



Academy Committee: Governor Profiles

Sharon Wilson – Chair of Governors



I am a chartered engineer working at Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK where I manage a team of engineers supporting improvements in our production processes. After four years as a governor of Costock C Of E Primary School, I became a governor at East Leake Academy in December 2019 and Chair of Governors in January 2023. I am happy to be able to contribute towards the welfare and development of all students and staff.

Kev Leckie – Vice Chair of Governors



I am a retired secondary school science teacher and enjoyed a long and successful career, where I have gained a wealth of experience in secondary education, including holding a variety of middle and senior leadership roles. I am keen to retain a role in secondary education and positively contribute to the success of the Academy.

Jane England – Staff Governor



I have worked at East Leake Academy since September 2006 and I am currently a Pastoral Leader, having previously been Head of Social Sciences. I have been teaching GCSE and A Level Business for many years. I have two teenage children and live in a lovely market town called Ashby de la Zouch in Leicestershire, close to my family and friends. My hobbies are going to the gym, reading and shopping. I am passionate that our students get the very best deal in their education and staff are inspired and supported in their career at East Leake Academy.

Kate O'Hagan – Appointed Governor



I moved to East Leake in 2022 and wanted to give back and get involved with the local community and thought my skills and experience within the education sector could be useful as a school governor. I was previously a secondary school Geography teacher and now coordinate programmes for young people who are blind or visually impaired for a national sight loss organisation. Due to my current and previous roles, I am particularly interested in ensuring the best outcomes for SEND students as well as raising aspirations, so students are able to reach their full potential during their time at ELA.

Sarah Rhodes – Parent Governor



I am passionate about the power of education and its ability to shape the future of young people. I believe that the experiences we provide for students at school have a lasting impact, and I am dedicated to supporting the Academy in ensuring each student has access to opportunities that will help them thrive.

Professionally, I work as a project expert, focusing on business transformation and ensuring that change is implemented positively and effectively. My goal is to help organisations navigate and adapt to change in a way that drives growth and success.

I live locally with my family, and in my spare time, I enjoy cycling and going to the gym.

Gareth Roberts – Appointed Governor



Originally from Liverpool, I moved to the area in 1995 working as a Director and Trustee in the Pension and Investment industry. In 2014 I made the decision to apply to become a Magistrate and I have been a Justice of the Peace, sitting in both Leicester and Loughborough Courts, since 2015. This role has given me insight into the importance of education in providing stability and understanding of our role in society. I am keen to make a positive contribution to the safeguarding and wellbeing of the students of East Leake Academy.

Ashley Ward – Parent Governor



I joined the Local Academy Committee in February 2025 as a Parent Governor and I am the vice principal and deputy designated safeguarding lead at Millside Spencer Academy, a local primary and feeder school. As a strong advocate for education, I am dedicated to supporting ELA's leadership team in delivering high-quality education.

Andrea Hewitt – Governance Professional



I have worked as Clerk to the Academy Committee since November 2012 on the conversion to academy status. My role is to advise the governors on all aspects of governance, constitutional and procedural matters and educational legislation, thereby supporting the committee and the leadership team.