

## IAN BLANCHARD

### GETTING TO KNOW OUR GOVERNORS

I am delighted to be introducing myself as a school governor at Molescroft Primary School. It's fair to say that I am very new to this role, however I am learning, questioning and gaining lots of experiences and more importantly enjoying the positive school environment.

I am self-employed running my own education, training and mentoring consultancy. I also work part time for a new company, Athena Aspire working with the long term unemployed offering support, guidance and help. I have been involved in Adult Education for some 31 years, predominantly in the Police Service and more recently in Sport.



I have always loved all sports, particularly football and before setting up my own business I worked at The FA (Football Association) as the Head of Referees (Grassroots). I was an Assistant Referee operating in the Football and Premier Leagues and I still referee in the local Youth Leagues.

I am married to Wendy and we live in Molescroft. Between us we have 5 children and 5 grandchildren.

I am a great believer that as parents/adults we need to provide a safe, positive and an engaging environment in which all children have an opportunity to grow and learn. I am certainly learning a lot about school life, curriculums, teaching and school governance. It is important that as a school governor I am involved in supporting, helping and facilitate the development of the school.