

MURRAY PARK SCHOOL

OUR MISSION: SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN GAINING A POSITIVE OUTLOOK,
SHAPING THEIR FUTURES AND REACHING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

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GOVERNOR PROFILES

Jacqueline Fowler (Co-Opted Governor | Chair of Governors)

Term of Office: 25 April 2027 - 10 November 2028

I work in the public sector and bring over 20 years' experience in change and business improvement, spanning technology, business psychology, and leadership roles across manufacturing, education, charities, and government settings. Both of my children attended Murray Park from Year 7 through to Year 11, and although they've now moved on to further and higher education, they look back fondly on their time here and the opportunities they had to grow and thrive.

I continue to support the school in my role as Chair of Governors, working closely with the Headteacher and governing board to provide strategic direction and ensure accountability.

I'm passionate about inclusivity across all areas of the curriculum and committed to helping create a safe, respectful, and empowering environment for all pupils.

Louise Shaw (Parent Governor | Vice-Chair of Governors)

Term of Office: 24 September 2024 - 23 September 2028

I have two children at Murray Park who have had a wonderful experience of the school. I was Safeguarding Governor at a local infant school, and I joined the Murray Park school Governing Board as I wished to contribute to the school's continued development, improvement and success.

My background is in Housing and Finance, although my BA Hons is in English Literature and American Studies. My current role deals with compliance and legislation, previously I was Eviction Prevention Manager dealing with vulnerable groups to help retain their tenancies.

I am passionate about education and ensuring children have the best possible experience of school allowing them to develop confidence and skills to prepare them for their future.

Vasileios Papachristos (Parent Governor)

Term of Office: 01 October 2023 - 29 September 2027

I am an Engineer working at Bombardier. My role is in product performance and safety. I like investigating possible root causes of failures or near misses and this is also my approach in life.

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As a parent my role is to fully support my daughter and son who is now in Y1. My motto in life is to always be proactive. Knowledge is endless and I like to be a life-long learner. Education should be the number one priority of all societies as this is the only way to build a better future.

Alice Rose (Parent Governor)

Term of Office: 06 December 2022 - 05 December 2026

I live in Mickleover, and two of my three children now attend Murray Park; my youngest is still at Mickleover Primary.

I have a real interest in helping to support both my community and my children in any way I can. I hope to help to continue Murray Park's success in ensuring all students have the best possible learning experience whilst attending.

My background is in the financial / banking sector although my BA Hons degree is in English Literature. I currently work for Liverpool Victoria as a Business Development Manager in their protection, pensions and investments business.

Amanda Baxendale (Parent Governor)

Term of Office: 24 September 2024 - 23 September 2028

Profile to follow.

Rachel Yemm (Parent Governor)

Term of Office: 21 May 2024 - 20 May 2028

My youngest son joined Year 7 at Murray Park in 2023, and since I am already Chair of Governors for 2 small village schools, I decided to become a Parent Governor.

I bring with me 5 years of knowledge and experience. During this time, I have been involved in 3 Ofsted visits and have been through the process of joining an academy trust. This has given me a vast understanding of the expectations and requirements for school improvements.

I am passionate about children not only receiving the best education, but the skills they need to prepare them for the outside world. When I am not volunteering as a Governor, I own a business, working as a Senior Event Manager on large global events, my core skills being operations, logistics and budget control. I am looking forward to supporting Murray Park in becoming an outstanding school.

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Jan Woolley (Staff Governor)

Term of Office: 08 June 2025 - 07 June 2029 (current term)

I was educated in Yorkshire before attending Teacher Training College at Dartford in Kent where I qualified as a PE Teacher. I worked in several schools before being appointed to the staff of Murray Park School when the city was reorganised in 1989.

Whilst working at the school I have had a variety of teaching positions including 2nd in PE and acting HOD before becoming a Head of Year in 2001. With the subsequent re-organisation of the Pastoral structure, I became Assistant Community Director for Kestrel and then Communities and Enrichment Co-ordinator after a further restructure. I am now a member of the World Studies department teaching all subjects across KS3 and KS4 PSHE. I was also the staff representative on the PTA for 18 years and was responsible for numerous fundraising events.

Out of school, I have been Chair of the Derbyshire Schools Netball Committee since Easter 1989 where I have been involved in coaching, team managing and tournament organisation.

George Makasis (Co-Opted Governor)

Term of Office: 06 December 2022 - 05 December 2026 (current term)

I am a co-opted Governor at Murray Park School with a daughter in Year 8. My background is finance related and I currently work as an Accounts Payable Assistant. I have a BA Hons in accounting and economics which I studied at Derby University.

I enjoy helping out within the local community and spending time with my family and children. I want to contribute to the continued improvement and development of the school which I consider is improving year on year, to ensure student's school experience is as inclusive, diverse, and developmentally challenging as it can be. It is exciting to be able to support education, Murray Park and all its pupils.

John Hithersay (Co-Opted Governor)

Term of Office: 24 April 2024 - 23 April 2028 (current term)

I am a Co-Opted Governor who works as a Senior Technician for L.E.A.D. IT Services who do the IT support for the school. I started working in corporate IT when I left school then moved into Education IT support when I joined Murray Park's IT Support team in 2008, then in 2017 the school outsourced the IT support of the school to L.E.A.D. IT Services who took me on at the same time.

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Deb Outhwaite (Co-Opted Governor)

Term of Office: 14 October 2025 - 13 October 2029 (current term)

I am a ‘pracademic’, who has worked in practice in schools and in academic posts in universities (Derby, Warwick, Liverpool) for the last thirty years. Originally an 11-18 teacher, I taught in schools and colleges in both Hampshire and Bedford, before moving into Higher Education. I have now lived near Derby for nearly twenty years and have a son in school and two daughters at university. I previously ran the Derby Teaching Schools Alliance (DTSA), where my team trained around 500 teachers with the Universities of Derby and Nottingham between 2013-2025. I have worked with many schools in Derby, and have managed a range of education contracts, and I always enjoyed working with the team at Murray Park - so I am happy to be supporting the school with this Governor role.

Kate Temple (Partnership Governor)

Term of Office: 14 October 2025 - 13 October 2029 (current term)

I am parent to a year 11 student at Murray Park and live locally to the school. I have been a Special Educational Needs Coordinator for the last 11 years. I currently work as Assistant Headteacher and SENCO at a small secondary school in Derbyshire.

I am passionate about Inclusion and want to support Murray Park in delivering the very best education it can to all students, but especially those with additional needs. I have enjoyed seeing the school improve as a parent and am now enjoying building on this improvement as a governor.
