



Name	Lorraine Howells
Category	Co-opted governor
Background	<p>Whilst at University I started working part-time for Asda Stores. Loving the fast pace and work ethos after graduation instead of pursuing a career in Law I took up their offer of a career in store management. As well as managing large teams of people I gained several business management qualifications and my IPD. Fifteen stores and twenty years later specialising in H.R and Fresh Food Trading my career came to an end as my eldest son Archie was born.</p> <p>Archie has been diagnosed as Autistic but also has physical, behavioural, learning and communication difficulties. He has attended Delamere School since the age of two. Archie has a younger brother Freddie and we all live with Dad Kevin in Urmston.</p> <p>As well as being a stay at home mum I volunteer at school, am Secretary to Friends of Delamere, a Beaver Scout Leader with 5th Urmston Aquilifer Scouts and own a small cake business.... I certainly like to keep busy. After Archie was born I was no longer the business minded career woman but a new mum in the world of 'special needs'. Every hospital appointment and therapy session gave us more sad news and disappointment. Then things changed when Archie started at Delamere. ..</p> <p>The weak little boy who struggled to sit let alone crawl, talk or press a button began to develop. Within less than two years at this school he is walking, talking, playing and starting to read.</p>
Governor Responsibilities & Involvement	<p>I wanted to contribute to the work of the Headteacher and other staff through bringing the skills I learnt through my time at Asda (general business knowledge, managing people, budget planning and HR functions) to help make decisions which are in the best interests of not just my own son but all the children at this fantastic school.</p> <p>The quality of my life has improved by getting to know some of the children that make up this school's community. I love having the opportunity to visit during the school day and see the tangible improvements the children are making. I sit on the Personnel & Standards Committee and it is rewarding to find my knowledge and experience is of use to the school as it addresses issues identified for development. I am also Vice-Chair of governors.</p>