



Introducing the School Governing Body

Debbie Francis, Foundation Governor and Chair

Debbie has two boys at the school and works in the automotive sector as part of the European Human Resources team. Debbie has been a member of the Governing Body since 2009, and was recently elected Chair following a period of time as Vice Chair, and Chair of the Personnel & Pay Committee.



Mike Aston, Vice Chair

Reverend Mike worked in both the private sector and the public sector; starting his career in IT as a programmer and latterly as Director. He was ordained in 2001, but continued working until early retirement in 2006. In January 2007 he became the Parish Priest of West Hanningfield and part of 'the job' was being on the governing board of St Peter's School. After changes in Church rules in 2011 Mike retired from his role as a parish priest, but stayed on as a governor representing the Diocesan Board of Education. He is still seen on a few Fridays each term taking assembly, as well as enjoying school trips to many and various places.



Caroline Adams, Parent Governor and Link Governor

Caroline has been a parent at the school since 2010 and will remain so until 2022 as her youngest child will start at St Peter's next year. Caroline has been a Parent Governor since 2013 and has served on the Curriculum Committee and now sits on the Resources Committee. Caroline runs a business from home and has recently completed an English degree with the Open University.



Wendy Figueira, Head Teacher

Wendy started at St. Peter's as Deputy and Class 3 teacher in 2008 and became Head in 2011. She has been in teaching for more than 30 years, most of which have been in church schools. Wendy has spent most of her adult life in Chelmsford, has two grown up daughters and has recently moved to Maldon.

Dominique Golledge, PCC Governor and Chair of Curriculum Committee

Dominique is one of our longest serving governors having been appointed in 2006. She has been a member of both the Curriculum & Resources (previously Finance & Premises) and has held the post of Chair of Curriculum for that last three years. She has been a parent since 2005, two children having been the whole way through at St Peters and the last remaining child still present until 2019. Dominique has witnessed many changes and holds a great passion for the school and all those in it. She is about to embark on an Open University degree in Childhood & Youth Studies, with a future in Pastoral care with in Schools (Primary & Senior).



Alan Mitchell, Parent Governor

Alan recently retired from the Met Police after nearly 30 years of service which covered a wide range of duties and specialisms. He is a keen photographer, singer/songwriter and has published several collections of poetry. He has a 20 year old son and Laura, who is in Class 3. He has an interest in safeguarding and has the SEN/Gifted & Talented portfolio. He is always ready for a chat so if you see him in the collection area, please come up and say hello!



Reverend Stephen Need, Foundation Ex-Officio

Reverend Need is the priest in charge of our local St Mary & St Edward's Church in West Hanningfield.



Karen Pigram, Deputy Head, Staff Governor

Karen has been a member of the Governing Body for a number of years and was recently elected as Staff Governor. She has been teaching for more than 20 years and loves the excitement and dressing up of teaching in the early years. Mrs Pigram and her family have lived in Australia and still enjoy watching their favourite Aussie rules team. They are also always planning their next travel adventure.



Reverend Stephen Robertson, Foundation Ex-Officio

Reverend Robertson is part of a group of churches which consists of St Margaret Downham with St John Ramsden Heath, St Peter South Hanningfield and St Mary Ramsden Bellhouse.

Tara Whitaker, Foundation Governor

Tara Whitaker was appointed as Foundation Governor in April 2016 and has one daughter at the school. Tara achieved a Masters of Business Studies in Human Resource Management and worked for ICI PLC for 10 years, holding various Sales and HR roles. Since having her daughter, Tara has embarked on a significant career change and is currently a student teacher on the Essex and Thames Primary Scitt Course. She has previously served for four years as a Governor at East Hanningfield Primary School. Tara is committed to maintaining the strong and distinctive Christian ethos of St. Peter's School which underpins its excellent teaching and learning.



Jo Wincott, LA Governor

Jo is the Head Teacher for The Sandon School, a Specialist Academy in Mathematics and Computing.



Graham Woodward, Foundation PCC Governor

Graham is the newest member to the Governing Body. Graham is the Managing Director of a small business as well as one of the leaders at Chelmsford Vineyard Church along with his wife Libby. Graham has been involved in different types of youth work in a variety of contexts; including leading activity holidays both in the UK and abroad, and leading a charity offering outdoor activity holidays to teenagers for 4 years. Before having three children most of his time was spent racing his go kart, sailing and skiing... Life looks a bit different now!



Anne Whelpdale, Clerk to the Governing Body

Anne has been a Governor for about 18 years with extensive experience in a variety of posts on the Governing Body. She has been Clerking for 16 years having initially trained as a Local Authority Committee Secretary where she qualified as a Company Secretary and has been the Clerk to the Governing Body at St Peter's since 2012.