



Welcome to our Governors' section.

**The Governors at St Edward's are people who want to make a positive contribution to the education of the children who attend the school.**

The Governing Body is made up of 14 individual voting members who are appointed or elected by various parties with responsibility for, or who have an interest in, the school:

- 8 Foundation Governors, appointed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham
- 2 Parent Governors, elected by the parents of pupils at the school
- 1 Local Authority Governor, approved by the local education authority
- 1 St Edward's Staff Governor, elected by all members of the Staff
- 1 Headteacher of St Edward's
- 1 Co-opted governor

**The role of a governor** is to contribute to the work of the Governing Body in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children in the school. The main areas of focus are:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils through challenging questioning and providing sufficient support;
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent;

**Time commitment:** Under usual circumstances, governors spend between 10 and 20 days a year on their governing responsibilities; however, there may be periods when the time commitment may increase, for example when recruiting a headteacher.

*Under Section 50 of the Employment Rights Act 1996, if you are employed, then you are entitled to 'reasonable time off' to undertake public duties; this includes school governance. 'Reasonable time off' is not defined in law, and you will need to negotiate with your employer how much time you will be allowed.*

**Expenses:** Governors may receive out of pocket expenses incurred as a result of fulfilling their role as governor. Payments can cover incidental expenses, such as travel and childcare, but not loss of earnings.

**To perform this role well,** a governor is expected to:

- get to know the school by visiting the school occasionally during school hours, and gain a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses;
- attend induction training and regular relevant training and development events;
- attend meetings (full governing body meetings and committee meetings) and read all the papers before the meeting;

- act in the best interest of all the pupils of the school;
- behave in a professional manner, as set down in the governing body's code of conduct, including acting in strict confidence.

**Associate Members:** occasionally to fulfil a specific skill need on the FGB, an appropriate individual can be invited to join.

***Please contact the school office for further information if you are interested in becoming a Governor at St Edward's***

*Stella Skillen, Chair of Governors Sept 2020*

### **Committees 2020-21**

**Ethos, Performance and Standards:** oversees curriculum, school improvement (performance data), pupils, parents and community.

**Membership:** Father Kevin Kavanagh (Chair), Julie Stratford, Louise Flanagan, Catriona McClafferty, Denise Jeffery, Wayne Harris

**Finance and Resources:** oversees finance, personnel and pay, premises, health and safety.

**Membership:** Stella Skillen (Chair), Louise Flanagan, Catherine Morgan, Julie Lyons, Daniel Corrigan.

**For further Roles, please see Record of Governors details on website.**

### **Status and Responsibilities of Governors, including Declaration of Interests**

Business or pecuniary interest declared on the 2019/20 Register of Interests are summarised in the table below. Every meeting begins with an opportunity for governors to declare interests that might prejudice their view of any items on the agenda. Sometimes, certain classes of governor are asked to leave the meeting for confidential business items to avoid a conflict of interests.

| Name               | Governor Status | Re-Appointment date | Term Of Office | Duties  | Declarations of interest   | Attendance at meetings 2019 -2020 |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Stella Skillen     | Foundation      | 29.09.2022          | 4 Yrs          | Chair of Governors, Finance and Resources FGB | Family relationship with a member of staff<br>Vice Chair of Governors at St Anne's Catholic Primary School | 8/8                               |
| Rev Kevin Kavanagh | Foundation      | 01.03.2022          | 4 Yrs          | Vice Chair of Governors E, P & S FGB          | NIL  | 8/8                               |

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|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Catriona McClafferty    | Foundation      | 16.05.2020          | 4 Yrs          | E, P & S<br>FGB                                  | NIL                      | 5/5                               |
| Catherine Morgan        | Foundation      | 14.03.2022          | 4 Yrs          | Finance and Resources<br>FGB                     | NIL                      | 4/5                               |
| Julie Brennan now Lyons | Foundation      | 07.11.2022          | 4 Yrs          | Finance and Resources<br>FGB                     | NIL                      | 8/8                               |
| Daniel Corrigan         | Foundation      | 25.11.2023          | 4 Yrs          | E, P & S<br>FGB                                  | NIL                      | 8/8                               |
| Wayne Harris            | Parent          | 26.11.2023          | 4 Yrs          | E, P & S<br>FGB                                  | NIL                      | 3/3                               |
| Denise Jefferys         | Staff Governor  | 16.11.2023          | 4 Yrs          | E,P & S<br>FGB                                   | NIL                      | 3/3                               |
| Julie Stratford         | Co-Opted        | 31/08/2024          | 4 Yrs          | E, P & S<br>FGB<br>(Voting rights on Committee)  | NIL                      | 5/5                               |
| Louise Flanagan         | Headteacher     | 01/09/2019          |                | E, P & S<br>Finance and Resources<br>FGB         | NIL                      | 6/6                               |
| Jacqui Hodkinson        | Clerk           | 01/09/2011          |                | Clerks<br>Finance & Resources<br>E, P & S<br>FGB | NIL                      | 11/11                             |

#### Governors who have resigned within the last 12 months

| Name           | Governor Status | Re-Appointment date    | Term Of Office | Duties                                   | Declarations of interest | Attendance at meetings 2019 -2020 |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| David Seickell | Foundation      | Resigned<br>15.01.2020 | 4 Yrs          | E, P & S<br>Finance and Resources<br>FGB | Print Company Director   | 2/2                               |
| Susan Richards | Parent          | Resigned<br>31.08.2020 | 4 Yrs          | E, P & S<br>FGB                          | NIL                      | 2/5                               |