






St Francis Church of England Governing Body – 2024/25

| Name | Photograph | 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 on website |
| Governor Information | | | | | |
| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I have two sons, one currently in KS2 at St Francis and one who has recently moved to high school but attended St Francis.</p> | | | | | |


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| Laura Brailsford |  | Foundation | 09.03.2022 | 08.03.2026 | Diocese |
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| Curriculum | | Foundation | N/A | N/A | See separate document on website |
| Governor Information | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | | | | | |



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| Rev. Bryn Naylor |  | Foundation | 01.09.2024 | Ex-officio | Diocese |
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| N/A | | Ex-officio | N/A | N/A | See separate document on website |

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 Feniscliffe 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.

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| Charlotte Knowles |  | Foundation | 02.11.21 | 01.11.2025 | Diocese |
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| Resources | | Foundation – Vice Chair | N/A | N/A | See the separate document on the website |

Governor Information


- I am Head of Marketing and Client Relationships for a national IT and AV company.
- I have 3 children at St. Francis.
- I am part of the PTA.



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| Susan Stevenson |  | Foundation | 28.08.23 | 27.08.27 | Diocese |
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| Curriculum | | Foundation | N/A | N/A | See separate document on website |

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!)

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| 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 on the website |

Governor Information

- Secondary Science (Chemistry) teacher in Darwen for the last 7 years.
- Fishing fanatic.
- Self-proclaimed foodie due to being a chef before my teaching.



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| Sara Barden | | Local Authority | 31.10.22 (First app. 31.10.18) | 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 on website |


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.

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| 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 the separate document on the website |

Governor Information

- I have worked for the NHS for over 15 years as a Senior Specialist nurse.
- 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.




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| 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 on website |

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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| James Kewley |  | Ex-officio by virtue of office as headteacher | 01.05.19 | N/A | Ex-officio by virtue of office as headteacher |
| Committee Membership | | Position Held | Responsibility | Register of Business Interests | Attendance |
| Curriculum Resources | | Ex-officio by virtue of office as headteacher | N/A | N/A | See separate document on website |

Governor Information


I started as Deputy Headteacher & SENCo at St Francis and then I was asked and accepted the offer of Acting Headteacher from Autumn Term 2018. I took up post as substantive headteacher from January 1st 2020. Before moving to St Francis, I worked in other schools and for Blackburn with Darwen's SEND Support Service as an Advisory Teacher. I have been a governor at another Blackburn with Darwen School between January 2015 and September 2019.



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| Catherine Foster |  | Staff | 22.11.23 | 21.11.27 | Staff |
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| Curriculum | | Staff Governor | N/A | N/A | See separate document on website. |

Governor Information

I have been teaching for over thirty years and have had the experience of headship and deputy headship in Bolton and, more recently, in Blackburn. I have, therefore, worked alongside governors in several different capacities. I have led many subjects and whole-school areas throughout my career, such as assessment, curriculum, teaching and learning, Key Stage Two, English, RE, art, music and geography. In my capacity as Deputy Headteacher, I now have responsibility for leading Pupil Premium, the curriculum, personal development, reading, art and RE, as well as overseeing inclusion and mental health, and I have been excited to recently introduce OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) to our school.

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| Nik Gittins |  | Parent | 21.01.22 | 20.01.2026 | Parent |
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| Resources | | Parent Governor | N/A | N/A | See separate document on website |

Governor Information

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.



Past Governors – Left within 12 months