

MEET OUR GOVERNING BODY 2021

<p>Mr Derek Brooks (Chair)</p> 	<p>Pen Portrait</p> <p>I was brought up in Lancashire (and still support Bolton Wanderers as someone has to) and Surrey and taught at a variety of secondary and middle schools until retiring in 2015. I spent the last 17 years of my career at Allenbourn in Wimborne, enjoying the last seven as head. In partnership with the head of a local first school, we established a teaching school in 2013, and subsequently was appointed as a National Leader of Education. I have been involved with West Moors since 2012 and have witnessed many staffing changes, though the current period represents the time with the greatest stability. Retirement has enabled me to spend time on hobbies such as woodturning, playing bowls, cycling and walking.</p>
<p>Mr Ron Cox (Vice Chair)</p> 	<p>Pen Portrait</p> <p>I was born in Scotland and commenced my education in Aberdeen but moved to London where I attended grammar school. I trained as a solicitor and then joined industry where I specialised in industrial relations. I spent many years negotiating at national level with trade unions in several major industries before becoming Human Resources Director for a large engineering employer. Two of my children attended West Moors Middle and when I was approached to be a governor, I was delighted to join the team that helps to support the running of the school. I have benefited from education up to degree level and have served as a governor in four different schools. I also worked with several schools across the south of England in in advisory capacity. I am proud to be associated with West Moors Middle School which has had to deal with major issues over the past few years. I am glad to say, however, that I have great faith in the current staff at all levels and firmly believe the school will exit the current difficult times in the best possible shape.</p>
<p>Dr Deborah Craddock (Headteacher governor)</p> 	<p>Pen Portrait</p> <p>I was born in Bangor, Northern Ireland, and after graduating I moved to England in 1993. I have worked in education since 1996, in primary, secondary (middle school) and tertiary sectors where I have been committed to supporting our children to develop a growth mindset to become the best that they can be, on their own individual journeys. I started as Headteacher at West Moors Middle School in September 2019, leading our incredible school improvement journey and developing staffs' leadership capacity to create a vibrant, learning environment with an embedded rights respecting ethos. Prior to this role, I completed the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) programme whilst working as an Assistant Headteacher in a large four form entry junior school, and within the past five years, I have worked as a Specialist Leader in Education, supporting schools in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and Poole, to raise standards in Maths and Writing. I have also mentored teachers on the Outstanding Teacher Training Programme, supported Newly Qualified Teachers and</p>

	<p>been a Lead SCITT Mentor, developing teaching capacity for the future. My drive, passion and commitment is evident in all that I do and I am proud of my team's dedicated efforts to support our school's community.</p> <p>Outside of work, I love spending time with my family and I enjoy hobbies, including skiing, cycling, walking and reading.</p>
<p>Councillor Andrew Kerby (Governor)</p>	<p>Pen Portrait</p>
	<p>I'm Andrew and I was born and raised in Dorset, near the small town of Blandford Forum. Through my adult life I've been lucky to have some amazing roles. My first job after I finished university was in a school – I really enjoyed working with younger people and still try and volunteer at my local youth centre that I established. I've lived in many different cities, having worked in both Bristol and London working on campaigns.</p> <p>Dorset has always been my home and in 2015, I was first elected to serve my community on the council. I specialised in health and community safety, where I ensured that the council, police and hospitals worked together to keep us safe.</p> <p>I have a young family and a daughter that I adore. I enjoy being a parent and I spend a lot of my time at home playing 'dolls houses' and reading books.</p> <p>When I have some free time, I love working on cars (I like getting my hands dirty) and if I haven't got a car to work on then I go fishing with my friends.</p>
<p>Mrs Lynne Anderson (Co-opted governor)</p>	<p>Pen Portrait</p>
	<p>I am from North Lincolnshire where my family still live so there are frequent journeys "up north" but I've lived in Dorset for 35 years arriving here via university in Leicester and accompanying my late husband on postings to RAF Scampton and RAF Kinloss. I have 3 sons who all came to this school (in the 90's) and have had links with the school ever since through many Cubs and Scouts who have been pupils here. My work within the community is as a Leader at 1st West Moors Scout Group but also as a Governor here for the last 6 years. My professional life has been in social care and education and I am now (supposed to be) semi-retired but seem to be busier than ever.</p> <p>Whether it's family, work or volunteering, children have always been at the heart of all I do and am pleased to be part of the team here at West Moors Middle School.</p>

