St George's CE Primary School

Governor Pen Portraits



Georgina James – Chair of Governors

Having lived locally for all but 4yrs of my life I am really pleased and proud to be involved in the strategic leadership of a local community school and have a vested interest as both my children attend St. George's. My career so far has focused on sales and people development. Due to my work background I have experience in analytical thinking, data handling and developing new strategies as well as training and coaching people for progression. I thoroughly enjoy seeing our vision of living life in all its fulness lived out on a daily basis at St. George's and am passionate about our Christian values.
With a firm belief that every child has a unique potential it is my role to ensure they are given an environment that is uncompromising in care and support to enable them to thrive and give all our St. George's children the cultural capital they need to succeed in life beyond our school.

Together with the staff of St. George's it is mine and the fellow governor's job to ensure we provide the highest quality education through a broad and ambitious curriculum and as Chair of Governors I offer my unwavering commitment to do just that.
It is my hope that within my role not only will I help to support academic achievements but also help to ensure that our children go through school with spirit and fun and leave St. George's with happy memories to last a lifetime.



Gillian Buxton – Vice Chair of governors

I have been a governor at St George's school for approximately 15 years, holding various roles including Chair and Vice-Chair. My three children have all attended and thrived at St George's and I endeavour to ensure that every child has the same opportunity to succeed, not only at St George's but also for the next stage in their educational journey and beyond.
I have a background in employment law and people management and I use my skills and expertise to drive improvements across the school, supporting and challenging school leaders to enable the best outcomes for all the children.
As a member of St George's Church, I am committed to upholding the school's Christian ethos and values, across school and within the wider community, to spreading the "good news" and to fulfilling the mission to "live life in all its fullness - John 10:10".



Angela Greenall - Foundation Governor

Having attended and been involved in St. George's Church for the last 10 years, I became a governor in 2023. I am a member of St. George's Church Committee and also help within Sunday School.

Day to day, I run a family orientated business within the community, but more recently I have returned to teaching in a primary school, after a career break.

Both my children attended St. George's school and loved it! They were supported and nurtured during their primary years and moving on to high school felt so much easier knowing they were well equipped and ready for the next step.
My role as a governor is to coordinate training and development, ensuring the Governing Board continues to evolve and develop skills in order to support the management team at St. George's. Along with another governor, I am also responsible for Religious Education within the curriculum and class governor for EYFS.

	**Pauline Rowley – Diocesan Governor** I moved to Westhoughton 5 years ago. As a member of St John's Church Wingates, I was invited by the Rector, Revd Carol Pharoah, to become a governor at St George's school because of my education background. I have been a Primary Headteacher and SENDco and I am still passionate about children being able to become the best person that they can possibly be. This can be achieved through living life in all it's fullness, with the provision of an education, environment and encouragement that can facilitate this. St George's values and mission matches my own philosophy of education. I am excited about the provision that St George's offers its pupils and I feel privileged to be on that journey with them.
	**Clare Clementson – Foundation Governor** I am a foundation PCC governor at St George's school, joining the board in 2024. I have been a parent of children at St George's for over 8 years and still have one child at St George's school. My children have thoroughly enjoyed their time at St George's, with a diverse range of opportunities to personally thrive, flourish and develop. Also, I have been a member of St George's church for 8 years and in my role as governor I want to encourage the values of the church as part of school life. Having worked in healthcare for over 20 years, I believe that a lot of knowledge and skills from my job are transferable to my role as a governor including safeguarding, leadership and teamwork. I am excited to support the school to strive for continuous improvements to the quality of education and extracurricular activities offered to every child.
	**Debra Hilton – Staff Governor** I am delighted to be the Staff governor for St George's CE Primary School. I have worked at the school for 25 Years in various roles and I am currently the School business manager. I am happy to represent the staff on the governing body and be the voice for all staff at the school. As a governor one of my roles is to ensure the school website is compliant. I am also the lead governor for Pupil premium and safeguarding.
	**Janet Kelly – Co-opted governor** Hello. My name is Janet Kelly and I've lived locally for over 35 years. I even remember St George's being built and my son attended the nursery when it first opened. I was a primary school teacher for 35 years, before retiring recently from a profession that I loved. I taught in several different schools both locally and in Bolton, specialising in Early Years Education for most of my career. I became a specialist leader of education, which enabled me to work with schools across the north west, supporting the development of their early year departments, which was extremely rewarding for me. I was also an assistant head teacher in a large primary school in Bolton which means that I have a good understanding of whole school development and issues that schools face. I hope that with my knowledge and experience I can work with the Governing body to support the senior leadership team, staff and pupils at St George's in my role as a Governor over the coming years.

	**Dave Smith – Foundation Governor** I have been a governor at St George's school for over 25 years, holding various roles including Chair and Vice-Chair. My children have all attended St George's and I want to ensure that every child has the same opportunities to do well, no matter what their background. I ran my own business in Westhoughton for many years and have brought my knowledge and experience to my governor role, particularly in respect of buildings maintenance and health and safety. I am keen to see continuous improvement in all areas across school. I'm also the designated partnership governor, liaising with the local authority around local and national educational initiatives.
	Leanne Johnson - Parent Governor As a new parent governor, I'm excited to contribute in helping St George's to be the best that it can be. It is important to me that our children are well safeguarded, happy, respected and enabled to develop their full potential through a love of learning and appreciation for one another. Having worked as an English teacher for 15 years, I have a range of experience in the education sector. Day to day, I work with academic and managerial staff together in supporting pupils from all backgrounds and with varying academic and pastoral needs, so I'm fully appreciative of the challenges encountered by pupils, parents and school staff on daily basis. I believe in high standards, care and compassion, and am committed to ensuring that our children strive to achieve their best in a safe and happy school environment. I'm excited about the many changes that the school has made in recent months and am keen do my part in helping the school to continue on its journey.
	**Adele Hurst - Parent Governor** I am delighted to be part of the Governing Body here at St George's Westhoughton. As a parent of a St George's pupil, I get to see firsthand the amazing work that goes on here and the impact it has on the lives of little ones. As a local primary school teacher myself, it's a pleasure to have input on the continuous development of the school. I am passionate about curriculum and value the opportunity to contribute towards the monitoring of 'Quality of Education' here at St George's. Over the years, I have worked with children in a variety of contexts, from teaching assistant to youth worker, and I'm committed to continuously improving outcomes for children and young people. Forming part of the Governing Body here at St George's allows me to do just that.