

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
Governor Personal Statements
Academic Year 2021-2022



Mr J Ismay - Chair of Governors.

My involvement with St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School stems from my joint beliefs which are "rooted in children as our future" and we must do as best we can to help/support their education and to "follow the Catholic/Christian belief in following Christ", his example to us all, and seeing his values passed on to our children.

I have no professional experience in education other than my own personal time at school as a pupil and that of my own children, who are now grown up. I do subscribe to the need to help our parish school thrive and understand that all schools have to be governed.

To be able to support the senior management team and staff is a privilege and if, in some small measure I can be of service, I will continue to do so.

Father P Clarke - Foundation Governor and Parish Priest

Hello, it's Father Peter, I've been a priest for 26 years and the last 7 have been at St Bernadette's. It's great to be a part of such a wonderful school, which is an integral part of St Bernadette's Parish.

Mrs J Farrell - Local Authority Governor-Vice Chair

I have been a governor representing the Local Authority for 3 years at St Bernadette's. I am really proud to be a part of the school community as St Bernadette's is such a wonderful school.

I am also the local councillor so it's brilliant to be able to support my local school and the children. It's important to me that every child can achieve their full potential and I feel very privileged that I can play a small part to help them to succeed. I also have a particular interest in safeguarding and I have completed the safeguarding & safer recruitment training.

Mr F Kelly - Parent Governor

My name is Frank Kelly. I have been a Parent Governor since February 2019. My child is in Year 6. I have been a Parishioner of St Bernadette's from 2002.



Mrs L Robins - Parent Governor

As a professional working within the health and social care sector I have good knowledge and understanding of our schools aims and objectives. I feel I can contribute to the success of the school and offer support and guidance where appropriate. My particular skills aim to support safeguarding procedures, recruitment and retention and quality assurances. St Bernadette's provides a positive and loving environment for children to flourish and excel which attracted me to become a parent governor of the school.

Mrs D Duke - Staff Governor and Family Support Worker/Designated Safeguarding Lead

My role at St Bernadette's is Family Support worker and Designated Safeguarding Lead My role is wide and varied, and includes -

Attendance and Pastoral care for children, families, and staff members

I have been on the Governing Body as an Associated Governor for several years. I am happy to be able to represent the staff members on the Governing Body.

My hobbies and interests are reading, my grandchildren, knitting, sewing and travel

I am a member of my church PCC as safeguarding officer

I am secretary of a local branch of the Royal Air Force Association.

I became a Governor to give the staff a voice on the Governing Body, to support the Governors in ensuring that the school is accountable and giving the best service to the families and children of St Bernadette's

Miss J Greenhalgh - Associate Governor, Assistant Headteacher and Year 6 Teacher

Having taught at St. Bernadette's for over seven years, I am proud to work in a school which has such a positive, inclusive ethos. As the Year Six teacher, I feel privileged to support children and parents in their last year at primary school and prepare them for the next stage of their academic journey. My other roles include Assistant Head Teacher, Key Stage One Leader, Maths Subject Leader and PSHE Subject Leader. I am an active member of St Bernadette's Catholic Church as a Sacristan and Reader. Alongside being an Associate Governor, these roles afford me the opportunity to work with the whole school community. In my spare time, I love walking my lovable Labrador, Teddy, who is extremely mischievous and keeps me on my toes!