

Meet our Governing Body!

Helen Thompson – Chair of governing body

Having benefitted 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.

Reverend Eugenia Adoyo – Foundation governor

As the Rector of St Agnes Church, I am a foundation governor and it is wonderful to attend St Agnes' assemble where a majority of children are from other faiths but are able to appreciate the diversity of faiths and the ethos of Church of England Schools. I worked at Christ Church Southwark in London, then in the Parish of the Divine Compassion in Plaistow, East London and before coming to Manchester I was at St Michael and all Angels Ramsey, (near Harwich) where I was involved in two church of England schools; Two village C of E School and All Saints C of E School. Plus occasionally helping with assembles in none C of E schools, Mayflower and Spring Meadow. I love to see children develop and excel in life and being a governor gives me that opportunity.

Margaret – Foundation governor

Lesley Gutteridge - Co-opted governor.

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.

Charlie Mok – Co-opted governor

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

Cath Collinson - Vice Chair; Parent Governor

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.

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.

Aurangzeb Farooq – Parent governor



I have been a Parent Governor since March 2016. I studied mathematics at university, obtaining a first class in his bachelors, and 2 post graduate masters in mathematics. I have been employed at an Engineering organisation since 2008 that provides consultancy and safety services to the civil and defence nuclear sectors. I am a qualified Project Manager (IPMA Level C) and a qualified Proposal Manager (CP APMP). I have worked as a Thermal Hydraulic Consultant and Project Manager; currently I work as a Bid Manager in the Business Development function of my organisation.

I am also a Private Tutor in mathematics, and have been teaching 11+, GCSE and A-Level students over the past 16 years.

Zeb is married with 5 children, 4 of whom attend St Agnes C.E. Primary School.

Anwar Gulzar – Parent governor

I was selected as a parent governor for St Agnes as my child went to the school. I wanted to do more so I opted to get involved as a governor, bring years of experience of the local area and being part of a good school. I am very proud to be part of St Agnes' school as the head and staff are all hard working, doing the best for the children they teach. I'm a proud parent.

Sarah Oxley – Staff governor

I joined the team at St Agnes in 2016, teaching in Year 2. I have taught across the primary age range for 10 years in a number of different schools. I completed a Primary Mathematics Specialist Teacher course in 2014 which has been useful in my role as Mathematics lead at St Agnes. I also have responsibility for assessment across the school; ensuring that our assessment practices are robust and refined to support the progress of all children.