



Marple Hall School



I am very proud to be link Governor to Marple Hall's LGBT+ community. I never cease to be amazed by the maturity and honesty displayed by the students that attend their fortnight social group. The group is made up of several inspiring and dedicated members of staff and pupils from all year groups. It is very diverse and fully inclusive welcoming everyone. It provides a safe and supportive space for students to share experiences and ideas to raise awareness of challenges and issues facing the LGBTQ+ community.



Students are free to speak their minds and there is a real sense of unity and acceptance for all. They organise many events throughout the year to raise their profile and student awareness, the flag flies proudly outside Marple Hall and rainbow colours are painted on various bricks around the buildings.



Many staff wear Pride lanyards and there are regular informative assemblies shared with all year groups. Questions are always encouraged and welcomed, I strongly believe the very existence of this group and the positive profile they have created has reduced homophobic bullying as students are more educated and therefore accepting of the LGBT+ community.



I feel very privileged to be involved with this inspiring group whose main messages are to always be inclusive, be proud of who you are and ultimately to be kind to yourself and others.



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The Marple Hall Spirit

## Our Community — Our Future

**A place of excellence where learners are proud of their school and confident of success**

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