My name is Rebecca Freeman and I was accepted as a co-opted governor in December 2019. I have two daughters at the school, currently in FS2 and KS1. It seems to me that Yarborough Academy is a trailblazer, seeking out and embracing new ways of thinking such as immersive learning, recognition not reward, fostering a nurturing environment, and working towards becoming a trauma responsive school.

I am the manager of the North East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership – a multi-agency statutory partnership which works to reduce crime and the fear of crime across North East Lincolnshire. My recent career history has had safeguarding at its heart, including coordinating the Partnership’s joint approach to domestic abuse, implementing a strategy to prevent vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism, and creating a referral pathway to support victims of modern day slavery.

My first role as a governor is to review how well the Pupil Premium grant is being spent by the school and the impact this has on outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. In addition I sit on the finance panel and am involved in reviewing school policies.

Outside of work I enjoy all types of craft, being outdoors in the sunshine, and visiting new places. I am thrilled to able to help shape the future of such a thriving school and look forward to working together with governors, staff, pupils and parents over the coming years.