

## **GOVERNOR PROFILE**

### **LIZ LANGFIELD**

#### **Who am I and how long have I been on the Governing Body?**

My name is Liz Langfield and I am a member of the Governing Body at Lemington Riverside Primary School. I've been on the Governing Body since 2009.

#### **Why did I decide to join the Governing Body?**

I was thrilled to be asked if I would become a school governor in Lemington. I was at that time a local Councillor in Lemington and was very involved with many aspects of the local community. I had become a Councillor after I took early retirement from my job with Newcastle City Council. During my career there I had worked as a Health and Safety Officer, the Council's Women's Issues Officer dealing with all aspects of inequality, as a Policy Officer and then as a Business Development Manager. I felt that my various experiences in these roles would give me the chance to contribute in various ways to the work of the school.

My sister worked as a teacher, deputy head and head teacher in primary schools in poor areas of Birmingham, so all my adult life I have heard of the problems and joys of work in a primary school. Because our late father's job meant we had to move all over UK regularly, I myself had attended four different schools by the time I was six years old – and a further four by the time I was eighteen. So I've had personal experience of many different schools and the way they operated. I feel that my own life chances were determined by the education I received and I fervently believe that good, safe, happy and broad-based educational opportunities give every child the chance to reach their full potential in adult life. I am very keen to help in any way I can to make sure that every child at Lemington Riverside is given every possible chance to develop effectively.

#### **What Governing Body committees do I serve on?**

I serve on the full governing body and I'm also on a number of committees - Finance, Premises and Resources, as well as the Community Cohesion and Equality Working Group. (My business management experience and my equalities work help me contribute to these.) I also work on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, where my background in health and safety is a big advantage.

#### **What other school activities have I been involved in?**

I'm also involved in other activities in school. I help with the visits to Sugley Church – where I am a member of the Parochial Church Council and enjoy answering the children's questions about the church and its history. I also help with school discos and similar events.

Recently I've been saving all my empty pop bottles to help with the construction of the environmental friendly greenhouse!