

Meet our Governors!

Cath Collinson (Chair)

I have been a parent governor at St Agnes Primary for over 5 years since being re-elected into a second term, which has allowed me to experience varying duties on the Governing Body and play an active part in my community. I am currently Link Governor for literacy and serve on two Committees. All 3 of my children currently attend St Agnes. I really enjoy seeing the impact the Governing body has on all our children's educational experience and helping them to achieve their potential.

Lesley Gutteridge (Co-opted Governor)(Vice Chair)

I have worked as a Primary School teacher from leaving College and have a wide experience from Nursery through to Year 6. I have worked in a range of settings and with diverse communities. During the last ten years of my career I was a Headteacher and thus have some understanding of School Leadership. I am now retired from teaching. Currently I am Chair of the Finance and Resource Committee ensuring, with my colleagues, that the school provides good value for money in the education of your child. I am also the Safeguarding link governor and undertake regular check and challenge meetings with senior school staff.

(Ex-Officio Governor)

Helen Thompson (Foundation Governor)

Having benefited from state education, I am very proud to be on the Governing Body of St Agnes CE Primary. I am a Foundation governor (that is, appointed by St Agnes Church) I am an active member of the church and live locally. After living abroad for a number of years, I returned to my home town of Manchester, where I have been working for a Further Education college teaching ESOL for the last 18 years. As well as being the Chair of Governors, I sit on all the committees of our Governing Body working as part of a team to ensure our children have the best possible start in life.

Charlie Mok (Co-opted Governor)

I am the LA governor at St. Agnes. I work in the public sector and am keen on driving the social justice agenda. I would like to see school resources used effectively so our children can learn in a safe and supportive environment. I hope all our children will lead fulfilling and meaningful lives, and be an inspiration to others.

Afeefah Ali (Community Governor)

I am very pleased to undertake my first governor role at St Agnes'. The school has been very important to my family since the sixties when my mother attended, followed by myself and my siblings more recently. St Agnes is an important part of the local community and I am delighted to be able to give back to the very place I started my educational career, which propelled me forward to a successful career as a scientist. I look forward to working in committees and doing my best to help the school in any way possible over the coming years.

Iram Ahmed (Staff Governor)

I am the Staff Governor at St.Agnes and am able to take any staff concerns to the governing body and feedback any relevant information to the staff . I have worked at the school for 26 years as a Teaching Assistant and have a good insight in the day today running of the school and have good relationships with all staff and pupils alike. This then enables me to provide a lot of communication within school and provide positive support within my role.

Mteen Din (Parent Governor)

I wanted to be more active in my children's schooling and the environment they will be growing up in. I took the steps to become a Parent Governor as I wanted to be a part of the very fabric that makes the school what it is. Together, we can provide a supportive, caring environment where the children can learn and achieve their potential. Currently I am the Link Governor in Humanities. My aim is to aid in the process of positive change; moving with the times, all the while respecting and maintaining the values at St Agnes. I will do my best in the roles, working closely with the rest of the governing body.

Myra Sheiakh (Parent Governor)

As a parent myself, I care deeply about the education and happiness of all children at our school. I wanted to become a Parent Governor to help make sure we provide the best possible start in life for all our children, not just my own and that parents' perspectives are represented in decisions about their education.

I bring to this role a friendly, constructive approach and a willingness to listen, learn and ask questions on behalf of the parent community. I'm committed to working alongside the governing body and school leadership to help create a thriving, supportive environment where every child can achieve their full potential.

Murshid Jahan (Parent Governor)

As a dedicated parent governor, I am passionate about ensuring a brighter future for our children. Having spent years involved with local children's groups, I have witnessed firsthand the impact of COVID-19 on young people and the increased need for support. This experience motivated me to contribute more to the community and work towards positive change. I am committed to collaborating with my fellow governors to make a lasting difference. My vision is to see St. Agnes Primary School recognised as one of the most successful state schools in Manchester, where every child has the opportunity to thrive.