Meet the St Peter's CE Governing Board

THE GOVERNING BOARD

School Governors make decisions about how St Peter's CE is run. As the school is 'Voluntary Aided' its governors have legal duties, powers and responsibilities. Governors can only act together, not individually, working towards these responsibilities, which include: interviewing/selecting staff, deciding how the school budget should be spent, considering what is taught in school and helping to establish standards of behaviour.

School Governors:

The governing board consists of representatives from the church (foundation governors), local council, parents and staff from the school.



Governor Pen Portraits:

Father Jeremy Sheehy (Chair)

I hold the position of Rector of our parish of Swinton and Pendlebury, which includes Saint Peter's. This means I am by reason of my job a foundation governor of the school, and currently chair of the governing board; I am also a member of the Finance & Personnel and Building, Health & Safety committees.

I have lived and worked in Swinton since 2007, and came here from a post in Oxford looking after one of the Church of England's training colleges for clergy. I live at the rectory, right beside the school.

As chair, it is my role to ensure the governors act as critical friends to the school, to support the excellent work that it does and to challenge it constantly to make further improvements.

Mr Dave Berry

I have been a Foundation Governor at St. Peter's for many years and throughout this period I have been a member of the Finance and Personal Committee, I have helped out at SkillSMART since its inception and I am currently the Year 6 link governor. Outside School I have for many years been "Head Server" at St Peter's Church and am also a member of the Parochial Church Council; in the wider Church community I am a member of Eccles Deanery Synod.

I have been a member of the Scout Movement since the age of 8, having become a Queen's Scout in 1961. Since then I was a leader in the Parish Scout Group for 45 years until its closure in 2010, since which I have become a voluntary warden at Waddecar Scout Activity Centre in the trough of Bowland. In May 2015 I was presented with a certificate celebrating 50 years as an adult leader.

Mrs Helen Cowley

I became a Parent Governor four years ago, when my daughter was in Year 5, as I wanted to give something back to the school in thanks for the excellent teaching and school life they provided her with.

I have recently changed to Co-opted Governor during the reconstitution of Governing Bodies. I enjoy having the opportunity to come into the school on one day a week to help pupils learn and read with children from different classes, and also taking part in SkillSMART, a mixed-age skills-based learning session each month.

Councillor Jim Dawson

I became a governor at St Peter's CE in 1981 and in recent years I have been the vice-chair of the board.

I was elected as the local councillor for the Swinton North ward in 1995 and, in working with the community, I am committed to Salford council's policy of education and social welfare being our top two priorities. My professional experience which I bring to the school is from 40 years working for British Telecommunications as an engineer and a manager of a highly skilled technical support group.

Mrs Sheila Goodwin

My name is Sheila Goodwin and I have been a Foundation Governor at St. Peter's C of E Primary School for a number of years. I serve on the Buildings, Health & Safety, Staff Discipline and Pay Committees and I am the link governor for Health & Safety.

I have strong links with both the school and church, having attended myself many years ago and more recently two of my grandchildren were also pupils. I also come into school one morning a week to help out in class and hear children read which I really enjoy.

St. Peter's is a happy friendly school with a welcoming atmosphere which provides for the rounded child and gives pupils a positive attitude to both learning and play.

Mrs Laura Heaton

I am a foundation governor and serve on the Buildings, Health and Safety committee.

I have strong links to the church, which is close to my heart as I was married and both my children were christened there. It seemed natural that when my children were old enough they would attend St Peters CE Primary School.

St Peters is such a brilliant school and gives children such an all round education, whilst at the same time making sure they aspire to be the best of themselves that they can be in such a friendly and inclusive environment.

I am honoured to sit on the governing board to support (and challenge where needed) Father Jeremy, Mr Wright and the staff to help make important decisions in the way the school is run to benefit the education of our children.

Mrs Megan Jones

I am a parent governor and the mum of two boys, one of whom left St Peter's recently and the other currently in Year 5, which means our family has a long term commitment to the school.

I work full time as a Commercial Lending Manager for Santander, specialising in the Education and Healthcare sectors. I have a vast knowledge of business financials, including approving annual budgets and funding for education establishments. The governing board holds the main responsibility for the school's finances and I feel that my knowledge and experience in this area, as well as my passion for the education of our children, could benefit the governing board and ultimately the school.

I am actively involved with Friends of St. Peter's and really enjoy helping out with fundraising activities, such as the cinema night and sponsored bounce on sports day. Through these events we raise much needed funds for the school, as well as both the parents and children having a great time. I am very much looking forward to continuing to assist with these activities in the coming years, raising vital funds to enhance our children's learning.

I believe St Peter's is a fantastic school, and I relish the opportunity to contribute to the brilliant work that is being done in teaching our children.

Mr Mat Tanner

I have a son currently in Key Stage 2 at St Peter's, and have been an associate governor since 2018.

I wanted to get involved with the school in some way when my son started and felt that being a part of the governing board might be a way I could help with the great work the staff and governors already do. I can bring my thoughts as a parent and ask questions that families would see as important.

I currently work in finance for the NHS, but have previously worked in internal audit at Salford Council, auditing schools including St Peter's, so have knowledge and experience of finance and governance issues relating to schools, and as such I serve on the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Mrs Elaine Walker

I have been a foundation governor at St Peter's CE Primary School for 16 years and currently serve on the School Effectiveness, Pupil Discipline and Staff Appeals committees.

I attended St Peter's many years ago, as did my two children; we all found it a really happy school and I am proud to still support its work today, ensuring that St Peter's provides the best possible start for the children of the area.

My hobbies include being a Brownie leader for 35 years, reading and going to watch Swinton Rugby League Club.

Mr Howell Williams

I am a foundation governor and a member of the Parish Church Council for the Parish of Swinton & Pendlebury. I graduated with B.Sc. honours in Chemistry from Manchester University, but before retiring I worked with financial accounting systems. My skills are, not surprisingly, in finance and science but as a member of St. Peter's church choir I also have an interest in choral music.

St. Peter's CE school has a Christian tradition which, with the nurture and support of the church, ensures its pupils become good citizens and assets to the community. I have current responsibility for the governance of Safeguarding, Pastoral Matters and Special Educational Needs and Disability within the school.

Mrs Jenny Williams

I am a retired teacher who has been a foundation governor at St Peter's CE for approximately fifteen years.

I still maintain a keen interest in the type of curriculum that is offered to our children at St Peter's and act as a critical friend to the school, providing both challenge and support; to this end, I serve on the School Effectiveness and Headteacher Performance Review committees.

I enjoy visiting school on a regular basis and do so weekly to work with the children in my link class and to support some of the many trips and visits which the school undertakes.