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|  **Name**  | **Megan Nottingham** |
| Category of governor  |  Foundation Governor (Link Governor for SEN) |
| Term of office  | June 2023 – June 2027 |
| Business / work  | SVP Centre Management (St Vincent de Paul Society - Third Sector) |
| Governance experience  | This is my first time in the role of a school governor. I trust that my experience in Research and Teaching in Higher Education (Architecture and Planning) and management skills equip me well to the role of a Foundation Governor.  |
| Hobbies and interests  | Together with my little family I enjoy outdoors, skiing, and hiking. A good book and tendering to the plants growing in my garden are my go-to escape choice taking me away from the busy work schedules.  |
| Links to the school/area  | I moved to the area from Nottingham, where I lived and lectured at the University of Nottingham since 2009. In 2019 I accepted a lecturing post at Newcastle University, however, the Covid pandemic gave me an opportunity to revisit my work-life priorities. Since 2023 I look after the SVP Deaf Centre Newcastle, where I work inclusively with the Deaf and Hearing communities.  |
| Why did you become a governor?  | The school belongs to St. Bede’s Parish, where I attend weekly masses and serve as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister and a Sacristan. I became a governor because I deeply care about the community and the children that are coming up into our future.The school also holds close links with the SVP through their involvement with the Mini Vinnies.It is my pleasure to support the staff and children of St. Bede’s in their endeavour to offer the best possible start to life and education.  |