

# Meet the Governors

## Kevin Moyes

**Governor Type:** Co-Opted

**Term of Office Ends:** 4th December 2023

**Roles:** Chair of Governors, Safeguarding Lead Governor, Staffing Lead Governor, Communications Lead Governor, Chair of the Headteacher Performance Committee and Pay Committee, Staff Whistleblowing Governor



Kevin has been a governor since 2012, he is currently the Chair of Governors at Blewbury C.E Primary School and has previously chaired 3 Interim Executive Boards for Oxfordshire County Council; the first where the school moved from Requires Improvement to Good and the others where the school moved to Requires Improvement. Kevin is a reserve member of the Oxfordshire Schools' Forum and the Oxfordshire Governors' Association. He became a governor because he had a very poor primary school education and he wanted to ensure that other children did not have the same experience, because he knows first-hand the challenges this creates. Kevin has a passion for small Church of England Primary schools because he believes that they offer a positive and unique experience to children. Kevin's works as a Human Resources Director for a large Charity in London.

## Tim Owen

**Governor Type:** Co-Opted

**Term of Office Ends:** 30th May 2023

**Roles:** Vice Chair of Governors, Finance Deputy Lead Governor, Staffing Deputy Lead Governor, Member of the Headteacher Performance Committee and Pay Committee.



The first half of my career was spent in marketing, running a marketing events company specialising in supporting the car industry. During some of this time, I was also the director of a national classical music competition for young people, and a director of the Institute of Sales Promotion. Having sold the business, I went back to university and gained a PGCE, and then spent sixteen years teaching (mostly history), both in the private and state sectors, and at senior and primary levels. In the last three years of teaching, I was SENCo leading a team of five specialists. I have also been a Parish Council clerk and finance officer, and secretary to a church PCC. I am now retired and spend my time working on various history projects and leading the occasional trip to the Somme battlefield.

## **Chris Paynter**

**Governor Type:** Staff Governor

**Term of Office Ends** 29th Sep 2022

**Roles:** N/A



I am the elected staff representative on the governing body. I have worked at St Michael's School for over 10 years and have been teaching since 2007. I have experience of teaching several different year groups and I am currently a member of the senior leadership team. In addition, I am Science subject co-ordinator. Prior to teaching I worked as a research scientist.

## **Emma Walker**

**Governor Type:** Parent Governor

**Term of Office Ends:** 11th Nov 2023

**Roles:** Communications Deputy Lead Governor



I was appointed as parent governor in November 2019. Over the next 10 years my 3 children will all go through St Michael's school, suffice to say that I have a vested interest in the school and feel passionate about ensuring pupils get the best quality education.

I have a background in marketing and more recently have set up an events business with my husband which I run from home.

## **Robin Conway**

**Governor Type:** Co-Opted Governor

**Term of Office Ends:** 25th Sep 2023

**Roles:** Learning and Teaching Lead Governor, Inclusion Lead Governor



I currently work at John Mason School as history teacher and Director of Research and Innovation. This means that I have responsibility for keeping up-to-date with educational research, policies and developments and sharing these with our teaching team. I have worked at John Mason for 15 years, and taught children from all of the local primary schools, including St Michael's. I came to know St Michael's through leading some staff training on educational research and curriculum development. I have become further involved as a governor because I believe that primary education is so fundamentally important to children's development and future progress. I believe it is incredibly important that we work to protect and support small, local schools because they provide such a formative experience for children.

## **Nick Field**

**Governor Type:** Parent Governor

**Term of Office Ends** 1st March 2024

**Roles:** Learning and Teaching Deputy Lead Governor, Inclusion Deputy Lead Governor



I was appointed as a parent governor in March 2020. Throughout my life and have had a huge interest and passion in ensuring the best outcomes for children and young adults. I have worked in a large secondary school supporting students both academically and pastorally, and more recently I worked within Oxfordshire County Council's Special Educational Needs Team, working with students with the highest levels of SEN to ensure that appropriate support was in place so that they were happy, thriving and making progress academically and socially. I have a strong belief that a school should provide the best environment so that every child is safe and can fulfil their potential – and that school governors play a key role in reinforcing this, and supporting the school in meeting the needs of all of its students, whatever their needs.

## **Nigel Goode**

**Governor Type:** Local Authority Governor

**Term of Office Ends** 10th Feb 2024

**Roles:** Finance Lead Governor, Premises and Health and Safety Lead Governor Member of the Headteacher Performance Committee and Pay Committee.



