Governor at Regent Farm First School to support its strong reputation for child centred learning.

Jen Teulon

I have a lifelong commitment to education, and really enjoy pursuing this with Regent Farm First School. My background is that I'm a qualified teacher and have worked with most age groups from nursery to Higher Education, and adults in workplace training. Much of my career was spent in management roles in the skills world, working closely with Government policy and with networks of stakeholders across the UK. However, I've lived in the North East for over 40 years and raised my own family here. I now work on a voluntary basis with a wide range of organisations. This includes COCO for whom I facilitate partnerships between schools in the UK and East Africa. Here at Regent Farm we continue to develop a fantastic friendship with Mercy Primary in Kenya and this means that I am often in school meeting with staff and children. Combining this with my role as a governor gives me a strong basis for supporting the learning and development of all the children at Regent Farm.

Margaret Dooner

Originally from Northumberland, I trained to become a teacher in Liverpool, after which I have lived in Newcastle for over 30 years. I have worked in both Sunderland and Northumberland, taught in all primary school year groups and the majority of my career has been in a senior leadership role.

In 2024 I joined Northumbria University as a part-time associate lecturer, supporting the Initial Teacher Training programmes. My role is an exciting one, where I support both teacher trainees and the schools where they are completing their placements. My passion, alongside teaching children, has always been to support those new to the profession and my role allows me to do this; mentoring and coaching not only the trainees, but the teachers in the schools who host them.

I am looking forward to working collaboratively with the governors and staff of Regent Farm First School providing both challenge and support, for the children, the school and its wider community. I'm joining the governing body at a very exciting time, ahead of the new build, and am aligned to the school's vision and core values, ensuring that 'all children are happy, confident individuals who can communicate effectively and thrive in anything they put their mind to – now and in the future.'

Parent Governors

Clare Elliott

I was a pupil at Regent Farm First School 20+ years ago and have always had fond memories of my time here. I am now National Development Manager at Co-op and enjoy working with young people. When a position became available for a Governor I jumped at the chance to join the Governing Body. I find the role very rewarding and I love spending time in school seeing how happy the pupils are and how well they are progressing. It's wonderful to be part of this fantastic school and seeing the children growing and realising their potential is truly special to me.

Becky Brough

I am a chartered accountant and have worked with businesses in and around Newcastle for 15 years, I hope I will be able to use my skills and experience to make a positive contribution to the running of the school. This year my eldest daughter started in reception so this felt like a great opportunity to be involved with her school and to give something back to the local community. I am looking forward to being part of the board and all that entails.

Local Authority Governor

Amy Peasland

Since my children have attended RFFS, it has become part of our family life and I am keen to contribute to its success. I live locally and wish to use my experience and enthusiasm to help support our community school in providing the best possible education for children in our area, and to promote a sense of pride in RFFS and its achievements. I am a Facility Manager at Newcastle University, with a background as a PhD-educated cancer research scientist. I have a passion for STEM subjects and bring skills in planning and organising, negotiating, active listening and critical thinking.

Staff Governors

Helen Moore

I am delighted to be part of the Regent Farm First School community, it is an honour and privilege to be the school's Head Teacher. I began my teaching career 20 years ago and thoroughly enjoy my job. I am totally driven to ensure that each and every child in my care has a wonderful experience at school and makes life long memories. I want Regent Farm to be a place children can thrive, take risks and learn lifelong skills to prepare them for a future in our ever-changing world. Being a school governor allows me to work with a dynamic group of people who are all striving to give our pupils the very best education we can.

Glenda Middlemas

I have taught at Regent Farm since 1993 and I have been teaching for 31 years. My early teaching career was spent in London. I have taught all year groups from reception up to year 4 and for the past four years I have worked as Acting Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Head. I am also the Deputy Safeguarding Designated Lead. I am a co-opted staff governor and I am a member of various committees such as Finance and Staffing. One of my roles in school has been to develop our partnership with Mercy Primary School in Kenya. All of our children have access to a culturally rich curriculum and I feel privileged to work with the children, parents, staff and governors who belong to the family of Regent Farm.

Rachael Burn

I am very proud to be able to say that I have worked at Regent Farm First School for over 16 years. During this time I have gained a vast amount of experience having worked as a teaching assistant within all Key Stages and for several years working with SEN pupils on a 1:1 basis. I initially set up Breakfast Club in 2012 which has now successfully evolved into Bumblebees Out of School Club. While I still manage Bumblebees, my school within school changed in 2020 when I was appointed Office Manager.

Regent Farm is an amazing school and I consider myself very fortunate to be part of such a dedicated team. I am looking forward to contributing to the future successes of our children and the wider school community.

Rachel Morgan

I am the Deputy Head and Maths Lead at Regent Farm, where I have worked since qualifying as a teacher. I am passionate about our school community and committed to ensuring every child feels supported, valued, and encouraged to achieve their best. Having spent my entire teaching career at Regent Farm, I have a deep understanding of the school's culture, strengths, and priorities. As Staff Governor, I aim to represent my colleagues positively and contribute to maintaining a high-quality, inclusive learning environment for all.