Profile: Angelika Bowmer

It has been a privilege to be appointed as a Trust Governor at Woodlawn School, which is so inspirational and unique.

Whilst teaching in a mainstream school, I have always been in awe of Special Schools and members of staff who work there and how they do their job with so many challenges. Two years ago, I was seconded as a Science Lead Practitioner by North Tyneside Learning Trust, where I was informed that a vacancy became available at Woodlawn. To me this was a great opportunity to get to know the school more and to support everyone with the opportunities they provide for pupils there.

As well as being a Science Lead Practitioner and running Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Science Learning Partnership, I teach at Monkhouse Primary School. I enjoy teaching (especially science) as I get to try out new strategies and methods to help pupils learn. At Monkhouse, I am also a Science Subject Leader and I support teaching staff closely with their teaching of science. Another role of mine is to lead Outdoor Adventurous Play, where I ensure children get the chance to be creative, innovative and learn to take risks during play times.

I have been a governor since September 2023 and I am really enjoying my role. It is really helping me understand how schools operate, make important decisions, stay accountable and work towards achieving the best for their pupils.

I am married and have two young children, who keep me busy and amaze me regularly with the way they see the world. My favourite things to do are spending time with my family and friends, cycling, making things and doing jigsaw puzzles.