I moved to Steventon over ten years ago and I became a governor at St. Michael's in early 2016. I had previously been involved for over fifteen years as a governor at the village school that our children attended in Northumberland. I believe that it is essential that we provide children with the best possible start in life through the positive experiences and quality of education that they receive at primary school. Engagement with learning at these early stages will be critical to their later development and we, as governors, have a key role in supporting the delivery of these objectives. I graduated with a degree and doctorate in organic chemistry and spent my working life in the pharmaceutical industry - with over thirty years in senior leadership roles, most recently heading up a business on Milton Park. I retired almost six years ago but with two children, two grandchildren, my interest in education and an enjoyment of reading, music, fishing, cycling and sport in general, I have no difficulty filling my time.

## **Phil Sutton**

**Governor Type:** Foundation-Ex-Officio

**Term of Office Ends:** 29th Oct 2023

**Roles:** Statutory inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Lead Governor



Phil originally trained as a medical engineer and worked for twenty years in children's and new-born intensive care units developing a range of implantable heart monitors and life support systems. Following ordination, he returned to the NHS to serve as a lead for hospital chaplaincy and bereavement services in Bath, Bristol and Oxford. Phil retains a close involvement in medical ethics and specialist bereavement support for parents who have lost a child. Phil and his wife Jane work with the Dogs for Good charity training assistance dogs for adults and children. Phil is currently also a governor at St Blaise C.E Primary School.

## **Kathryn Mendus**

**Governor Type:** Foundation

**Term of Office Ends:** 25th November 2023

**Roles:** Statutory inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Deputy Lead Governor



Kathryn moved to Steventon almost 30 years ago. She qualified as a solicitor in 1983 and retrained as a counsellor from 2009. Kathryn continued to work at her first placement at Oxford University Counselling Service after qualifying. At OUSCS she was able to develop her thinking around the links between education and life experience, and physical and mental health and well-being. She developed a continuing interest in the uses of creativity and reflection in education and welfare. She has trained additionally with a number of more specialist organisations, such as OXPIP (where she studied parent/carer and child relationships) and MEET in Oxford (where she studied ways of working with trauma), to further develop her experience and practice. She now practices as a psychotherapeutic counsellor working in Steventon, and Oxford where she continues to work with students

## **Ann Parham**

**Governor Type:** Co-Opted

**Term of Office Ends:** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

**Roles:**



Ann is passionate about young children and education. She was a primary school teacher and Headteacher before working for Oxfordshire Local Authority as a Headteacher consultant and so has spent her working life in education. Ann is Local Leader in Governance so can support other schools and their Governing board. Ann is a member of Oxfordshire Governor's Association. She has lived in Upton for 26 years and before that lived in Blewbury. Ann attends St

Mary's Church and is a member of the PCC. She has two grown up sons and two young grandsons.

## **Rosemary Howden**

**Governor Type:** Co-Opted

**Term of Office Ends:** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

**Roles:**



Rosemary started her working life as a Primary School teacher in 1973. In 1991 she moved to Steventon having retrained as an Occupational Therapist and worked in Oxford at the old Radcliffe Infirmary, Rivermead Rehabilitation Centre and the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre. Rosemary never lost her interest in education and her love of young children so when she took early retirement in 2001 she set herself up as a Private Tutor in Steventon and involved herself with St Blaise School in Milton and St Michael's School in a voluntary capacity.

Rosemary worked for five years as a Governor at St Blaise school, four of them as Chair of governors and found the role very worthwhile and challenging but also very enjoyable. Rosemary had some involvement with St Michael's school over the years, having participated in the Arch Reading organisation, run an after school art club and was Clerk to the governors for a period of time. Rosemary strongly believes that a well-run primary school can have a hugely beneficial effect in the nurturing of young children and in retirement is still very keen to be a part of her local school and to be able draw on her previous experience as a Governor in a new and challenging period of education.

## **Adele Frankum**

**Governor Type:** Parent

**Term of Office Ends:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Roles:**



I was appointed as a parent governor in October 2020. My son still has 5 years at St Michaels. He absolutely loves the school so I have a big interest in ST Michaels and want to be a part of making the children's years in primary school and enjoyable happy safe place to be.

## **Current Vacancies**

- Foundation Governor