



# Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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## Governor Pen Portraits

### Steve Dobson (Co-Opted Governor / Vice-Chair of Governors)

**Term of Office ends: 21.09.2020**

I've been a governor since 2016, and although my background is in engineering and business, it's been a privilege to work as part of the team involved in running the school, ensuring that the children have a first class education in a safe environment.

It's great to see the strong links between the school, the local community and the church and I look forward to helping develop these links further and encouraging the Christian ethos and values which underpin all aspects of school life.

As well as being governor at the school, I'm part of the leadership team at Uttoxeter Methodist Church, a member of the Rocester Camera Club and now that I'm retired, both my wife and I love to travel.

### Andy Doyle (Parent Governor)

**Term of Office ends: 01.12.2021**

I am a father to three children, two of whom currently attend Ryecroft whilst my eldest child now attends Thomas Alleyne's High School.

I grew up, and live locally, but work for a Danish company in a role that means a lot of travelling, so being a Parent Governor has been a way to be part of the local community.

Outside of work and being a taxi service for the kids, I play golf, cycle and run, and frequent the Tavern in Denstone.

A parent governor for nearly five years during which I have learnt a lot about the education system, the challenges schools face, but also the direct impact a well organised and well managed school has on our children. The parent governor role gives me the opportunity to make an albeit small contribution to the direction of the school which is rewarding in itself.

### Susan Edmonds (Co-Opted Governor / Chair of Governors)

**Term of Office ends: 21.09.2020**

After taking a degree in botany and 4 years as a forensic scientist, I retrained as a primary schoolteacher and never looked back! I have been involved in the education of young children for the past 34 years and am passionate about the care, encouragement and education of the individual. I joined the governing board at Ryecroft in 2016 and currently I am the link governor for Pupil Premium and SEND as well as chair.

On a personal note, I have lived in Denstone for the past 14 years and my interests include history, Remembrance, ecology, gardening, walking and crosswords. Having taken early retirement from teaching, I now enjoy my role as a tutor of KS 1, 2 and 3 children.

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## **Alun Hughes (Staff Governor)**

**Term of Office ends: 28.09.2021**

My teaching career began eight years ago, initially in Stoke-on-Trent secondary schools. I have now been at Ryecroft for five years and in that time I have taken on a range of roles including subject lead for Geography and PE whilst carrying out my current role as Head of Maths, combining this more recently with the Lead for Behaviour position.

I have a keen interest in all subjects and appreciate the value in offering a broad and inspirational curriculum to young people in order for them to develop a thirst for learning in all aspects of school. My personal favourites are English and Art, and outside of school-when time allows-I enjoy painting, reading and taking part in variety of physical activities especially running and cycling. My broad interest in all aspects of education and my commitment to Ryecroft CE Middle School are the main reasons for me choosing to become a governor, in the hope that my input can help to provide a better education for our pupils.

## **Ollie Howlett (Parent Governor)**

**Term of Office ends: 01.01.2022**

I am the father of three children, the eldest of which left Ryecroft in 2018, the second is in year 5 at Ryecroft and the youngest is in year 2 at St Peter's in Alton. My wife and I have lived in Denstone for the last 11 years.

I work as a project manager at JCB, running complex engineering projects, with responsibility for significant budgets and large teams of people. Prior to my role at JCB I have worked as a primary school teacher in Thailand, served in the Royal Naval Reserve and worked in the automotive industry, specialising in acoustic engineering. I am a Chartered Engineer and act as a mentor for young engineers. As I am now too old to play rugby, I coach kids at Uttoxeter Rugby Club where I am also the Junior Club Secretary.

## **Susan Maiden-Dalton (Foundation Governor)**

**Term of Office ends: 16.10.2021**

I have been a Foundation School Governor for Ryecroft for just over a year following retirement after 26 years in HM Prison Service. I currently work part-time with the most vulnerable children on Full care Orders in Derbyshire at a Children's Home.

I am an active Christian and a busy Church Warden and Youth Leader at St Michael's church in Rocester. I am passionate about making a difference to the lives of the children in our Community and very proud of the great work that is done at Ryecroft. I am working closely with the staff in the areas of safeguarding and Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (**SIAMS**).