

## Governor Profile



**Name:** Emma Smith

**Type of Governor:** Deputy Headteacher

**Why I want to be a Governor at Russell Hall:** Russell Hall is an amazing school and it's a real privilege to work with such fantastic staff and children. From my first visit to Russell Hall to look around, I knew I wanted to work here as it has such a lovely, family feel to it. I want to play my part in helping the school in its continued improvement journey, so that all pupils achieve their full potential and excel.

**Background:** I have been a teacher at Russell Hall since January 2022. I trained to teach in Sheffield where I am from before moving to work in West Yorkshire in 2013. I have taught in both Bradford and Calderdale teaching right across the primary age range. This has enabled me to understand the journey children go on throughout their time in primary school.

**Skills and areas of interest:** As well as loving my role as a class teacher, I have always shown an interest in leadership and developing my role as a leader. In the past, I have led a range of subjects such as computing and maths and currently I lead English across school. I am the DSL at Russell Hall and I am also extremely passionate about my role as designated teacher for looked after and previously looked after children. I have developed many leadership qualities over the years and I am always looking to reflect on my practice, take on new challenges.

**Hobbies:** In my spare time, I love to spend time with my family and friends. This often involves following Sheffield Wednesday around the country (not usually successfully) and spending time walk my dog. I enjoy travelling too and love to explore new places but Italy is my absolute favourite!