



## Our Spotlight on Our Governors

Our School Council interviewed Mr Simpson in the spring term 2023.

### How long have you been a governor?

I have been a teacher here at Whittlefield for just over a year, but I have only been a governor for about 6 months. I started in October 2022.

### What type of governor are you? Do you play a particular role on the Governing Board?

I am what is called a Staff Governor because I am a teacher in the school. I have responsibilities for wellbeing and support the Governors with our Curriculum.

### What made you volunteer to be a governor?

I had never been a governor before, and it is something that I have always wanted to do. Governors play an important role in the life of our school and help make big decisions and that is something that I wanted to be a part of and support.

### What skills do you bring to the role? And have you ever been a teacher?

Governors are not always teachers so it is really important for one of us to be a teacher. We get to pass on information from a class perspective and give my opinions. Our decisions will impact on the day to day running of the school so it is helpful that I get to share my experience. While I have only been at Whittlefield for a year, I have been teaching for almost 10 years in lots of different schools both in Lancashire and abroad.

### What are your hobbies?

When I'm not in school I love to be in the outdoors with my dog Dexter! This summer I completed my first triathlon! So I spend lots of time open water swimming, cycling and running. I've also completed quite a few marathons too!

### Do you ever see yourself being chair of governors?

I want to be a Headteacher one day, so will work really closely with lots of chair of governors but I don't think I will ever have that role. Not unless I become one when I retire.

### What do you think about Whittlefield primary school?

I absolutely love Whittlefield. I love how well all the teachers and children work well together, show lots of respect for one another and really work hard. I also love how hard everyone works to make the school the best place that it can be, and I am proud to be a part of that.

*Thank you to Corey Leyland for this report.*

