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LAC Pen Portraits

<p>J. Rowley (LAC Chair)</p>	<p>Jenny is Chair of the Local Academy Council. Jenny has over 15 years experience in education as teacher and Head of Faculty across schools in Staffordshire. Living in the area, Jenny has a vested interest in the success of John Wheeldon Primary Academy and local community. Over the past 10 years, Jenny has served as a Community Governor and Vice Chair of Governors. Jenny currently works for a film education charity.</p>
<p>C. Clarke (Principal)</p>	<p>I have lived Staffordshire for most of my life completing my BA History degree at Staffordshire University. It was my own positive primary school experience that led me into teaching as a career. I qualified as a teacher in 2001. Since then I have worked in a large school in Stoke-on-Trent and the British Forces School in Naples, before joining John Wheeldon Primary School in 2008.</p> <p>Since joining the school, I have been on a varied journey as class teacher in a variety of year groups, taking on more responsibilities as we moved to being an Academy. I am now PROUD to be the Principal at John Wheeldon.</p>

	<p>I spend most of my free time as a chauffeur to my three daughters, moving between various football pitches in Staffordshire. If there is ever a quiet minute, I love to bake-ready for afternoon tea or read a book.</p>
J. Robertson (Dpty Principal)	<p>I have worked at John Wheeldon for almost 9 years. During this time, I have taught in every year group across school. I have been English leader, year group, phase leader, assistant head and now deputy head. I am passionate about providing the very best opportunities for all children through their planned curriculum, enriching their personal development and driving high standards or teaching and learning.</p> <p>I have two children, ages 2 and 5 who keep me very busy outside of school and a dog that we love to take on long walks.</p>
A. Patel (Vice Chair of LAC)	<p>Work for NHS – Business Intelligence LAC Member (Community) Sub- Committee – Finance Science curriculum link</p>
M. Winkle	<p>I'm married to Christine and we have 3 grown-up daughters and eight grandchildren.</p> <p>I worked as a schoolteacher in the Primary sector until retirement. I was a Primary Headteacher of a small school for 24 years. I am keen to support local organisations, including the Stafford North End Community Association, St John Ambulance, Rotary and The Rowley Trust. I'm the Chair of Governors at Sir Graham Balfour High School.</p>
J. Scerri	<p>I am passionate about the future of John Wheeldon and the community it serves. John Wheeldon has a long history of educating the children of Stafford and I am proud to say I went to John Wheeldon in the 90's. I want to take on this role to help protect that history, safeguard its future, and ensure our children get the best educational opportunities and outcomes. I studied Sociology at Staffordshire University, a PGCE in Primary Education at Birmingham City University, and I am</p>

	<p>currently a Technical member of Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.</p> <p>My late mother, Jill Scerri, did a variety of roles at John Wheeldon, when she suddenly passed away the community raised a lot of money for us that we donated to John Wheeldon, and the money was used to complete the school library. The library is named in my mother's memory, and I would like to continue her legacy.</p> <p>Most importantly, I am a parent, and like all parents I want the best for our kids.</p>
J. Plant	<p>I joined the Local Academy Committee (LAC) Board of John Wheeldon Primary School in Summer 2024 as a co-opted LAC Member. I was attracted to John Wheeldon as I found it welcoming and also passionate about providing a great education for its pupils. I currently worked for the Central Team of another Academy Trust in a governance and compliance role and I hope to bring my knowledge in these areas to support John Wheeldon. I am enjoying interacting with the other LAC Members and also with the brilliant staff who work here.</p> <p>Outside of work, I enjoy going to the match and watching football on the television. I enjoyed meals out with family and friends and I enjoy spending time looking after my cat, Freya.</p>
A. Stephens (Teaching staff)	<p>I have worked at John Wheeldon Primary Academy for over 11 years as a class teacher, mainly in KS1. I am also currently the music lead, responsible for ensuring the delivery of the music curriculum and have directed the school choir for many years, taking them to events such as Young Voices and Gotta Sing at Stafford Gatehouse.</p> <p>I have two children and have been a parent governor at another local primary school.</p>

	<p>Previously I worked in marketing and event management prior to becoming a teacher and have a BA(Hons) in Leisure Management.</p>
<p>H. Grundy (Dpty DSL)</p>	<p>I started my career in catering but re-trained when my children were young.</p> <p>I have worked at John Wheeldon for 14 years, initially as a teaching assistant and currently as Assistant SENCo and Deputy Safeguarding Lead. I also support the Trust in my role as one of the Safeguarding Hub leads.</p> <p>I am passionate about my role in school and with the Trust.</p> <p>Out of school I still enjoy cooking, baking and making hand sewn quilts.</p>
<p>N. Garside</p>	<p>I have worked within the Further Education sector for over 20 years, whilst working for Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG) I have had the privilege of teaching a wide range of students from primary age upwards. Education is an important part of my family life, my wife is also a teacher and my two children are currently enjoying their time at our local Primary School. I trained to be a designer and achieved a Master's Degree in Design at Wolverhampton University; however, I fell in love with teaching and since then progressed at NSCG to become an Assistant Director of Curriculum. My biggest personal achievement to date is cycling unsupported from John O'Groats to Land's End, 942 miles in 9 days to raise money for an important charity Prostate Cancer UK.</p>
<p>Y. Dooley</p>	<p>As a former pupil of John Wheeldon Primary Academy, I'm proud to now serve as a Parent Governor, with a dedicated focus on mental health and well-being. With over 20 years of experience working in and with schools, including roles in pastoral management and safeguarding, I am</p>

	<p>passionate about enhancing an already supportive environment where children, families, and staff can thrive. I believe in the power of community and the importance of promoting well-being to foster a positive and inclusive school culture</p>
<p>Katrina Gibson</p>	<p>I have two daughters at John Wheeldon in Y1 and Y2 and I am also Treasurer of the PTFA. I grew up in Staffordshire and went on to study Geography at Plymouth University and then a Masters in Business Psychology. I now work for a national social care charity where I lead on new business activities, both within the public (NHS and Local Authority funding) and private sectors, ensuring financial viability of all upcoming schemes, successful operational mobilisation and ensuring strategic fit to the organisation.</p>