

Lynn Watson



**Position:** Chair of Trustees

**Term of Office Start Date:** 23/01/2017

**Appointed by:** Member Appointed

**Term of Office End Date:** 22/01/2025

**Personal details:**

I began teaching in nursery education and trained as a Registered Nursery Ofsted inspector before taking up a leadership post as a Deputy Head teacher in a Newcastle special school. Prior to my retirement, in 2018, I worked for 18 years as a special school Head teacher and two years as the Director of Education for the Percy Hedley Foundation. I have held positions as a National Leader in Education, a Trustee of Schools North East and a mainstream academy Trust and lead manager of a Teaching School alliance. My work has included representing SEND on the DfE Secondary Reference Group where the role involved advising on changes to education policy. I have worked with political parties on special interests' groups and delivered key note speeches at national and international conferences.

My present role is School Improvement Partner for a local authority.

**Key skill area:**

I have particular expertise in leadership, early years education and assessment of special needs. I have a wealth of experience working with primary aged mainstream children and special needs children aged 2 to 19 years of age.

**Trustee responsibilities:**

Chair of Standards Committee