

Woodlands School



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Syrene	Dixon	Staff Governor		syrene.dixon@wdl.mmat.co.uk		25/09/2023	24/09/2027	
Andy	Edwards	Community Governor		Andy.edwards@wdl.mmat.co.uk		25/11/2024	24/11/2028	

Woodlands School - Governor Biographies



Richard Cooke, Community Governor & LGB Chair

Richard has spent his working life as an accountant in industry, acting now as a Finance Director for an International Food Group. In addition to Finance, Richard has experience in modelling business change, HR, IT projects and risk management.



Zillah Cope, Community Governor

Zillah has a background in education with over 30 years' experience as a primary school teacher, headteacher and teacher trainer in primary education. She has particular experience in teaching students with SEMH and SEN and has a dual degree in both primary and SEN teaching.

She believes that all students can achieve their potential given the right educational experiences and support the provision of a curriculum that promotes relevant experiences. She is a particular advocate of outdoor education which she believes provides real - life learning opportunities for students whilst at the same time supporting the mental health and well-being.



Andy Edwards

Andy is a father of 7 who for most of his career worked in technical customer sales, due to ill health he was unable to continue in a 9 to 5 job. He is now the primary carer for his son who has SEN which exposed him to the demands and experiences carers have to face daily.

His governor experience is just over 2.5 years and includes specialist whole school provision and primary school settings. He's a big believer in a whole community approach to ensure pupils achieve their aspirations



Syrene Dixon, Staff Governor

Syrene is proud to be the Director of Mathematics and Numeracy at Woodlands School. She is a passionate leader, having recently moved from Oxfordshire to Cheshire, she has over twenty years of experience within Alternative Education. She has worked within SLT and has successfully led a school site team through social and environmental change, whilst sustaining students' success and positive experience with a variety of SEMH needs.

Her roles and experience within education include; NNEB, HLTA, Math teacher, Maths Subject Lead, Lead Practitioner (SLE (T&L)) and Assistant Head (DSL, CEIAG). At the core of her philosophy is to create safe environments of mutual respect and trust in which students and staff can achieve success, without the fear of failure and allowing them to safely explore their own sense of self to enhance their sense of self-worth.