



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 2017</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>Helen Chaplin</i></p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed January 2016</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice Chair of Governors• Chair of Pupil Support and Ethos Committee• Pupil Premium / SEND	<p>I am a parent of two children, one who is was, and one who is 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>Paul Atherton</i></p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed September 2016</p> <p>Re-appointed September 2020</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>Angela Burns</i></p> <p>Local Authority Governor</p> <p>Appointed November 2019</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding 	
<p><i>Samantha Duffy</i></p> <p>Staff Governor</p> <p>Appointed February 2020</p>	<p>Teacher at St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, elected by the staff to act as their representative on the Governing Body.</p>
<p><i>Michelle Harrison</i></p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed December 2011</p> <p>Re-appointed December 2015 and 2019</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years • Headteacher Appraisal 	<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>Matthew Jeziorski</p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed August 2020</p>	<p>I am a youth and community worker and am currently employed as Project Manager for The Orrell Trust, a community project in Bootle.</p> <p>I am a fan of trains, real ale, and seaside piers. I enjoy football and last year he completed my challenge to visit all 92 football league grounds. I support Port Vale FC and am a season ticket holder at the Warrington Wolves. I am a parishioner at Sacred Heart and am on the board of Pax Christi England & Wales and the Salesian Cooperators GBR.</p>
<p>Sr Margaret Mattison</p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed January 2019</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish links 	<p>I am a Sister of Charity of St. Paul the Apostle and have lived in St. Joseph's parish since August 2004 when I took up the post as first full-time chaplain in St. Gregory's Catholic High School. I help with the liturgy in this parish and the First Communion Programme in both St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart and St. Alban's parishes. I am also a member of the Parish Council. Prior to moving to Warrington I had lived in a number of places in this country, Romania and South Africa. I have taught all ages from Reception to the A level equivalent in South Africa. I have also been a school Principal. I was delighted to be asked to serve as a Foundation Governor and have found the children and staff most welcoming. Since December 2020 I also serve as a Foundation Governor for St. Gregory's Catholic High School.</p>
<p>Debra Pennington</p> <p>Foundation Governor</p> <p>Appointed January 2018</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>Dominic Vernon</p> <p>Headteacher</p> <p>Appointed September 2017</p>	<p>Mr Vernon, in his capacity as Headteacher, is also a member of the governing body.</p>