



**James Ellison**

**Chair of Governors**

Studied Physical Education at Carnegie College in Leeds from 1973-76. I then took up my first teaching job at Longbenton High school from 1976-1982. I then transferred to Dudley Middle school as Head of PE and stayed there until 1992 having undertaken a fellowship at Northumbria University in Community Education. I also gained a B Ed Hons in 1990 in the Financial Management of schools. I first served on a Governing Body back in 1990 and continued to be part of the Governing bodies in the schools I taught in right up to present date as a Teacher governor, Parent Governor and now as a NCC representative

In 1992 I gained promotion to Marden Bridge Middle school, where I was also responsible for the £2m lottery bid which resulted in the school gaining a new sportshall and astro pitch.

In 2005 I took up the post as Partnership Development Manager for Morpeth and Ponteland Schools. In 2011 I was asked to also run the Tynedale School Sports Partnership. In 2012 I was fortunate to be selected to help at the Olympic Games, working at the football coaching facility with the international teams who came to Newcastle. At the end of the summer I was selected to help at the Paralympics in the Olympic village, co-ordinating the training and fixtures for the coaches and athletes from the Sitting Volleyball competition.

After 41 years in teaching full time I finally retired from full time teaching in the summer of 2017 and now work as a consultant for Physical Education 1 day a week!

Married in 2002 to Dianna we have four children (Jonathon and Stephanie have come through Chollerton First school) and two grandchildren . We live in the village of Colwell in a house we built in 2009.