**Members of our Governing Body**

There are fifteen Governors in total. Eight are appointed by the Archbishop –

these are called Foundation Governors. Three Governors are elected, two by the

parents and one by the staff and one is appointed by the Local Authority. One co-opted governor and one associate.

**Foundation Governors**

Anne Thompson– Chair of Governors (Headteacher performance management, staffing, Catholic life, Childcare. Safeguarding and SEND governor)

Mrs Jacqueline Davies (chair of Childcare, Curriculum and standards, Headteacher performance management and Pupil premium and English Link governor)

Mr Simon Godwin (Catholic life and Pastoral care and finance and buildings Computing link governor)

Mrs Madeline Gorman (chair of Curriculum and standards, catholic life RE link governor)

Mr Louis Walmsley

Mrs Joanna Graban (Finance and appeals committees, Art/DT link governor)

Mr Robert Crilly

Mrs Joanne Tyzzer

**Elected Parent Governors**

Mr Ben Adams – Vice Chair of Governors (Chair of Catholic life, curriculum and standards Maths and science link governor)

Mrs Vickie Higginbottom – (Childcare and curriculum committees and History/geography link governor)

**Elected Staff Governor**

Mrs Anna Evans (Finance and curriculum committees)

**Nominated Local Authority Governor**

Mr Carl Pegg (finance and staffing committees, Leadership and management and French Link governor)

**Headteacher**

Mrs Claire Faulkner (all committees)

**Co-opted Governor**

Mrs Karen McGowan (finance and buildings, appeals and staffing committees, music and PE link governor)

**Associate Governor**

Mr Simon Alexander (school Finance officer) (Finance and Buildings, childcare)

**Clerk to the Governors**

Mr Peter Davies

**Anne Thompson – Chair of governors: Foundation Governor: Appointed February 2019**

I would like to introduce myself to you as the Chair of our Governing Body, a position I took up in June 2022.  I have been a governor since January 2019. I have been a volunteer in the school since January 2018 so I feel I know the school well.  
I am impressed by the care, dedication and hard work of all the staff, the support and commitment of parents and the positive response of the pupils. It is a very happy school underpinned by kindness and a desire to see all children reaching their potential. The values of our Catholic faith are demonstrated and lived on a daily basis in school life.  
At the time of writing in July 2022, the major challenge for the school next year will be making a smooth transition into a Multi-Academy Trust with several other schools, in line with the policy of the Diocesan Education Service and the government. Governors want to reassure parents the education of their children will not suffer during this period of change. I also want to note that the school continues to recognise the after-effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on our children. I know that staff will carry on supporting them in catching up on the missed aspects of school life.  
As Governors, we are very involved with the work of the school, trying to attend school functions and to be a visible presence in the school, promoting its work. Governors are appointed to ensure that objectives are met, that the Catholic ethos remains strong and that planning is both forward-looking and realistic.  
We are here to encourage, advise and support the head teacher and the staff in achieving our aims. I am available to parents and carers for any matters relating to the school and can be contacted via the school office.

**Ben Adams (Vice Chair of Governors) Parent governor: appointed April 2018 (wife: Mrs L Adams is a P/T in the school)**

I feel very privileged to be a governor at SS Peter and Paul RC school, I am proud to be part of the school community.  I am a parent of two children in the school and am a teacher by profession.  I have worked in various schools as both a pastoral and curriculum leader.  My current role is Lead Practitioner for Mathematics across the Mercian Trust which takes me to a number of schools offering support and helping to drive improvements.

I have a strong personal commitment to seeing students of all ages, including my own; enjoy, develop and excel in every aspect of their school journey.  I live locally and am a practicing Catholic, attending masses in Lichfield.  I love to see the students in our school community develop academically, socially and spiritually and leave school with a readiness to cope with the challenges that they will face in their next steps

**Louis Walmsley Foundation governor: appointed;1987**

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I am a professional engineer (semi-retired) having worked in a range of manufacturing and transportation industries for fifty years and have specialised in operational safety for the last twenty years.

Since moving to Lichfield in 1986 my family has had five children attending SS Peter & Paul’s school.

I have been a Governor at SS Peter & Paul for over 30 years being Vice Chair of the Governing Body and Chair of the Finance & Premises Committee for most of that time.

Throughout this time, I have always been impressed by the dedication and hard work of all the staff, the support and commitment of parents and the positive response of the pupils. It is a very happy school, setting the highest standards and I am proud to be associated with it. This has been a consistent feature of the school which we, as governors, strive to nurture.

I am committed to helping the school continually evolve and improve to benefit the children in our care.

**Jacqueline Davies – Foundation Governor: appointed December 1996**

I have had four children who have attended SS Peter & Paul’s school over a

period of 22 years so I have seen the school change and develop over the years.

I was initially attracted to the school because of the family atmosphere;

everyone knew each child as an individual, cared for them and wanted to ensure

their success academically and personally. This has been a consistent feature of

the school which we, as governors, strive to nurture.

I currently chair the Childcare committee and am also involved

in performance management.

I am committed to helping the school continually evolve and improve to benefit

the children in our care.

**Simon Godwin – Foundation Governor: appointed November 2015**

I have lived in Lichfield for the last seventeen years. I have two children. My

eldest is now in Year 11, having previously attended

SS Peter and Paul from nursery all the way through to Year 6. My youngest is

currently in Year 6 having attended the school from nursery. I have been

employed at Stafford Grammar School for many years and am currently

Head of Religious Studies. I also teach ICT. Previous to this I taught RE at

Blessed William Howard, Stafford and Cardinal Griffin, Cannock.

