

Governor Roles & Responsibilities

Governor	Category	Term ends	Role / committees	Interests	Statement
Rev Jim McCartney	Chair of Governors	Ex-Officio	Finance & Resources HT Performance Management Staffing	Nil	
George Crewe	Foundation Governor	10/12/2029	Finance & Resources Curriculum	Nil	I am a practising Catholic of the St Anne's and Sacred Heart parish and a former pupil of St Anne's Primary School. My career in education has included roles in classroom support, facilities and compliance management, and more recently, teaching Food and Nutrition at St Bede's Secondary School. As a newly appointed foundation governor, I hope to use my experience to support the fantastic work already happening within the school community. I am also looking forward to learning from the staff, pupils, and families of St Anne's and bringing those insights back into my own practice. In my free time, I enjoy staying active and spending time with my family and friends.
Jonathan Berry	Foundation Governor	11/11/2028	Finance & Resources	Nil	I am currently the Headteacher at Longshaw Community Junior School in Blackburn. I have been in education for over twenty years and am passionate about driving up standards for children from under-resourced backgrounds. I enjoy my role as a governor as it enables me to bring my experience and expertise in order to challenge and support the senior leadership team effectively. I am proud to be part of the governing body at St Anne's R.C. Primary School and felt very honoured to be asked to join the board. When I am away from school, I enjoy playing the guitar, listening to podcasts and visiting the gym to keep fit. I have four children and three grandchildren who bring me a great deal of joy and happiness. I sincerely hope my involvement results in the betterment of the children, staff and community at St Annes.
Tony Cross	Foundation Governor	15/03/2030	Finance & Resources Staffing	Nil	My name is William Anthony (Tony) Cross and I have been a foundation governor at St. Anne's Primary school for several years. I was approached by Fr. Jim and invited to join the Governing body and, although it wasn't something I'd previously considered, I gave it some thought and decided that if he saw something in me, then I would offer what services I had. I received a Catholic education, having been taught by nuns and priests as well as lay teaching staff at Sacred Heart Primary School and St. Mary's College Grammar School for boys. Following this, I attended journalism training and subsequently worked as a photographer for several groups of local and regional newspapers throughout the North West. My final position was on the weekly division of the Manchester Evening News. Since leaving full-time employment, I have continued to work occasionally on a freelance basis. This has included doing work for local and national companies, and PR work for several local High Schools and an animal sanctuary. I also do some work for the Sacred Heart and St. Anne's Parish. I still attend Sacred Heart where I was baptised 70 years ago, taking an active part in the running of the church, including counting the weekly parish collection. I enjoy travelling, particularly to France where a couple of friends live and, of course, I always carry a camera with me!
Wendy Parsons	Foundation Governor	11/11/2028	Curriculum HT Performance Management	Nil	

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Michael Neild	Foundation Governor	08/03/2030	Finance & Resources Curriculum Standards & Effectiveness	Nil	I spent my whole career as a teacher at St Mary's College in Blackburn, where I became the longest-serving member of staff after completing 45 years there. I had extensive experience of teaching Latin and Classical Civilisation to students from 11-18 and was also director of public examinations for a number of years prior to retirement. I worked for the Northern Examinations Board (Manchester) for 25 years both as Principal Examiner and setter of 'A' level papers in Latin Literature. I take a keen interest in various sports, notably football, cricket, tennis and horse-racing and supply football matches to the local press. I love going to the theatre and organising regular trips from Sacred Heart Church. I am very much involved in the day-to-day running of the parish. I am a Eucharistic Minister and a member of the choir. With my educational background and interest in youth development, I was very pleased to accept the invitation from Fr McCartney to join the governing body at St Anne's School some five years ago. My wife and I have a family of four sons and eight grandchildren. Two of our sons serve or have served as governors at local primary and secondary schools.
Lee Black	Foundation Governor	23/07/2029	Finance & Resources	Nil	My name is Lee. My family arrived in England in the 1930s as Irish immigrants. I was raised very close to school and I attended Saint Anne's school. I was married and my children were baptised at St Anne's church.
Barbara Cumberland	Authority Governor	29/06/2028	Curriculum HT Performance Management Standards & Effectiveness	Nil	
Malwina Zebrowski	Parent Governor	23/07/2028	Curriculum	Nil	
Neena Khan	Parent Governor	16/06/2029	Curriculum	Nil	My name is Neena and I became a Parent Governor in 2025. I'm a very hands-on parent and passionate about my son's education, as well as the progress and wellbeing of all children in our school. I wanted to take on this role so I could be more involved, understand how decisions are made, and contribute to creating the best possible environment for our children to learn and grow. My background is in community support work, which has given me a strong understanding of the challenges families face and the importance of feeling heard and supported. I'm especially interested in children's confidence, emotional wellbeing, and how we can strengthen the partnership between parents and the school. In my free time, I enjoy personal development, travelling, and spending quality time with my family.
Charlotte Fitzpatrick	Staff Governor	19/05/2030	Curriculum	Nil	I am delighted to serve as a Staff Governor at St Anne's, where I have worked since February 2023 as part of the office admin support team, with a core focus on managing attendance. I am incredibly passionate about the smooth daily running of our school and dedicated to raising extra funds to provide enriching activities that directly benefit our children. One of the most rewarding aspects of my role is building meaningful relationships with our wonderful pupils and their families, and I am always happy to offer help and support wherever it is needed. I bring prior governance experience to the board, having previously served as a Chair of Governors at a nursery school. In my current role on the St Anne's governing body, my specific areas of responsibility include overseeing Modern Foreign Languages (MFL), Geography, and Admissions. Outside of work, I am the proud parent of two adored children who are currently in primary school. I believe this first-hand experience of modern primary education gives me a valuable dual perspective, allowing me to view school life through both a professional staff lens and a parent's eyes to help support our school community effectively.