

St Nicholas C of E Primary School A Brief Summary of the Role of a Governor & who our Governors are

Our Governors are representatives of the local community, parents, school staff and local authority. They bring a wide range of interests, knowledge and skills to the school and they all work in a voluntary capacity. The role of the Governing Board is to provide strategic management and to act as a "critical friend", supporting the work of the headteacher and other staff. Schools generally have a delegated budget to cover salaries, running costs, maintenance and equipment; the Governing Board is responsible for this budget. Governors also have a role in monitoring the school's progress and in setting annual targets for the school's performance. As a Voluntary Aided school, St Nicholas C of E Primary School is its own admissions authority which means the Governing Board sets the admissions policy, makes admission decisions and defends admission appeals.

Our Governing Board is made up of 12 members which includes 7 Foundation Governors, 2 Parent Governors, the Headteacher, 1 Staff Governor & 1 Local Authority Governor. The Governing Board meets twice per term; committees meet as and when required throughout the year. Governors make regular visits into school and have access to training to help them undertake their role.

- Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese.
- Parent Governors are elected by parents of children at the school.
- The Headteacher is ex-officio, so is automatically on the Governing Board.
- Staff Governors are elected by the school staff and must be employed at the school.
- Local Authority Governors are nominated by the local authority and appointed by the Governing Board.

Governors are appointed for a four year term. The Chair and Vice Chair are appointed annually. Individual Governors also take on specific responsibilities e.g. linked to a subject area such as literacy or numeracy, or a focus area such as special educational needs or safeguarding.

Please note, we currently have vacancies for 2 foundation governors.





Mr Stephen Dunstan - Chair of Governors
Local Authority Governor
End of term of office: 21/11/2020
Pay Committee
Health & Safety Governor



Mr Bill Greene - Vice Chair of Governors
Foundation Governor
End of term of office: 13/03/2022
Performance Management Committee
Pupil Premium Governor
SEND Governor
Safeguarding Governor



Father Martin Daniels
Foundation Ex-Officio
End of term of office: continuous
Pay Committee
RE Governor





Mr David Barnes
Foundation Governor
End of term of office: 14/09/2023
Performance Management Committee
Safeguarding Governor
Pupil Premium Governor
GDPR Governor



Mrs Susan Hauff
Foundation Governor
End of term of office: 15/01/2024
Pupil Admissions Committee



Mrs Carolene Sargeant
Foundation Governor
End of term of office: 29/04/2020
Pupil Admissions Committee
Early Years & KS1 Governor
SEND Governor
RE Governor





Mrs Elizabeth Wearden
Foundation Governor
End of term of office: 13/03/2022
Performance Management Committee
PE Premium Governor



Mrs Claire Van Deurs Goss

Parent Governor

End of term of office: 19/05/2021

Attendance / Behaviour & Safety Governor

KS2 Governor

Community Link Governor



Mrs Lisa Chetter

Parent Governor

End of term of office: 14/05/2021

Training Link Governor





Miss Claire Taylor

Acting Headteacher (Ex Officio)

End of term of office: continuous

Pupil Admissions Committee



Miss Gemma Ramsden
Staff Governor
End of term of office: 05/02/2021
Pupil Admissions Committee
Training Link Governor

Please Note: Pupil Discipline, Staff Discipline, Dismissal, Grievance, Complaints and any appeals are dealt with by the first three available, untainted Governors not employed by the school.