My wife and I have been very pleased with the Catholic education both our

children have received at SS Peter and Paul and the commitment of all the

staff. It is a privilege to support the school as a governor.

**Carl Pegg –Local Authority governor: appointed December 2019**

I was delighted to be appointed as a local authority governor at SS Peter and Paul Catholic School in early 2020. My career to date has seen me work in various public service settings including further education, local government and central government. I am married and as my two children are former pupils of the school, I realise how important it is for pupils to receive the very highest standards of education possible in their early school years and beyond. I have a strong personal commitment to improving the standards of education for all young people and to lifelong learning generally. As a local resident for ten years, I am honoured to be able to play a part in ensuring the young children in our community receive the very best educational experience at SS Peter and Paul Catholic School

**Madeline Gorman – Foundation Governor: Appointed July 2018**

Originally from Manchester I came to the Midlands in 1969 to train as a Primary School teacher at Newman College of Education in Birmingham. I came to live in Lichfield in 1976 and so began a very long and happy association with St Peter and St Paul’s School. My three children attended the school during the 1980’s and I taught at the school from 1986 until my retirement in 2008. During that time I taught in year 3 and 4 and was very privileged over a number of years to prepare children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Although now retired from teaching I have continued to maintain links with the school as a volunteer. Since 2018 I have served on the governing body as a foundation governor and sit on the Catholic Life Committee and Curriculum and Standards Committee.

**Karen McGowan – Associate governor : appointed November 2019 (daughter: Mrs Cribbett is a F/T TA in the school)**

I first became a Governor at Ss P&P in 1999, when 2 of my 4 children were still at the school. I resigned from the Governing Body in 2016 and very recently returned in June 2019 – this school has a way of drawing us all back!

Having qualified as a nurse in 1986 I have had a very diverse career in the NHS, which I believe has provided me with a breadth of skills that I use as a Governor to support the role of critical friend. As a nursing practitioner I worked as a Night Sister covering St Michaels, Hammerwich Hospital and the Victoria and then latterly, also as an Emergency Nurse Practitioner in the Minor Injuries Unit at the Vic. I came out of uniform in 2003, and have since held the following roles in our local NHS organisations; Head of Training and Development, Business Manager, Planning and Organisational Development Lead, Head of Governance, and Deputy Chief Nurse and Deputy Director of Quality. In 2015, I took up a post as Deputy Chief Nurse in Southern Derbyshire. I became a very proud grandmother in 2018 and so returned to Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, initially to oversee Continuing Healthcare and now as Head of Nursing, Quality and Patient Safety, working compressed hours so I could spend one day a week with my grandchild.

I have held a number of Board positions in my NHS role; on the South Staffordshire Care Workforce Partnership (SSCWP) and Clinical Commissioning Group representing the Chief Nurse, and also as a Trustee on the Friends2Friends Learning Disability Group in Lichfield and a Foundation Governor at St Francis Of Assisi Catholic Academy for a number of years.

I have always had a keen interest in learning, working as an NVQ Assessor at the former Sutton College and then completing an MSc and PgDip once I turned 40! I am currently a published author and collaborator with Birmingham City University on studies involving healthcare.

My faith is very important to me having been raised as a Catholic and so ensured my children had a catholic secondary education and the very best primary education at SS Peter and Paul’s school, for which I am very grateful and very proud.

**Simon Alexander – co-opted governor : Appointed February 2018**

Simon is the school’s finance officer and sits on the governing body as advisor on finance related to the schools budget.

**Vickie Higginbottom – Parent governor Appointed January 2022**

**Joanna Graban -Foundation governor appointed July 2022**

I came to the UK from Poland 16 years ago. I have a bachelor's degree in business with a specialisation in accounting. Since arriving in the UK, I have worked my way up to working as an IT Functional Consultant for a company that provides software for warehouses.

Being an immigrant allows me to understand the problems which parents face when starting their lives living in another country with a new culture and new language.

I have the interests of St Peter’s & St Paul’s very much at heart and would like to be involved in the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, in whatever ways are helpful to the school community.

**Joanne Tizzer – Foundation governor appointed May 2023**

I am delighted to be joining SS Peter & Paul’s governing body and hope to share the experience I have gained in working across the public sector for over 35 years to benefit the school community.

I was born in Hartlepool in the northeast of England before moving to the Midlands to attend university. I have lived in Lichfield for over 33 years, I am married, have two grown up sons and both my husband and I are now retired.

Following university, I trained as a public sector accountant and worked in a variety of finance related roles in local government for over 20 years. In later years I worked in consultancy and commissioning of programmes to bring about large-scale regeneration of areas that have suffered from major economic downturns and more recently in direct delivery of services across a range of services including Property Maintenance and development including the delivery of large-scale school new build and remodelling programmes as well as planned maintenance and response repairs programmes.

**Robert Crilly foundation governor Appointed May 2023**

I have recently been appointed as a Foundation Governor at St. Peter & Pauls.

My working life has been within industry which has embraced many challenges in various aspects of working life and relationships.

I have previously been a Governor for a number of years at a Catholic school where my children attended.

Having recently visited St. Peter & Pauls I was quickly struck by the warmth I felt when meeting both the teaching staff and the children.

We are all aware of the many challenges that are within education and I sincerely hope that I will be able to offer the assistance to the school and fellow colleagues.

**How to Contact the Governing Body**

Governors can be contacted via the Clerk to the Governors, c/o Ss Peter and

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