

COLLYHURST NURSERY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Governors' Biographies

Collyhurst Nursery School and Children's Centre



Enjoy, learn and achieve, together we will succeed

Catherine Tierney

During my twenty years in education, I have worked in three different schools within North Manchester and across all primary key stages. In my current role as Deputy Headteacher at St Malachy's I lead on curriculum, assessment and Early Years. I am passionate about early childhood education and believe that all places of education should be a welcoming and encouraging environment where each child and parent are recognised and valued as individuals. During my free time, I love cooking, eating and spending time with my family.

Kim Vincent

I wanted to become a Governor to be the voice of our parents and community.

Over the years, close family members have attended the community and sure start provision. My Daughter now attends nursery here which has prompted me to get involved, I am really looking forward to contributing to the development and success of Collyhurst Nursery School.

I work full time at a local primary school as an administrator. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends

Fran Wood

Primarily I am an Early Years Teacher and have taught for twenty three years. Following that I have worked as a consultant and advisor on the British Curriculum in the Middle East. I worked as a mentor for Sunderland and Nottingham Universities on the PGCE Courses that were run in Dubai United Arab Emirates also for Dundee College for the SVQ in Child Development for Teaching Assistants.

I have established and managed Early Learning Centres and Nurseries in the Middle East and India. Designing learning environments and furnishing them with age appropriate resources as well as recruiting staff and implementing a curriculum. I was a Director for one Centre for five years in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

After completing my Master in Education in 2005 I concentrated on inclusion and within the Learning Centres I set up Achievement Centres, for children with Special Educational Needs. Specialist staff were recruited to work on a one to one basis with children during the day, supporting them as they followed the curriculum.

I completed training as an Ofsted inspector in the UK and have worked both in the UK and with companies in the Middle East for British Schools in the Middle East inspecting schools.

I am a published author having two books for children aged 8 to 14 currently available my hope is to have other works published too.

I enjoy walking, reading, discovering new places, writing children's books, eating out, as well as being at home with my family.

Emma Dawson

I have had the pleasure of working for Collyhurst Nursery School and Children's Centres since 2012.

I originally joined the "Collyhurst Family" as an Early Years Lead Practitioner, thanks to the school giving me the opportunity to develop both professionally and as a person my role is now Day Care Manager which would not have been possible without the support of the school.

I take pride with the honest and open relationships I have built with our children, parents and staff both current and previous. I work hand in hand with our families and the staff team to provide an accessible and holistic service for all. Over the last 10 years we have moved from a "Good" Ofsted provision to "Outstanding" on our last 2 inspections, all of which makes our nursery a magical place to be for all our families.

My favourite place to be is outdoors, I enjoy all sports and will have a go at all activities. I have even run the Manchester marathon. One of my fondest memories was participating in 'Challenge for Change' with one of our Collyhurst parent groups, this involved a very scary obstacle course at a high and rope swings, it was frightening for all of us, being taken out of our comfort zone, but so rewarding in the team building and bonding that we did.

I enjoy listening to music, but singing is definitely not one of my strengths, one of my favourite things is spending time with my family and friends both at home and socialising.