



Jillian Collinson

I have lived in Worsley for over twenty years and have four children. My working background is in human resources and administration. Prior to becoming a Councillor, I was a co-opted member of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee. I was Vice Chair of Governors at Springwood (Special) Primary.



Stephen Whatmore

I have been a National Leader of Governance (NLG) for over 7 years and in that time have completed over 26 deployments in a wide range of schools. I am currently Chair of Governors at Bridgewater High School Academy. I am also a governor at St Andrews CE Primary School. I am a qualified Accountant and recently retired.

I am a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (FCA) having qualified in 1976.



Emma Twell

I am a Company Director/Experienced School Head teacher whose experience is within Special schools (Behaviour and Autism). I am also an Education Consultant specialising in school improvement.

I have worked for many years in SEMH/ASD provisions, most recently in turnaround situations as an Interim Headteacher.

As an autistic adult and parent to an autistic child, I am passionate about removing barriers to inclusion.



Sue Woodgate (resigned 10.07.23)

I used to be Head of Special Educational Needs for Salford Local Authority before retiring. I am now a Magistrate and believe in ensuring children get the best start in life so they live happy and productive lives.



Patrick Kelly (resigned 12.07.23)

I am very happy and honoured to be able to help support Kings Academy Trust.

I am married to Lynn, and we are parents to 2 adult children both on the autistic spectrum. My son continues to benefit from specialist educational support and I am passionate about making the most of every opportunity to maximise young people's ability to learn and develop in a truly inclusive, safe and supportive environment.

I am a police officer currently leading on emergency incident response policing and with a background in community policing and international policing support. I was recently Head of Police training in Merseyside.

Kerry Hart



I have a career spanning over 23 years dedicated to nurturing and educating children. For the past two decades, I have had the honour of working in mainstream primary schools, where I've contributed significantly to the growth and development of young minds. Over the past decade, I have had the privilege of serving as the Headteacher of a Single Academy Trust in Trafford. My commitment to excellence in education is further underscored as a scholar of The National College for School Leaders and my completion of the "Becoming a CEO in Education" accreditation. Additionally, I have actively collaborated with trust and school leaders in driving school improvement initiatives, across several local authorities. My educational philosophy is centred on the belief that every child deserves access to a high-quality education that empowers

Ray Paylin