



MEET THE GOVERNORS (2023/24)

Chair of Governors:

Anthony Rogers

Vice Chair of Governors:

Angharad Price

THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNORS

The role of the Governing Body is a strategic one, its key functions are to:

- *Ensure clarity of the Catholic vision, ethos and strategic direction*
- *Set the aims and objectives for the school*
- *Set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives*
- *Set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives*
- *Monitor & evaluate the school's progress towards achieving its aims and objectives*
- *Be a source of challenge and support to the Headteacher and SLT*

GOVERNING BODY STRUCTURE

The Governing Body is currently made up of 12 members:

- **SIX Foundation Governors – *appointed by the Archdiocese of Cardiff***
- **TWO Local Authority Governors – *appointed by Vale of Glamorgan Local Authority***
- **ONE Parent Governors – *elected by parents of the school***
- **ONE Teacher Governor – *elected by teachers***
- **ONE Staff Governor – *elected by non-teaching staff***
- **The Headteacher**

The Governing Body is supported by the *Clerk to the Governing Body*

THE GOVERNING BODY (2023/2024)

Foundation Governors



Angharad Price
(Vice Chair)



Vacancy



Gareth Williams



Benny Augustian



Vacancy



Alexandra Thomas



Jennifer Dunstan



Anthony Rogers
(Chair)

Local Authority Governors



Emma Garson



Jackie Griffiths

Teacher Governor



Victoria Batten

Staff Governor



Claire Hicks

Parent Governor



Laurence Hooper

Headteacher



Laura Taylor

Clerk



Allison Davies

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS (1 of 3)

Angharad Price



- Angharad has been on the GB since January 2014. Angharad is the vice chair and is the link governor for RE, Collective Worship and Catholic Life and Mission, Teaching and Pedagogy, Humanities and Additional Learning Needs.
- Angharad is a barrister employed by the UK Government Legal Department, residing in Dinas Powys. Called to the bar in 2004, she specialises in public sector law. An active trustee of TGP Cymru and Disability Wales, she earned a merit for her LLM from Cardiff University in 2013, focusing on disability discrimination. Currently pursuing a professional doctorate at Cardiff University, she welcomed twins in 2016 and is enhancing her Welsh proficiency for their benefit.

Benny Augustian



- Benny has been a governor of St Joseph's since March 2012.
- He is the link governor for RE, Collective Worship and Catholic Life and Mission.
- Benny is employed in the University Hospital, Llandough. He is a councillor at Llandough Community Council. He enjoys being part of the Governing Body, to be a helping hand in moulding the younger generations, with the vision and mission of the Catholic Church's teachings.

Gareth Williams



- Gareth joined the Governing Body in October 2017. He is the chair of the Finance, Premises and Personnel Governing Body Sub Committee and the link governor for Health and Wellbeing and Health and Safety.
- Gareth is currently Regional Funding Manager for the National Lottery Community Fund as part of a 25-year career in Funding. A keen supporter of local sport, Gareth is involved in coaching junior teams at Old Penarthians RFC and Dinas Powys FC. As an ex-pupil and parent of St Joseph's, Gareth enjoys his role as a Governor, supporting the school to give children the same positive experience in their primary education as he and his own children had.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS (2 of 3)

Alexandra Thomas



- Alexandra has been on the Governing Body since April 2018.
- She is the link governor for RE, Collective Worship and Catholic Life and Mission, Expressive Arts and School Parliament and Children's Rights.
- **She is a qualified youth worker with a specific emphasis on participation ensuring young people are active citizens in their local community. She has a passion for ensuring that the voice of children and young people is listened to and heard.**

Jennifer Dunstan



- Jennifer is a newly appointed Foundation Governor starting in November 2023.
- She is the link governor for Health and Wellbeing and sits on the Curriculum, Standards and Wellbeing Governing Body sub-committee.
- She is a long-standing member of the Parish community of St Joseph's, Penarth and St Mary's, Dinas Powys and a member of the Parish Advisory Council. She has been involved in the field of education for many years as a learning support assistant, teacher and leader of Additional Learning Needs.

