

## Press release template – national leader of governance

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### **Nottingham City, Bilborough School Governor chosen for key school support role**

Jill Wilkinson of Portland Spencer Academy has been selected for a top role supporting schools in challenging circumstances by helping them to improve school governance.

Jill joins just under 500 other chairs of governors in being appointed as a national leader of governance.

National leaders of governance are highly effective chairs of governors who support chairs of governors in other schools. They use their knowledge and experience to help others to develop school governance capacity and expertise. They often work in partnership with other schools leaders including headteachers appointed as national leaders of education.

The type of support provided is flexible and tailored to meet the needs of each individual school, and can involve helping a chair of governors who is new to the role or joining an interim governing body when a school is facing significant difficulties.

Jill Wilkinson, Portland Spencer Academy, Bilborough, said:

*"I am absolutely delighted to have been awarded this accolade. Having grown up in the Bilborough ward, my community ties are still very strong and I am passionate that all children can achieve their dreams and be successful. This follows a great year, with a superb Ofsted Inspection in January and this summer's outcomes which are fantastic for the children and the school. The team at Portland work incredibly hard and deserve congratulating. As the Chair, I am part of a team of Governors who provide high challenge along with high support and who give a great deal of their time to ensure the school is the best it can be".*

Roger Pope, Chair of the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL), said:

*"I'd like to congratulate Jill Wilkinson of Portland Spencer Academy on being appointed as a national leader of governance. They should be very proud of this achievement.*

*"We all greatly appreciate school governors for volunteering their own time to help a local school. Our national leaders of governance go a step further, by also volunteering to help additional schools, ensuring a good standard of education for all our pupils. National leaders of governance are at the forefront of helping to develop future generations of school governors, and at NCTL we want to do all we can to support their valuable work."*

Successful national leaders of governance will be invited to attend a national induction event.

**Notes to editors:**

For further information contact Jill Wilkinson on 0115 9155747.

The National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) is an executive agency of the Department for Education.

NCTL has responsibility for the appointment of national leaders of governance and the quality of the NLG programme. There are now just under 500 NLGs across England.

For more information about the national leader of governance programme visit:

<https://nctl.blog.gov.uk/category/school-led-system/nlg/>

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