




St Francis Church of England Governing Body – 2024/25

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Name		Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Nicola Duffy		Foundation	26.11.18 (first appointed) 02.11.21 (current start date)	01.11.25	Diocese
Committee Membership		Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
Resources		Chair of Governors	Link Governor	N/A	See separate document


Governor Information

I have extensive experience in Human Resources and have worked collaboratively alongside a number of leadership teams, across different organisations, including Mercedes Benz North West, Capita and I currently work for BAE Systems as a HR Business Partner. I have been a Governor at St Francis for the last 5 years, initially as a Parent governor and since 2021 as a Foundation Governor. I am currently Chair of Governors, a position which I am proud to hold and endeavour to be a strong voice on the Governing Board - holding the school leadership to account to ensure the best outcomes for our children attending school, both now and in the future. I have two sons, one currently in KS2 at St Francis and one who has recently moved to high school but attended St Francis.

Name		Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Laura Brailsford		Foundation	09.03.22	08.03.26	Diocese
Committee Membership		Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
Curriculum		Foundation	N/A	N/A	See separate document
Governor Information					

I have Twins who attend St Francis, one of whom has special educational needs and was recently granted an EHCP.


- My family and I worship at St Francis Church.
- I am currently a full-time carer for my mother. Previously, I was a care co-ordinator for the elderly, specialising in dementia

Name		Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Rev. Bryn Naylor		Foundation	01.09.2024	Ex-officio	Diocese
Committee Membership		Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
N/A		Ex-officio	N/A	N/A	See separate document

Governor Information

I worked in the Civil Service for 10 years before training for ordained ministry in the Church of England between 2018-2021.


- Following training, I was curate at All Saints Higher Walton and Holy Trinity Hoghton from 2021 to 2024.
- I became the Vicar of Immanuel Feniscowles and St. Francis Fenisccliffe in March 2024.
- I aspire to be a runner, love all things related to music and foreign languages, and live in Cherry Tree with my wife and three young children.

Name		Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Susan Stevenson		Foundation	28.08.23	27.08.27	Diocese
Committee Membership		Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
Curriculum		Foundation	N/A	N/A	See separate document

Governor Information

Hi, my name is Susan Stevenson and I am a Foundation Governor at St Francis School.


- I have 3 children and, prior to spending time as a full-time mum, I spent 15 years teaching in a Primary school.
- I have worshipped at St Francis church since childhood and am currently a sides person.
- St Francis School holds a very special place in my heart as it is the primary school that I attended (many, many years ago!)


Name		Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Thomas Holding		Parent Governor	24.03.23	23.03.27	Parents
Committee Membership		Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
Curriculum		Parent Governor	N/A	N/A	See separate document
Governor Information					
Secondary Science (Chemistry) teacher in Darwen for the last 7 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing fanatic. • Self-proclaimed foodie due to being a chef before my teaching. 					


Name		Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Sara Barden		Local Authority	31.10.18 (first appointment) 31.10.22	30.10.26	Governing Board
Committee Membership		Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
Curriculum		Local Authority Governor	SEN/D	N/A	See separate document
Governor Information					
I have worked in education for around 40 years. I have worked as a class teacher, deputy headteacher and associate headteacher in the past. I have recently retired from an advisory teacher position in Blackburn with Darwen. I am passionate about all children's outcomes and I am looking forward to supporting St. Francis					

Name		Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Debby Lindsay		Foundation	22.11.23	21.11.27	Diocese
Committee Membership		Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance

Resources	Foundation Governor	Safeguarding, including PP	Safeguarding Business	See separate document
Governor Information				
I have worked for the NHS for over 15 years as a Senior Specialist nurse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My family and I worship at St. Francis Church. • My 3 children currently attend St. Francis. • I am the secretary for the school's PTA. 				

Name		Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Pat Rushton		Foundation	19.10.23	18.10.27	Diocese
Committee Membership		Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
Curriculum		Foundation Governor	N/A	N/A	See separate document
Governor Information					
I have been a Governor for 24 years. I have been the Chair of Governors. I am a member of St. Francis Church PCC and am a retired Head of Department at a local high school. I have enjoyed my time as governor and welcome the opportunity to contribute to the development of the school.					

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Catherine Foster		Ex-officio by virtue of office as headteacher	02.02.25	N/A	Ex-officio by virtue of office as headteacher
Committee Membership		Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
Curriculum		Ex-officio by virtue of office as headteacher	N/A	N/A	See separate document
Governor Information					
I have been teaching for over thirty years and have held a range of teaching and leadership responsibilities over the years, from my first leadership role as a music co-ordinator, to most recently leading on curriculum development and most other aspects inbetween! I was honoured to accept the role as Headteacher at this wonderful school, in February 2025 following my role as Deputy Headteacher here.					

Name		Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Nik Gittins		Parent	21.01.22	20.01.26	Parents
Committee Membership		Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
Resources		Parent Governor	N/A	N/A	See separate document
Governor Information					
<p>I've worked in the legal industry for around 20-years, I specialise in helping victims of accidents often with life changing injuries. I'm currently studying with the eventual goal of being a Barrister. The youngest of my two children has recently started St. Francis and I was really pleased to be nominated as Parent Governor and am looking forward to getting involved and working with fellow governors and the wider school community</p>					

Past Governors – Left within 12 months

Charlotte Knowles – Foundation Governor