



Governor Pen Portraits

The pen portraits of the governing body of St Vincent's will hopefully provide an insight into everyone's background and also an indication of the diverse skills and experiences we collectively represent.

Roles and Responsibilities	Pen Portrait
<p><i>Win Douglas</i></p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed July '17</p> <p>Special responsibilities :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of Governors• Safeguarding• Headteacher Appraisal• Chair of Standards Committee	<p>I have been associated with St Vincent's school for over 30 years as a teacher, a parent and a grandparent. I am proud to be part of the school community and want to ensure that the children's experience of school is a wonderful and enjoyable one and their learning the best it can be. Prior to retiring, I was a headteacher for fourteen years of two primary schools and know how important primary education is in establishing the skills and attitudes needed for each child to flourish and achieve their potential. It is the knowledge and skills acquired in my professional life that I now draw upon as a member of the governing body. I relish the opportunity to share my experience and enthusiasm to help St Vincent's achieve the very best.</p>
<p><i>Michelle Harrison</i></p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed Dec '11</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice Chair of Governors• Early Years• Headteacher Appraisal• Vice Chair of Standards	<p>I have had a close association with St Vincent's over the years – as a parent and as a teacher. Although I moved on from the school, it never left me, it has always held a special place in my heart. I have spent all my working life in education and now I welcome the opportunity to use my experience and skills to support the staff as they take our children on their exciting learning journey towards achieving their full potential.</p>
<p><i>Paul Atherton</i></p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed Sept '16</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of Finance Committee• Headteacher Appraisal	<p>Prior to taking on the role of Governor at St Vincent's primary school I had no connection to the school, although I have lived in the parish since getting married over 30 years ago. I am now retired, and my career was in Business and IT rather than education, so I aspire to bring a different perspective to the role of school governor. Since retirement I have taken on various voluntary and community roles in an effort to use the skills and experience I gained in my career to the benefit of the wider community. I have found St Vincent's to be a very special place, and I am determined to ensure that working together we provide the best opportunities and environment for our children to achieve their true potential.</p>

<p><i>Rev Malcolm Prince</i></p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed July '17</p> <p>Special responsibilities : Parish links</p>	<p>Fr Malcolm is parish priest at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Penketh. The Church serves the two schools of St Joseph's and St Vincent's and Fr Malcolm is a governor at both schools.</p>
<p><i>Helen Chaplin</i></p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed Jan '16</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of Pupil Support and Ethos Committee • Pupil Premium / SEND 	<p>I am a parent of two children currently at St Vincent's and am, myself, a past pupil of the school. I was originally appointed as a parent governor and have since become a foundation governor. I am a qualified solicitor of 14 years experience and I currently work within the banking sector. I applied for the post of governor with the hope of being able to use some of my commercial and legal experience to support and assist the school. In my time as governor I have learnt so much about the school itself and how involved and demanding the running of a successful school can be. Our school has to be so many things: a place of learning; a caring and nurturing environment where our children are kept safe; a well-run business; a social and community centre. It takes lots of energy and dedication to achieve and maintain all of that. At the centre of our school are our children, they are our focus and purpose. As governors our role is to support the school in its mission, challenging decisions and practices where appropriate and keeping the children of St Vincent's at the heart of everything that we do.</p>
<p><i>Steph Cooper</i></p> <p>Parent Governor</p> <p>Appointed Feb '16</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair of Finance Committee • PE / Sport 	<p>As a proud parent of 3 children at St Vincent's Primary School, I was extremely pleased to join the governing body and to play a larger part in our school community. I felt my professional skills as a business owner of a recruitment company could offer further enhancement to the governing body and in return I would learn much about our school, education and the platform we provide our children for entering high school. In my role as governor, I hope I can add value that in turn will result in our children having the most enjoyable school experience whilst flourishing in their academic and social potential.</p>
<p><i>Kate Simpson</i></p> <p>Parent Governor</p> <p>Appointed Feb '16</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Education • Governor training 	<p>St Vincent's has held a special place in my heart since 1985 when I started my own school journey so when my children were due to start theirs, St Vincent's was our first and really our only choice. When I was approached to take the position of parent governor, my decision was easy. I've watched pupils, staff and governors go from strength to strength over the past few months and I am excited to see what the future holds for St Vincent's and I am proud to be part of this close community.</p>

<p><i>Peter Bacon</i></p> <p>Local Authority Governor</p> <p>Appointed Sept '16</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding/Health & Safety 	<p>I am currently Geography Subject Leader at St Gregory's High School. I am originally from Sheffield with a background working in industry prior to my teacher training. I became a governor at St Vincent's as I live in the local area and wanted to try and use my own professional experiences to help move the school forward. I am excited for the year ahead under the leadership of Mr Vernon.</p>
<p><i>Peter Johnson</i></p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed Sept '16</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil Premium and SEND 	<p>I was born and bred in Liverpool and have been a Foundation Governor at St Vincent's since circa 1993. Before I retired in 2011, I worked at Manchester Airport for the Border agency, from that job I have experience of International Trade and Law Enforcement. I am not a qualified accountant but I was a VAT inspector for a few years in the early eighties in Manchester. In the parish, I am a reader at mass and a member of St Joseph's Parish Council. I am also an Acolyte (carry a candle at funerals.) As a governor I have joint responsibility for SEND and I also sit on the Resources Committee.</p>
<p><i>Debra Pennington</i></p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed Jan '18</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Education 	<p>I've been a member of our parish community for the last 28 years helping with marriage preparation, Cafod and First Holy Communion. Some of you will know me through the First Holy Communion programme. I am a teacher, married with grown up twins. I was delighted to be invited onto the governing body as a Foundation governor and will endeavour to work with everyone for the good of the school community.</p>
<p><i>Kathryn Long</i></p> <p>Staff Governor</p> <p>Appointed Jan '16</p>	<p>Deputy Headteacher elected by staff to act as their representative.</p>
<p><i>Dominic Vernon</i></p> <p>Headteacher</p> <p>Appointed Sept '17</p>	<p>Mr Vernon, in his capacity as headteacher, is also a member of the governing body.</p>