

Great Dalby Primary School Achieving Greatness, Together

Meet our Local Advisory Board

Debbie Hardy - Chair & Finance/SEN LAB Member

I'm very proud to be part of our LAB team for Great Dalby Primary school, I joined initially as a parent governor in 2020 and have lead roles in SEN (Special Educational Needs) & Finance.

I enjoy being a member of our PTA (FOGDs), who raise an incredible amount of much needed funds for our children and give their time to volunteer to help with jobs that don't have a budget. Our teachers also play a key PTA part in their own time, all credit to how much they care too.

I feel passionately about our school and wanted to pay back the huge improvement in my own son's development and happiness. I'm keen to do whatever it takes to make a positive difference for our children and help them achieve the best education, life skills, core values and thoroughly enjoy their school years. Immediately from the first school visit, we felt the warm, loving and inclusive environment from both staff and children, together with the super standard of teaching and school values.

My career background started in Finance, I'm a Chartered Management Accountant, moving into IT 21 years ago. I'm a senior director in Cloud Development, leading two global Infrastructure teams that look after data centres, plus other exciting projects and events. The LAB member opportunity has made me truly appreciate the incredible hard work and commitment behind the scenes, I'm very lucky to be part of this wonderful school and keen to use my skills and energy to support staff, LAB members, parents and the main stakeholders, our children.

Charlotte Mitchell - PSHE LAB Member

I am very proud to join the team as a parent LAB member for Great Dalby Primary School. I currently have two children at Great Dalby. It is an absolute joy to see how much they have grown in confidence and the progress the progress they have made since joining the school. The learning environment is very nurturing and as LAB member, I am enthusiastic to continue to develop this.

My career as a qualified teacher of 7 years' experience in a nearby Bradgate Education Partnership school means I am passionate about education. Over my career so far, I have led a variety of subjects including phonics, history, music and languages. I have taught a range of different year groups and most recently I have been a mentor for a student who is undertaking their teacher training. I care greatly about the outcomes and prospects of pupils as well as the development of the whole child.

Being a parent LAB member, I'm keen to ensure Great Dalby offers children a broad and rounded education, long lasting friendships and wonderful memories so in the future they will look back at their primary school years with great fondness. From my experience in education, I am very aware of the current issue schools are facing and will continue to support our school to meet those challenges.

Great Dalby is a brilliant school that provides excellent learning opportunities for their pupils. I look forward to supporting the school and seeing the school succeeding for many years to come.

Sarah Robb - Parent Governor

I am proud to be part of the Local Advisory Board for Great Dalby Primary School. I became a parent governor in 2024 to contribute to the ongoing success of the school and support the community that has welcomed my family so warmly. I have witnessed the dedication of the staff and the inclusive environment that fosters growth, learning, and joy for all pupils.

My professional background includes over 20 years of experience in the school meals industry, where I worked closely with organizations such as LACA (School Food People) to promote the importance of school meals for children's health and well-being. I am also a qualified I fitness instructor, deeply committed to advocating for fitness and mental health in our community.

My work includes creating engaging community fitness initiatives, running local projects such as community gardens, and leading mental health awareness campaigns.

Through my role I aim to bring my expertise in community engagement, strategic planning, and well-being to ensure the school continues to thrive. I am especially passionate about fostering strong links between the school and the wider community, ensuring all children have access to enriching opportunities and feel supported in their educational journey.

If you have any questions or suggestions, I'm always happy to connect and support where I can.