



Samantha Bland

I am a Parent Governor at Russell Hall. I have been part of the Governing Body since February 2016. I have a child in school who is currently in Class 1.

I am relatively new to Queensbury, moving here in August 2015. So far so good and enjoying being part of the community.

I have been involved with children and young people throughout my working life. I have worked and managed day nurseries. I have supported and worked closely with children and young people at time of crisis within my role working in refuges. Refuges for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. I have also worked with young people who displayed abusive behaviours in the home.

Currently my day job is supporting Parent Carers of children 0-16 with additional needs whether it be physical, emotional or medical needs. I also support Young Adult Carers, 16-25 yr old who have a caring role within the family or are impacted by a family member with additional needs.

Away from work, I am married and have two sons, my eldest is 19 and my youngest is 6. I have two dogs and three gold fish to add to the mix too.

I enjoy spending time with my family whether that be at home or out and about. As a family, we enjoy our walks with the dogs and cycling on the canal or Greenway. I am part of the local women's cycling club, Queensbury Queens of the Mountain Cycling Club. I try and keep myself fit and have just started running, running my first 10k just this year.

I wanted to be a part of the governing body to gain a clearer understanding of how our school ticks and to have some influence into how our children are taught and cared for whilst they are at Russell Hall. I am still getting my head around the role but hopefully it will be a role I can fulfill.