


Name	Lynsey Burridge
Category	Local Authority Officer
Background	 <p>I began my career as an MFL teacher in Secondary Schools in Salford and Manchester, taking on various management roles over the years before moving into a post in a Safeguarding Children Unit where I supported schools with Child in Need and Child Protection processes. I moved over to Trafford in 2007 to take on the role of education lead at the Youth Offending Service. In 2014 I was asked to pick up the role of Virtual School Head for looked after children in addition to my role at the YOS but it quickly became clear that setting up a new Virtual School was a full time job! It was such an exciting opportunity to start work as Virtual School Head at a time when the role was made statutory and we were given responsibility for management of Pupil Premium Grant. Five years on my team has grown to double figures with specialists such as an Educational Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist and Careers Adviser, as well as primary and secondary school teachers. I have also been lucky enough to be involved in the work of the National Association of Virtual School Heads for a number of years, first as North-West representative on the Board, then as Vice Chair and Chair. This work gives me the opportunity to meet senior leaders in Ofsted, School Commissioners, colleagues in the DfE and even Ministers to promote the education of looked after children. I am a proud Corporate Parent and I believe passionately in the life changing potential of a good education in its widest sense.</p>
Governor Responsibilities & Involvement	<p>I'm really excited to accept this new challenge as a Delamere School Governor. I haven't ever been a Governor before so I'm sure there is lots to learn but having met the rest of the board 'virtually' in the summer term I'm sure they will help me find my feet. My specialisms are really around safeguarding and linking the worlds of education and social care but I'm always happy to take on a new challenge!</p>