Name: Carol Bantock

Occupation: Retired Teacher

Present position on Board of Governors: Vice Chair

Now retired and semi released from Nana duties as my grandchildren are at or approaching school I am always looking out for ways in which I can put back into the community. This can be answering questionnaires on local matters, being a member of Accord and the NHS trust, a Cancer champion or a Cleethorpes Heritage steward.

My background is in education. As a class teacher, my experience was mainly in KS2 teaching across the years Y3 to Y6. In my latter years of teaching I also experienced working in KS1. Having worked for 23 years at Yarborough Junior as it was and Yarborough Academy as it became, you may imagine I have seen the school go through some challenging as well as successful times.

Throughout those years I have witnessed the hard work and loyalty shown by the different members of staff in all roles. To me, Yarborough Academy is a special place. I say jokingly that I am like a stick of rock and Yarborough is written inside me.

It never ceases to amaze me how the school embraces innovation and the present journey of immersive education is one that echoes my own deep seated belief that learning should be fun, learning should be meaningful and learning should be owned.

 As a governor I attend GAP meetings and take a close interest in teaching and learning. I am also happy to join the students on their educational visits. I feel my educational background gives me insight into how the academy functions and understand, support and challenge the school on its exciting journey

On my visits into school I experience joy, pride and humility at the students’ involvement in their learning. It is with a genuine sense of excitement I walk along corridors and into classrooms. I feel humble in the face of the commitment shown by the teaching staff developing and delivering an exciting, effective and immersive curriculum. I also acknowledge the inestimable commitment needed by the T A s and non teaching staff.

My grandchild is presently in the Nursery and I can see how the school impacts on her learning and experiences. I am proud to be still part of the Yarborough family and to be able to share this exciting journey. The academy is fortunate to have an inspirational leader with a strong SLT whose vision has the child at its centre.