Mrs Sarah Burns (Staff governor)	Pen Portrait
	<p>I was born locally, in Poole, and I am in my fourth year of teaching. This is my third year at West Moors Middle School. Before I began my teaching career, I worked in insurance and taking the leap to teaching was the best decision I ever made. I have seen many changes during my time at West Moors Middle School and am so proud to be a member of staff here. I am a Year 5 tutor, PSHE lead and Rights Respecting Schools lead. We began our Rights Respecting Schools Journey in 2019 and were awarded Bronze: Rights Committed in July 2019. As a Rights Respecting School, we put children's rights at the heart of our school. I also lead a weekly assembly on the 'Article of the week', which focusses on one-three articles from the UN Convention on the Right of the Child each week. These are then displayed in classrooms in order for our children to continuously learn about their rights. We are well on our journey to applying for the Silver: Rights Aware. My hobbies include: running, going on long walks, and spending time with my family and friends.</p>
Mrs Joanne Martin (Parent governor)	Pen Portrait
	<p>I was born in London and brought up in Harrow, Middlesex. I worked in London as a P.A. to various corporate companies over the years and I also worked as a buyer to Sainsbury's Head Office. I am married with two children: Ryan who is 27 who lives and works in London, and Jack who is 12 and attends West Moors Middle School. I love cooking/baking, family bike rides, and walking the dogs in the forest.</p>
Clementine Pestell (Co-opted governor)	Pen Portrait
	<p>I was born in Dorset and have lived here all my life. I have 3 children; my middle child attends West Moors Middle School and my eldest has recently left there to move onto Ferndown Upper School. I have always been employed in the HR and accounts fields and I currently manage a small local charity part time. I have a dog and 11 chickens and enjoy being out in the garden. I also enjoy baking, crochet and jewellery making. I play the flute and piano, badly! I enjoy being a Governor and love coming into the school and seeing how the children are taught.</p>

<p>Lewis Harding (Parent governor)</p>	<p>Pen Portrait</p>
	<p>I was born and raised in Poole, moving to Ferndown in 2007.</p> <p>I currently work for Morebus as a night shift engineer. I completed an apprenticeship in HGV mechanics in 2002 and moved on to buses and coaches in 2014 working at Yellow Buses.</p> <p>My hobbies are combat sports, DIY and whatever my kids are into at any point in time.</p>
<p>Catherine Cope (Staff associate governor)</p>	<p>Pen Portrait</p>
	<p>I was born and raised in sunny South Africa, but have lived in the UK from time to time due to my father being a UK citizen and awarding his children with British passports. Due to the unfortunate crime and corruption statistics in South Africa, all my siblings now fortunately live in the UK.</p> <p>I spent my first few years in middle schools, teaching mostly English and humanities, but furthered my qualifications by gaining a PGCE in English and drama. From then on, I have spent my career doing what I love: teaching English literature to GCSE and 'A' level students.</p> <p>Since moving permanently to the UK in 2018, I have been fortunate to join the West Moors Middle family and have been a form tutor to year 6, as well as teaching KS3 English and leading careers and drama.</p>
<p>Mr Robin Wilcox (Clerk)</p>	<p>Pen Portrait</p>
	<p>I was born in Poole and raised in Langton Matravers, before moving to Chichester for university where I completed a sports coaching degree. During this degree, I undertook a placement in a primary school and from there I made the decision to go into primary teaching. I taught in primary schools in Chichester for four years, before moving back to Dorset in 2017 where I most recently taught in a school in Ferndown. After leaving teaching in 2018, I have worked as a Project Leader working on a programme working with targeted students in years 9 and above, getting them to consider their future educational options.</p> <p>Outside of work, I have recently become a father to Poppy, who has been keeping me busy! I also enjoy walks with my dog Minnie, watching and playing football, and spending time with the wider family.</p>