

# Governor Profile



## Who am I?

My name is Joe Baker-Heath and I am Head of School at Lakeside. I live with my husband Alan and my three children Lucas, Ebba and Joel. Lucas and Ebba are at school in Breaston where we live and Joel is at nursery near home.

## What are my interests?

My three children keep me very busy when I am not in school and we are always out and about experiencing something. I am a keen netball player and have played for a local Derby team 'Mandella' for the last 17 years. We play in two leagues within Derby and it is a great way to keep fit and have a bit of 'me' time.

## Where do I come from?

I was born and grew up in Derby, going to primary and secondary school in the City. I am the middle child with a younger sister and older brother. I went to university in Exeter to train to become a teacher. I lived for a term in Birmingham to gain experience of teaching within an inner city area as I have always been driven towards the diversity and challenge of an inner city school.

## How did I become involved in the school?

I started my teaching career at Dale Primary school in Normanton Derby. I learnt a great deal about the culture and faiths of the learners in this diverse school. I had grown up very close to the school but as I attended a Catholic primary and secondary school I had not experienced the rich culture on my doorstep.

After seven years at Dale I wanted to explore other areas of education. I had always had a passion for engaging learners for whom school was not always calm and often their behaviour would disrupt their learning. I was appointed to manage the Behaviour Improvement Programme Unit for the Local Authority to support learners with challenging behaviour and emotional needs to access education and cope with mainstream school. I worked closely with schools across the city to support their learners.

After 3 years I felt I needed to get back into mainstream education but I wanted to use my ever increasing experience with challenging behaviour. Coming to Lakeside in 2007 to run the nurture group was my ideal transition. I had the opportunity to bring my emotional and behavioural experience to support learners whilst directly integrating them back into the mainstream classroom.

Wanting to be more involved in the leadership and management of a mainstream school I was appointed as the school leader for Learning and Teaching in 2009. Since then I have strived to make LCPS a fantastic place for learners to experience an engaging rich curriculum so they can reach their true potential. In Jan 2016 I became Joint Acting Head alongside Louise Knibbs and from Sep 2017 I was appointed as the Head of School.

## When am I about?

You will find me out in the playground most mornings greeting our learners and parent/carers and on the main Gate on a Monday morning and Friday afternoon. Please stop me for a chat if you have any ideas about moving our school forward, how we can make our curriculum even better or you can offer school your own skills and talents to share with our learners or you have any concerns.

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