



## ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR PROFILES APRIL 2021

*Compiled by the Clerk*

**Andrew Burton** Chair, Foundation Governor  
Sits on Curriculum & Pupil Welfare and Resources



Andrew (Andy) is a Foundation Governor appointed by the Diocese and took over the Chair at St. Paul's at the beginning of 2016. He studied History and German at Bristol and Giessen universities. His professional background is in international banking and capital markets where he has worked for over 25 years. He now consults for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Society of the UK and works with start-up businesses. He has 3 children, all of whom were pupils at St Paul's and two of whom are now at Salesians. He is a keen cyclist, runner and singer. He has lived in Esher since 2005 and worships at The Church of the Holy Name.

**Monica Harding** Vice-Chair of Governors, Foundation Governor  
Sits on Curriculum & Pupil Welfare and Resources and Special Education Needs and Disability



Monica is a Foundation Governor appointed by the Diocese. She became Vice Chair in July 2016. Her background includes Management Consultancy, Chief Executive positions at an international refugee charity, a business and parliamentary body and a Director at the British Council where she served in France, Japan and China and the UK. She has held Board positions with a number of international charities. She has four children, all of whom are or have been pupils at St. Paul's; one is still here, one at Salesians, one at The Ursuline and one at Whitgift. She lives in Thames Ditton and worships at Our Lady of Lourdes.

**Deb Meacham** Vice-Chair of Governors, Foundation Governor  
Training Link Governor, Sits on Resources & Admissions



Deb was appointed as Foundation Governor in October 2019. She has an MBA from Pepperdine University and an undergraduate business degree from William & Mary. Professionally, Deb has over twenty years' experience in corporate strategic marketing. She has held Chief Marketing Officer roles at global financial services firms - working and living in London, Zurich and New York. She is currently working part time as a marketing consultant locally. Deb lives in Esher, has three daughters attending St. Paul's and is a parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes.

**Fr Rob Esdaile** Parish Priest, Foundation Governor  
Sits on Curriculum & Pupil Welfare and Resources committees, RSE Lead



Fr. Rob Esdaile has been parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton, since 2006 and has been a Foundation Governor appointed by the diocese since 2007. Studied Religious Studies at Lancaster (BA) before studying at the Gregorian University in Rome (PhB, STB, STL) while training for presbyteral ordination (1991). Previous ministries were in Guildford (1991-96) and as Catholic Chaplain to the University of Sussex (1996-2006). Priest Adviser on Spirituality & Formation in Arundel & Brighton diocese (2006-), Dean of Weybridge (2010-) and a Canon of Arundel Cathedral (2018-). He is also active in justice and peace work in the Catholic community. Fr. Rob is a frequent preacher and occasional writer, lecturer and poet. Interests include classical music, walking and (except during pandemics) travel.

**John Gilligan** Foundation Governor  
Chair of Staffing, Member of Resources committee



John joined the Governing Body in January 2017 as a Foundation Governor. He has run his own corporate finance advisory business for thirty years and led a variety of other voluntary organisations. He is also a qualified accountant. He has deep roots with St.Paul's having had each of his four children complete all seven years there, from Reception through to Year 6. His wife, Julie, also previously served a four-year term as a governor.

**Maeve Walsh** Parent Governor  
Chair of Admissions, Safeguarding Governor



Maeve was elected Parent Governor in 2017. She studied English at Oxford University and has a PhD in Irish Theatre from the University of London. She started her career in journalism, then spent 17 years as a Civil Servant in central government, working in policy development and senior leadership roles in departments including Health, Cabinet Office and 10 Downing St. before being appointed as Director of Policy in a not-for-profit organisation. She now works as an independent consultant. She has two children at St Paul's, lives in East Molesey and worships at Our Lady of Lourdes.

**Steph Neale** Foundation Governor, Sits on Resources & CPW

Steph was appointed as Foundation Governor in January 2021 Steph is currently Headteacher at Beatrix Potter Primary School in Wandsworth and will retire in July after 30 years in the post, 46 years in teaching in London schools in the East End and Wandsworth. Steph has mentored other heads, has been an Executive Head and Chairs a Schools Forum. He and his wife, Iwona, worship at Holy Name, Claygate, where Iwona runs the choir.

**John Butterworth** Foundation Governor, Chair of Premises, Chair of Resources committee



John was appointed in Autumn 2015 as a Foundation Governor by the Diocese. He is married to Angela and has two recently married children, one of whom attended St.Paul's. He has been a parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes for 37 years. His business background is in accountancy and then 35 years in the building trade. He is a past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Cardinal Hume Centre and been a Liveryman of the Founders Company for 25 years, serving as Master in 2015-16.

**Chris Richardson** Local Authority Governor, Chair of Finance



Chris was appointed in Autumn 2018 as our Local Authority Governor by Surrey County Council. Originally from Canada moved his family from California to as a partner at EY, and now is the head partner of Forensic Accounting Services at Pinsent Masons. He has an MBA (University of Toronto) and is a Chartered Accountant with over 25 years of experience. He was previously the Treasurer of the Governors Fund 2017 - 20. He and his wife have lived in Claygate since 2010 with their two children at local secondary schools and worships at Holy Name, Esher.

**Elaine Coutouvidis** Parent Governor  
Sits on Resources committee



Elaine is a Parent Governor elected in December 2019. She is a solicitor specialising in employment law. Currently in private practice, she has previous experience of working for a children's charity, a Union and local government. Elaine has one child at St Pauls and worships at Our Lady of Lourdes.

**Olivia DeMoraes** Headteacher, Staff Governor  
Sits on all 3 committees



Olivia became a Staff Governor in September 2017.

**Hayley Townsend** Acting Headteacher, Staff Governor  
Sits on all 3 committees

Hayley became Staff Governor whilst taking on her role as Acting Headteacher for the duration of maternity leave in May 2020

***Alistair Widdop***

Staff Governor  
Sits on Curriculum & Pupil Welfare committees



Alistair became a Staff Governor in September 2019

***Owen Bruynseels*** Associate Governor, Chair of CPW



A former Foundation Governor, Owen continues to lead Curriculum and Pupil Welfare. He is a trained teacher and is currently Deputy Headteacher at Salesians in Chertsey. He completed his degree in Theology, Philosophy and History at St Mary's University in Twickenham and subsequently completed his Masters in 'Roman Catholic School Leadership'. He is a keen follower of rugby, having played for Ealing Trailfinders for many years. Owen lives locally in Esher, has two children at St. Paul's and worships at OLOL church.

***David Reed***

Treasurer to the Governor's Fund



David was appointed as Treasurer to the Governors' fund in September 2020. His professional background is in international banking where he has worked for over 20 years. He has two teenage children who attend local secondary schools and has lived in Claygate since 2012. Additionally, David serves on the management committee at Esher Cricket Club where he is the club's Welfare Officer.

***Tess Townsend***

Clerk to the Governors



Tess became Clerk to the Governor in April 2020. She has run her own live events business for 40 years. She attended St. Paul's School from the age of 6 and has two adult daughters who also attended St. Paul's School before moving on to Notre Dame, Cobham. Tess is a keen amateur actor/director and has written plays and a full length musical, all of which have been performed. Tess is a member of the Holy Name Catholic Church Choir in Claygate.