



HIGHER FAILSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Meet the Governors – Samantha Forster

My name is Samantha Forster and I am incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of Higher Failsworth Primary School.

I joined the school in April 2008 as Deputy Headteacher and became Headteacher in September 2020. Throughout my time at Higher Failsworth, I have had the opportunity to teach across the school, from Nursery through to Year 6. This has given me a real understanding of our children, our families and what makes our school such a special place to be.

I feel extremely fortunate and privileged to lead Higher Failsworth and remain fully committed to our school vision: **To Learn, Respect, Enjoy, Achieve and Be Healthy Together.** I believe that children thrive when they feel happy, valued and supported, and that their wellbeing is just as important as their academic success.

Outside of school, I have two children, my son who is 24 and my daughter who is 21. Much of my spare time is spent watching them pursue their sporting ambitions and celebrating their achievements. Seeing their journeys has reinforced for me the importance of confidence, resilience and positive mental wellbeing alongside academic achievement.

I have also been married to my husband for 25 years and, despite the occasional challenge, I still enjoy spending time with him! We are also very lucky to have Bruce, our Labrador, who brings us an enormous amount of joy, love and, occasionally, chaos.

I feel very lucky to have spent so many years as part of the Higher Failsworth family and am incredibly proud of our children, our staff and our wider school community.