Anthony Rogers



- Anthony has been a Governor at St Joseph's since September 2005.
- Anthony is the Chair of the Governing Body and a link governor for RE, Collective Worship and Catholic Life and Mission, Language, Literacy and Communication and Safeguarding and Behaviour.
- He is practicing Catholic and serves the parish community as a reader for the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. He is a lecturer at Cardiff Law School, where he specialises in maritime and commercial law.

LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS

Emma Garson



- Emma was appointed as Minor Authority Governor in June 2022.
- She is a member of the Finance, Premises and Personnel Governing Body Sub Committee.
- Emma requested to be nominated by Penarth Town Council to be a representative for St Joseph's RC Primary School. As both a former pupil and parent, she was keen to be able to continue to support the nurturing ethos of the school.

Jackie Griffiths



- Jackie was appointed as Local Authority Governor in October 2023.
- She is a member of the Finance, Premises and Personnel Governing Body Sub Committee and the link governor for Independent Learning.
- Jackie has been a Brown Owl as part of the Brownies, girl-guiding movement, for 29 years. She has been a governor for many years in a variety of schools and is happy to join St Joseph's Governing Body, to support the school and be part of the community.

PARENT GOVERNOR

Laurence Hooper



- Laurence was elected as Parent Governor in October 2021.
- He is the Chair of the Curriculum, Standards and Wellbeing Governing Body Sub Committee and the link governor for Curriculum, Progression and Assessment and Mathematics and Numeracy.
- Laurence works as the sole director of a construction firm in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. Previously he served in the Armed Forces as an Engineering Officer before living and working overseas. Laurence relocated back to the Vale of Glamorgan with his family in 2017 and lives in Penarth. Laurence has three children in St Joseph's. He enjoys coaching children's chess and youth rugby at Penarth RFC.

TEACHER & STAFF GOVERNORS



Victoria Batten

Teacher Governor

- Victoria joined the Governing Body in September 2022 as a Teacher Governor.
- She is the Reception class teacher and the Lead for the Expressive Arts Area of Learning and Experience.
- Victoria hopes to offer the governing body a real insight into the excellent practices at St Joseph's, working with them to ensure that all pupils can reach their full potential, while promoting an environment in which staff are supported and listened to.



Claire Hicks

Non-Teaching Governor

- Claire is a HLTA in St Joseph's and has been non-teaching governor since December 2005.
- Claire teaches Digital Competency skills across the school.
- As an ex-pupil, Claire is passionate about helping children reach their full potential and ensuring they are given the opportunities to enjoy their learning throughout their time at St Joseph's RC Primary School.

HEAD TEACHER & CLERK



Laura Taylor

Head Teacher

- Headteacher at St Joseph's RC Primary School since April 2020. She was previously the Deputy Headteacher appointed in April 2015.
- Laura is the Primary Humanities Lead Practitioner for the Central South Consortium.
- She works closely with the Archdiocese of Cardiff in her role as Headteacher and as a Section 48/50 Inspector. She leads the 'New to Catholic Schools?' and 'New to the role of Religious Education Coordinator' courses for the Archdiocese.



Allison Davies

Clerk to the Governors

- Clerk to the Governors since May 2012.
- Allison joined St Joseph's RC Primary School in 2008 and is currently the school's Business Manager. Previously Allison worked for 20 years in the banking sector in various locations around the UK, leaving in 2007 as a Branch Manager.
- She has three grown up children and enjoys travelling, rugby and meeting up with friends.

FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

Autumn Term

- *19 October 2023*
- *7 December 2023*

Spring Term

- *14 March 2024*

Summer Term

- *16 May 2024*
- *4 July 2024*

Sub-committee meetings (e.g. RE, Collective Worship and Catholic Life and Mission, Curriculum, Standards and Wellbeing, Finance, Premises and Personnel etc.) also take place regularly throughout the academic year