

Dr Cindy Peek – Chair of Governors

Cindy grew up in Lowestoft working in banking and industry on leaving school. She progressed to youth work in Suffolk and Norfolk before moving to Shropshire as a senior leader. Cindy then worked in Dudley, concluding her working career as Deputy Director for Children's Services in Bradford before retiring back to Lowestoft. As Deputy Director she completed her PhD in the leadership of change in Children's Services, was heavily involved in all aspects of education and social care services. Her particular interests in Pakefield High School are Safeguarding and the attainment of Looked After Children. As Chair of Governors, she directly supports the Head of School and liaises with the Chair of Trustees.

Dan Bagshaw –Head of School

Previously a Senior Deputy Head at Pakefield Dan joined the school in 2015. After gaining his PGCE from the Central School of Speech and Drama, Dan went on to study for a master's in teaching from the Institute of Education, London. In his spare time, Dan enjoys spending time with his family and is a keen gardener.

Philip Belden – Appointed Governor – Vice Chair

Philip joined Pakefield Local Governing body in February 2022.

Holly Chase – Appointed Governor

Currently Holly is an Assistant Principal at East Coast College looking after the quality of the curriculum. She has a varied background, born and educated in the United States where she also studied Business Management with a minor in Tourism at University. Teaching became a keen interest after Holly re-located to England. After completing her teaching degree at the University of East Anglia she worked in a village school for a number of years before deciding to jump to the world of Further Education, which has been a passion ever since. Holly enjoys seeing young people and those of all ages take their next steps into Further Education and come out the other side as a professional in whatever sector they have chosen. Often returning to East Coast College to tell stories of their successes Holly finds the most rewarding aspects of being in education is the celebration of achievement of others.

Jenny Durrant –Appointed Governor

After growing up in Lowestoft Jenny feels passionate about the local area and the provisions for its residents. With a son currently in Yr7 she has a keen interest in the development of Pakefield High School. As a qualified Social Worker Jenny has worked for a number of years in both child protection and mental health specialising within community in the adolescent mental health provision. She is passionate about children's emotional well-being and perceive education playing a pivotal role. As a parent governor, she is keen to offer a view, which not only considers the educational establishment but works for the young people that attend the school and their families. She very much looks forward to getting started in developing the school further and building on the improvements made in the last year.

Julie Hall – Staff Governor

Working at Pakefield High School (PHS) as the Data Manager since it opened in September 2011 (currently also the exams manager) and Julie has seen many changes. As a Councillor for Carlton Colville Town council for several years she has been Chairman for the past 2 years. After a period of decline she felt that Pakefield has now entered a new phase, with a popular head of school (acting) and staff who are very positive with new ideas and an aim of rebuilding the school's reputation in the community. She looks forward to being part of the Local Governing Body, moving the school forward, to return it to the Ofsted graded "good" and oversubscribed school that it once was.

Natasha Hunt – Appointed Governor – New Governor

Natasha joined Pakefield Local Governing body in June 2022.

Pat Sarson – Appointed Governor

Having a career in the NHS Pat trained in Aberdeen and after qualifying worked in different disciplines building up knowledge and skills. Following a move to Suffolk she changed direction and moved into the Community which offered a different challenge. When one of the Community Consultant Paediatricians set up the first Community Clinic covering the Waveney area Pat became the first ADHD Specialist Nurse in the area. Setting up the new service to support young people, their families and working with other agencies to improve and develop the understanding and knowledge of ADHD in the local area was very exciting whilst challenging. Pat has been a Governor for a number of years, and at present is the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) link Governor at Pakefield.