

Rachel Wells

Acting Chair of Governors, Governor Champion for EYFS, Safeguarding and Science

I have had an association with St. Matthews since 1990, originally as a teacher at the school, later as a parent of 2 children attending the Nursery Centre and School and became a parent governor for a number of years. I am currently the head teacher and manager at Kingswood Trust, an environmental residential charity that encourages children to connect with nature and the outdoors. I have a particular interest and experience in the Early Years and have been a governor again at St. Matthews for the last 2 years, recently acting up as Chair of Governors. I believe that school should provide positive experiences for lifelong learning, that focus on both a creative and enriched curriculum with a focus on ensuring priority is given to children's health and wellbeing. I am proud and pleased to be supporting the strategic development and direction of St. Matthews, along with other well equipped governors and believe our school provides all children with excellent foundations to achieve today and in the future.

Anna Hill

Governor Champion for English

I have recently become a Parent Governor at St Matthews C of E Primary school. I have a daughter at the school and have been a member of the Parent council for 5 years. During this time I have seen first hand what a fantastic school it is, the teaching staff inspire pupils to be the best they can be and all create a fantastic learning environment. I am the Governor Champion for English and therefore have keen interest in reading and also St Mathew's school library, I look forward to assisting this to grow and develop as a resource for all children within school. I have worked for the Library service for 11 years and am currently a Library Service Team Leader based at Wellington Library. As a new Governor I look forward to learning about the schools vision, structure and priorities and assisting to ensure the best decisions are made.

Mrs Heather Cooper Vice Chair of Governors

Foundation Governor Champion for Mathematics and SEND

I have been attending St. Matthew's Church since moving to Donnington in 2002, and it was through this involvement that I became a Foundation Governor at St. Matthew's School in 2006. I am one of the Governors responsible for the Performance Management of the Head Teacher, and the Governor Champion for SEND and Mathematics. My role is to promote the Christian character of the school, so as well as attending meetings in school I am often in Church when the children come in for services and class visits.

Mr Dale Hancox

Governor Champion for Sports Premium /PE

I am a 38 year old father of three - all of whom attend St Matthews C of E (Aided) Primary School ranging from Reception to Year 6. I was elected as a Parent School Governor for St Matthews in 2016

as I am a driven person with a desire to get the best for not only my own children but all the other children and staff of St Matthews School, including their families and the wider community.

As parents of children attending the school we all need to be given the chance to give constructive feedback, fresh ideas and give our full support to the school so that we can ensure we get the very best for our children. We all want our children to be happy, confident and become the best they can be. I believe that Parent Governors have a special role, and should always try to assess issues and make decisions on how the school can be improved from the point of view of the staff, students and parents/carers.

I am a Weapons Technician and have served in Her Majesty's Royal Air Force for over 19 years. I have the Cert Ed qualification and currently instruct at the Defence School of Aeronautical Engineering delivering many aspects of the weapons and explosives trade to both RAF and International trainees. I am a keen sportsman and have completed numerous half marathons. I am also a qualified ASA level 1 Swimming Assistant, teaching and coaching non-swimmers on a weekly basis.

I am proud to be a Parent Governor and Governor Champion for Sports Premium and PE and I hope to do everything I can to support the school in providing an outstanding curriculum and a safe and nurturing environment for all the children attending St Matthews.

Mrs Kerry Kandola

Governor Champion for Foundation Curriculum, Teaching and Learning.

My first experience of St Matthews was around 1986, where I attended as a pupil. My love and admiration of the school has never diminished since. I have been recently elected as a Parent School Governor for Foundation Subjects. I currently have 2 children that attend the school and as such I have a healthy interest in how the school operates and performs.

I am Purchasing Manager and have worked for the same company for 17 years, covering Customer Services and Contract Repair, working directly with the Armed Forces. I also currently chair the Parents Council for St Matthews, organising and providing additional support for functions at the school and raising much needed funds. As Governor Champion for the Foundation Curriculum and teaching and learning I attend Learning walks and book scrutinies within school working closely with Miss Cartwright to ensure our children are offered the very best curriculum to enable them to develop like long skills and knowledge.

Roger Lewis Governor

Governor Champion for Pupil Premium

I started as a Parent Governor at St Matthews in 2005 until 2009. In 2012 I returned to the Governing Body as the LA Appointed Governor. I was Chair of Governors from 2013 - 2017 . During this time I oversaw all of the committees and led on the Performance Management of the Head Teacher. I was Governor Champion for Pupil Premium, safeguarding and Children in care. As a governor I make regular visits into school, and have now become someone that most pupils recognize and know. I have had a connection with the school for over 10 years, and although my own children have since left the school I am still committed to see it succeed.

Reverend Paula Smith

Foundation Governor Ambassador for RE/SIAMS

I am the Reverend Paula Smith from St Matthew's Church and I am a Foundation Governor. St. Matthew's Church serves the people of Donnington, Donnington Wood and the Humbers. We are people who aim to follow in the way of Jesus and aim to show this by showing hospitality, generosity and building a sense of community. I am keen to foster links between St. Matthew's School and the church, and regularly visit the children and staff within school. We run Messy Church for the children, aiming to provide a welcoming environment where families can worship together, learn together, have fun together, socialise with others and grow into faith. We meet on the first Sunday of each month. The school have a positive relationship with the church and perform at church festivals, the children participate in 'experience church' sessions with members of the church community, and Year 5 and 6 participate in Eucharist services with the community. We are always looking for more opportunities to work together.

Tracey Cartwright

Teacher Governor Link Governor for Teaching and Learning / the Foundation Curriculum/ Assessment and Standards

I have been teaching at St Matthew's for over 19 years and have been on the Governing Body for 10 years. Sitting on the Governing Body offers me a unique opportunity to represent the staff and pupils at St Matthew's, but also to work alongside Governors evaluating and monitoring the provision for your children. As a mum to two young children I know how important a good start to your child's education is to you. In my free time I enjoy visiting the theatre, exploring the outdoors and appreciating the arts. Being a teacher enables me to share many of my interests with the children including Forest Schools and Art.