

Meet our Governors!

Helen Thompson (Chair)

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.

Cath Collinson (Vice 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.

Margaret Taylor (Ex-Officio Governor)

My name is Margaret Taylor and I am the Ex-Officio Governor (appointed by St Agnes' Church). I have been in this role for around 30 years and have seen the school through many changes. You may have seen my name written on a plaque in school because I was given the honour, together with the former Head Teacher, Phil Smith, of formally opening our lovely new building.

I have been retired for 15 years after working mainly in hospital laboratories diagnosing viral infections. One of my favourite places was when I worked in a Veterinary Research Laboratory in Kenya for 5 years.

I love being a governor at St Agnes and hearing about the exciting things the school does and all the hard work that the children and staff put in.

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 am 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.

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.

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. As assistant head, I also have responsibility for a phase and assessment across the school; ensuring that our assessment practices are robust and refined to support the progress of all children.

Muna Chowdhury (Parent Governor)

I am currently serving as parent governor, with responsibility for finance and the maths curriculum. Working as a development and finance officer in local community welfare organisations, I understand how important knowledge and education is in life. I have seen how educating and helping people in the local community improves their lives. I believe St Agnes plays a key role in the development of our local community and I'm very much keen on helping wherever possible to raise the standards of our children. Helping prepare them well for the future with high confidence and ambition to do well.

Bunnessa Haque (Parent Governor)

Currently I am working as one of the lunchtime organisers in St. Agnes and I have joined the governing body as a parent governor in February 2020. I wanted to gain insight into decision making of the school as it all impacts on the learning of our children. I think it is extremely important that access to a good education in a safe and healthy environment is a priority. I am also one of the Link Governors for Curriculum, which I am excited about. So far I am enjoying being a governor and love seeing the hard work everyone does to keep St Agnes going.

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.