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I served in the Royal Air Force as a Fire-fighter for 29 years and moving from Germany, my wife and two children moved to and settled in Bracebridge Heath in 1999 whilst serving at RAF Waddington. Both of my children attended local schools, with my daughter attending St Johns Primary Academy.

After leaving the RAF, my first civilian job was working in community engagement in 2003, as the Area Manager for the Goodwin Trust (Hull) community wardens, working in the most deprived areas of the City and then with Hull City Council as a community participation officer and with the East Riding Council as the manager for the Local Action Teams, which encompassed community engagement activities across the council region.

Following these roles, I was the Engagement Officer for Humberside Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS), responsible for ensuring both staff and local communities are kept informed on current developments within the service and consulted on any future proposals within HFRS which may affect them.

I am now employed as the Lincolnshire Armed Forces Covenant Officer working across civilian and Armed Forces communities to raise the profile of the Covenant and ensure that Lincolnshire meet the current legal duties, within education, housing and health.

Susan L Manders (Sue Manders)



I am a retired mathematics lecturer, having spent 36 years in teaching. My teaching experience was mainly in secondary and FE but I have also taught in the primary sector. My speciality was in teaching mathematics in context to show how it applies to 'real world' situations and in other curriculum areas. During my career I held several management positions as well as being Union Branch Secretary and Union Health and Safety Officer in a large FE College. I was responsible for representing union members in many different situations as well as in negotiations involving working practices and contracts.

Over the years I have gained a wide knowledge and experience in educational matters and personnel matters.

I have lived in Bracebridge Heath for 62 years. Four generations of our family have attended St John's. I have been a School Governor for 32 years. I am passionate about children's education and believe that our school should provide the best education and opportunities it can for all our children while still retaining its community school feel and values.

I have been a Parish Councillor since 1988 and am now a Church Warden and Treasurer at our village church, St John the Evangelist.

My interests are varied. I have carried out a lot of research on the history of Bracebridge Heath and was instrumental in putting together Bracebridge Heath's Neighbourhood Plan. In 2022 I was honoured to be nominated and win North Kesteven Community Champions Award for longstanding contribution to an organisation or group for my extensive commitment to Bracebridge Heath.

In my spare time I cook, garden, embroider, and carry out research into our family history.

Emma Forrest-Leigh



I have been an Executive Director for a Multi Academy Trust and a Vice Principal in one of the UK's largest Outstanding GFEs, has spoken at the House of Lords, collaborated with major organisations such as Google, and played a pivotal role in educational reform through my work on T Level creation panels. Additionally, I have been recognised with a Queen's Award for Innovation in Education for my work on leveraging technology for use in education.

Through my career I have a high level of experience in Ofsted inspections and have guided schools from Requires Improvement to Good and led providers to achieve an Outstanding rating.

My leadership style is characterised by unwavering integrity, empathy, and an infectious passion that inspires those around me to believe in their potential and achieve great things. My ability to connect with all members of the community and hands-on approach to leadership have not only transformed educational opportunities for many but have also set a new standard for what is possible in the field.

Katie McLoughlin

I am Katie, I am married and have two children. I am a qualified teacher with specialism in Advanced Study of Early years and worked in a Foundation Stage Unit in Milton Keynes.

Whilst I was born and raised in Bardney and went to Branston Community Academy I moved away to get my teaching degree and then have my family. We chose to move back to the area when our eldest child was ready to apply to school and we chose Bracebridge Heath because of its village feeling combined with easy access to the city. This has not disappointed us, and we are very proud to be part of the village community and we all attend different clubs and groups within the village.

As a teacher I was always very passionate about parents and carers being the first and most important teachers our children have and that has only strengthened now 'on the other side' as a parent and I am proud to be able to support that within my role as Governor at St Johns. I am also a very big advocate for the use of books and reading by all and have recently completed my Master's Degree in Children's Literature and Literacies, which will help with my roles as Governor and supporter at St. John's.

In my spare time, I am an avid crafter and enjoy using a wide variety of different mediums and learning new skills. I enjoy travelling, both in the UK and overseas and love being able to encourage my children to see and do new things. I am also the President of the Bracebridge Heath Women's Institute where we plan and organise a wide variety of speakers, crafts, and other educational meetings as well as social and community events.

Daniel Willars

I am a family man whose children attend St. John's. In my work life, I am an experienced secondary school head of department for business, economics, vocational and careers education. I am passionate about assisting young people with developing challenging aspirations and their transferable skills/qualities. This is they can be the best that they can be and to become positive contributors to our community.

After starting my career in Leicestershire (my birth county), I have taught in Darwin, Australia. This was part of my working holiday on the north and east coast. I was able to do some supply teaching in a different primary schools and a secondary school. I enjoyed both experiences and it was interesting to see how teaching is different across these settings and also how things are similar.

I'm looking to transfer my skills and experiences to date to St. John's in order to support our school become even better than it is already. I think I can add value by considering with the governing body how we develop a curriculum and school experience to support St John's values and to achieve our children's aspirations.

Rebecca Tasker

I am the EYFS and KS1 lead at St John's Primary Academy. I began my journey at St John's as a student teacher and was lucky enough to secure a teaching post once I qualified. I have been teaching at the school for 18 years. I am currently the English lead with responsibility for phonics, reading and writing. I love to read and I am passionate about helping every child to become a reader and helping them discover all the enjoyment that comes with reading for pleasure.