



Courthouse Green Primary School
'Doing our best to be our best'

Governor Information for the Website January 2019

1. Basic Information (Including that of Associate members)

Name	Karen Parsons
Category of Governor	Parent Governor
Term of Office	10th July 2018 – 9th July 2022
Body that appoints them	Local governing board
Specific responsibilities e.g. Chair / Vice / Safeguarding Governor	
Voting Rights	Yes

2. Pen Portrait

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<p>Background:</p> <p>I am from a mixed heritage background with my father’s family stemming from Trinidad and my mum’s family from Ireland. I was born in Coventry and have lived here all my life but spent a lot of weekends up North in Halifax growing up with my 2 sisters.</p> <p>I attended Willenhall Wood Primary School, then Frederick Bird and then Stoke Heath Primary. My husband attended Courthouse Green which first peaked my interest in the school. We both attended Lyng Hall Comprehensive and stayed on for 6th form.</p> <p>Due to various reasons I have worked since I was 16 initially at a sports shop, then Sainsbury’s for 7 years before trying my hand as a croupier and then I decided administration was a comfortable role.</p> <p>Since having my daughter who is in Year 1, I trained as a teaching assistant and worked at Castle Wood specialist school. I am currently working at Sidney Stringer Academy and learning lots more from behind the scenes in a school setting.</p>
<p>Relevant experience</p> <p>I have my Level 2 in Supporting Teaching and Learning as well as working in many high pressured target driven roles at IBM, Capita and OCR.</p> <p>I am currently working on the Castle Wood Saturday club scheme and working for the Sidney Stringer Academy MAT.</p>

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All about me

I'm currently 32 and a mum to one incredible little person. She is our only child at present but we are going through the fostering process. Our daughter has been an absolute dream, she is very intelligent, ambitious, confident and although it shouldn't be this way she is more of a role model to me than I am to her.

Since becoming a mum I've realised it's about practicing what you preach, your child will not enjoy subjects if you don't enjoy them, they won't become confident if you're not so thanks to my daughter I have learnt that we all need that someone in our corner who truly believes in us, I take this into everything I do now.

I became a parent Governor because I want to make a difference to children's lives. I want every child to feel valued, confident and interesting and a free education should enable our children to believe in themselves. I want to help the school ensure every child receives an enriching education that gives them solid foundations for life throughout school and work but also socially.