



GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

January 2018

Message from Governors

On behalf of the governors may I wish you all a very happy New Year! As you know the school is now moving towards becoming an Academy as part of The Priory Learning Trust. We thought it would be useful to introduce our Governing Body who will become our Academy Council to you and give you some idea of the roles and responsibilities of governors as we make this change.

The Academy Council will still fulfil many of the roles that we complete at present and we hope to make the transfer seamlessly. We are all very proud of our school. The Ofsted report just confirmed all that we knew from our monitoring and evaluation procedures. We are an amazingly dynamic and strong learning community. The governors will continue to challenge and support our wonderful Senior Leadership Team as we work together to provide the very best education for our children.

We have two committees, the Teaching, Learning and Ethos Committee and the Finance, Premises and Estates committee. They meet three times a year and the full governing body meets three times a year. This means that each governor attends six meetings a year. They will then complete their monitoring responsibilities and report back to full governors. By sharing the responsibilities of monitoring we are more effective. We all complete training relevant to our responsibilities as well as statutory training for Safeguarding and we all hold DBS certificates.

Lesley Millard

Chair of Governors

Committees and responsibilities

Teaching, Learning and Ethos Committee

Lesley Millard

Chairing meetings,
setting agendas

PPG Champion

Sue Wilkinson

Safeguarding Lead

STEM Link

Ellie Gray

EYFS-BB and LL

Culture Team Link

Rev. Matt Thompson

Pastoral care and well
being. Spiritual link

Ethos, values and
SIAMS

Lorraine Clark

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Sam Walker

Communication Team

Finance, Personnel and Estates

Mark Duddington

Chairing meetings,
setting agendas

Personnel

Health & Safety and Premises

Chris Wardle

Sports Premium

PPG

SEND

Seb Blackshaw

Budget setting

Web site and social
media monitoring

Rev. Tom Yacomeni

GDPR

SFVS and Benchmarking

Victoria Butterfield

TPLT and Academy
Status

Risk Management

Who we are



Lesley Millard, Chair of Governors

Lesley has worked in Primary Education for over 30 years, first as a class teacher and then as Head teacher of a local church school. After retiring as Head she worked as a consultant for North Somerset supporting Leadership and Management in Primary schools. She is now enjoying retirement but maintaining her interest in children's learning.



Mark Duddington, Vice-Chair Parent Governor

Mark is a parent governor and has a special interest in Health and Safety. He is a Technical Member of the Institute of Occupational Health and Safety and has worked with a variety of businesses including academies providing risk management guidance. Mark has two children @West Wick.



Rev Matthew Thomson, Vice-Chair Foundation Governor

Matthew is a local vicar based at St Andrew's Church in Congresbury. He is a foundation governor and has special interests in Church/School relations, spirituality, community/chaplaincy, ethos and values.



Lisa Dadds, Head Teacher

Lisa has been a primary school teacher for over 24 years mainly within schools in North Somerset and in Brisbane, Australia. She has been the Head teacher at St Anne's since April 2014. This has been during a time of great change for St Anne's as we have grown to become a dual campus school which includes a nursery. She is passionate about teaching and learning. Lisa sits on both committee's.



Ellie Gray, Foundation Governor

Ellie has worked for over 20 years in Early Years, both in private business and as an advisor for the local authority. Currently she runs her own childcare setting graded outstanding by Ofsted and also works part time for Tribal Inspection Services as a Quality Assurance Professional and North Somerset Council as an Early Years Local Leader of Education. Prior to her career change Ellie was a Bank Manager for Lloyds Bank plc.



Rev Tom Yacomeni, Foundation Governor

Tom is a local vicar, licensed as Pioneer minister in the Locking Deanery and Lead minister of Locking Castle Church since September 2013.

Who we are



Sue Wilkinson, Foundation Governor

Sue works as a clinical research nurse in the Somerset area. Her background is in critical care nursing and she was a Sister on a busy intensive care unit for 12 years prior to this. She has undertaken previous voluntary roles for the Alzheimer's Society, where she was Chair of the North Somerset branch, also she was a Justice of the Peace for North Somerset before settling down to family life. Sue has a daughter at St Anne's @Hewish.



Victoria Butterfield, Parent Governor

Victoria has practised law both in private practice and with the Royal Air Force commissioning, as a Legal Officer in 2000 until March 2016. She has practised in a variety of legal disciplines from criminal and family law to international laws, in which she has a Masters Degree. More recently she has experience in health and safety law and administrative law in a governance and regulatory role at the MAA. She is currently taking a sabbatical to support her family whilst considering future career options. She has children at St Anne's @Hewish and at Little Learners.



Sebastian Blackshaw, Parent Governor

Seb worked for nine years in a successful Bristol based financial services company performing a variety of roles across the business. Most recently he worked in Human Resources with responsibility for Learning & Development and recruitment across the organisation. He holds a diploma in Human Resource Development. Seb has children at St Anne's @West Wick.



Lorraine Clark, Staff Governor

Lorraine has a background in science and following her degree in Microbiology, had a career in scientific research within the University of Glasgow and then in hospital laboratories for several years. Following relocation to the South West of England, she retrained as a primary school teacher at the University of the West of England and has been full-time at St Anne's since 2004.



Chris Wardle, Parent Governor

Chris studied a law degree before deciding to move into retail management. He has worked for 2 large supermarket chains across various roles from store manager to area manager to his current role in training and development. Chris has children at St Anne's @West Wick.



Sam Walker, Parent Governor

Sam qualified as a secondary school teacher of English in London before moving to Chippenham in 2011. In 2013, Sam moved back to Weston to start a family and he joined the family business. Sam now runs the family business, a department store on Weston high street, whilst maintaining his interest in education. His daughter studies at St Anne's @Hewish.



Jenny Thorpe, Ex Officio

Jenny is a former pupil of St Anne's and Priory and her two children now attend St Anne's @Hewish. She has a keen interest in seeing the school and all its pupils progress and achieve. Jenny qualified as a social worker in 2009 and worked for a local authority fostering service for 3 years. She currently works for a national fostering and adoption charity. Jenny is a leader (and Trustee) of Worle Baptist Church and is currently based at Parklands Community Church. Jenny has previously been a parish councillor.