

Lauren Chapman – Pen Portrait



My husband and I have now been in teaching for fifteen years. I started my career teaching in KS1 within a challenging deprived area in Grimsby. I became key stage leader and mentor to newly qualified teachers within my four years in post. We then moved to Alnwick to be closer to family with our niece son to be born. I have taught in lower key stage two in a neighbouring first school for the last eleven years. During this time I have been responsible for leading Literacy and ICT within school and more recently mastery maths. As part of my ICT leadership role I am safety lead and have been trained as a CEOP ambassador and apple teacher. I feel that as Governor I am able to have an accurate insight into teaching and learning at Swansfield, assist with safety matters and support the staff and senior leadership team where needed.

More recently I have taken on the role of assistant head, helping to lead the school strategically with the school improvement plan and self review. Additionally, as part of my new role I lead assessment in school, I assist with special needs reviews and funding applications and am one of the designated safeguarding leads in school. Being part of the strategic committee, I feel I can come with a critical eye and challenge decisions when necessary but most importantly help lead our outstanding school further forward.

Seven years ago our family became complete in the arrival of our son who is extremely happy and content at Swansfield. As an appointed parent governor, I can help with the perspective of a parent, be a voice of the families and ensure our opinions and points of view on new decisions will be heard. In my spare time, I enjoy woodland walks, beach adventures and spending quality time with family friends. In conclusion, I feel that it is the right time to take on this greater role as a Governor. Making a difference to the lives of our lovely, hard working pupils at Swansfield and help make the school and community an even better place.