

Maria Smith

Community Trustee



Profile

I first visited Ryders Hayes in 2015 and was instantly taken back by how inclusive and committed the entire team were to helping children be the best they could be and have the best start. Joining the Trust Board as a Community Trustee in 2017 gave me the chance to offer an input into challenging changes and encouraging new ideas that enable the core principles of the school to develop and continue to improve building on the many outstanding qualities I first saw on my first visit.

Ryders Hayes is the first school I have been a Trustee of. Their complete openness in accepting me simply echoed the chances they take on the children in the school, working to encourage and include everyone. I am also a Member of the Teaching and Learning Committee and see just how new challenges are adapted to and how growth on all levels is encouraged for both pupils and staff.

I completed my degree at the University of Birmingham and now work within the local community. I understand how important academia is alongside personal and social development which aims to equip children with the skills they need to become rounded participants in the wider world.

I am passionate that every child deserves the chance to find their UPS and nurture their talents whatever they may be. Therefore, it really is a privilege to be a Community Trustee and play such a small part in this. The children of Ryders Hayes are the future of our community and I am proud to be a part of the team working hard to make sure that everyone really can “be the best that they can be.”