

Mike Cockburn – Chair of Trustees - July 2023

I have been Chair of Trustees at Hilbre since 2019, having been a trustee since 2017. Both of my children have studied at Hilbre, with daughter still there and starting year 11 in September. I feel privileged to be able to work with my fellow trustee to support the school, its students and staff, to create the best learning experience. I am a senior manager at Wirral Council with over 30 years' experience of working in local government, having led a range of services including the managed environment, community engagement and sports & leisure. My current role involves leading the council's response to the declared climate change emergency and drive to create an attractive and sustainable environment across Wirral. A key element of this work involves changing behaviour and the way people view their local environment.

I hope that I can use my experience to help the school and its senior leadership team to move forward on our continued journey to excellence. One of the key issues I will support the school on over the coming year is the transition to join the Oak Trees Multi Academy Trust.

Outside of work I like to keep fit, taking part in triathlons and enjoy swimming, running and cycling. My family and I live locally to the school in West Kirby and love living in Wirral.