

Meet Our School Governors

The Governors have a vital role within Wincle School.
There are 13 members of the main Governing Body.

Dr John Miller CHAIR – Foundation Governor

I was pleased to be asked to be a governor at Wincle School. I have been a family doctor and school medical officer for 27 years and currently helping the Universities of Manchester and Keele to produce caring and professional doctors with a high standard of communication skills. Until recently I have not had enough time or reliability to dedicate to any of my four children's schools. I lived in Sutton for eight years before moving to Devon in 2004. At that time I was not fortunate enough to have any grandchildren, I now have ten. Unfortunately none of them live near enough for me to be involved as a governor. Working as a Governor within the Wincle Family is one way for me to contribute to an educational system that has provided so much for my family.

Date of appointment – 18/03/2021

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by the Diocese of Chester

Relationships declared – Partner of school office administrator

Pecuniary interests – none recorded

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Roles and committees: Chair of Governors, Health & Safety Governor

Contact: Telephone 01260 227212, johnedmill@aol.com

Shirley Goodwin – Foundation Governor

I was born in Wincle and attended Wincle School many years ago, as did my mother before me. At that time it was amalgamated with Wildboarclough school. Since then my daughter has attended Wincle school and I currently have two grandchildren there and one grandchild in the nursery. I believe that the primary years of a child's schooling are crucial to their education and long term future and will stand them in good stead throughout the rest of their educational years. I believe that Wincle School fills all the criteria needed to provide that education.

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Date of appointment – 07/04/2021

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by the Diocese of Chester

Relationships declared – Grandparent to children in school

Pecuniary interests – none recorded

Roles and committees: Quality of teaching subcommittee -Recruitment & EYFS

Contact:burnthouse10@btinternet.com

Rev. John Harries - Foundation governor (ex officio)

I am Rev John Harries, 'Vicar John' to the children, and was licensed to the parish in May 2015. Born and raised in London, coming to the countryside has been a revelation to me, and one I have enjoyed immensely. Wincle is a fabulous place to live and Wincle school, nestled as it is, in the peaks is the perfect place to learn about our wonderful God, who made such a beautiful world.

I am delighted to say that there are close links between the church and school with regular shared celebratory and seasonal services taking place to mark high points in the Christian year, such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Day as well as special school services at the beginning and end of the academic year, namely our Welcome service and Leaver's service, which are especially emotional times, as you can imagine. I regularly pop into school to lead worship and enjoy getting to know the children.

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 33%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 33%

Date of appointment – 10/09/2015

Term of office – N/A

Appointed by the Diocese of Chester

Relationships declared – Foundation Governor at Bosley St Mary's C.E. Primary School

Pecuniary interests – none recorded

Roles and committees: Quality of teaching subcommittee – RE Governor

Contact: vicar@peakparishes.org.uk 01260 227234

Katy Powell –Foundation Governor

Joining the Governing team is a great privilege and I am enjoying getting stuck in to and helping across the many processes, developments and challenges that the school faces now and going forward. As an ex-pupil myself – many years ago – and a local business owner on the family farm, I have enjoyed seeing the school change over the years. Now my children have joined the ranks and are enjoying the benefits of a rural school that means such a lot to so many.

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Date of appointment – 09/04/2019

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by the Diocese of Chester

Relationships declared – Parent of two children in school.

Pecuniary interests – none recorded

Roles and committees: Chair of Welfare sub-committee, Safeguarding Governor & Training Governor

Contact: katy@blazefarm.com

Giles Meadows – Foundation Governor

Since moving to Wincle in 2002 I have run the village pub (The Ship), and subsequently Wincle Brewery. As such I understand how important institutions are to a community such as Wincle. I am passionate that Wincle School continues to be at the centre of our community, providing the highest possible standards of education.

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 66%

Date of appointment – 29/01/2018

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by the Diocese of Chester

Relationships declared – none declared

Pecuniary interests – none recorded

Roles and committees: Chair of Leadership and management subcommittee – Science & Fabric governor

Contact: gileshmeadows@gmail.com

Russell Palmer – Local Education Authority Governor

I am now in my 3rd term of governance at Wincle school and proud to be part of an ever changing and constantly challenging team of governors. I was appointed as the Local Authority governor in 2010 and have thoroughly enjoyed this demanding and responsible role ever since.

My 2 children have benefitted from an education at Wincle - both a nurturing and challenging experience has given them the best possible start to their school careers.

Professionally I work in a very stimulating business which constantly asks questions of itself to improve and grow. Much of this work involves the analysis and examination of data, developing business relationships and forecasting using the application of strategic data. I try and practically use this experience to make the best contribution possible to the school as a governor.

I am the chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee and enjoy both challenging and supporting which the role requires.

I feel passionately about helping the children through their Wincle school journey and ensuring they leave with high expectations, confidence and self-esteem which will enable them to grow as individuals and reach their full potential.

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Date of appointment – 22/10/2018

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by Local Authority

Relationships declared – none declared

Pecuniary interests – none recorded

Roles and committees: Chair of Quality of teaching sub-committee - Headteacher's performance management, Literacy Governor

Contact: russell725@btinternet.com

Carry Sharpley – Foundation Governor – Wildboarclough

I was born at Lower Nabs Farm in Wildboarclough, and attended Wincle School. I went to Reaseheath College & worked on various large dairy farms in Cheshire. In 1998 I took over the tenancy at Lower Nabs, a hill beef & sheep farm, where I live with my partner Andrew and our two sons, Arthur & George who attend Wincle School.

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 66%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Date of appointment – 15/10/2017

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by the Diocese of Chester

Relationships declared – Parent of child in school

Pecuniary interests – Trustee of Wildboarclough charity rooms

Roles and committees: Welfare Subcommittee – Disadvantaged pupils governor

Contact: caz@farmfreshfoods.com

Amy Henshaw – Parent Governor

I am delighted to be the newly appointed parent Governor. I am a mum of two girls. My eldest already attends Wincle primary and is thriving in the nurturing and engaging environment of the school. My youngest daughter is also due to start Twinkle in the spring term. I am a strong supporter of the school's vision core values and aims, which makes the school so unique. Through my new role I hope to help the school continue to provide excellence in Education and help to build relationships between the parents and the School.

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Date of appointment – 27/01/2019

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by parent election

Relationships declared – Parent of child in school

Pecuniary interests – Trustee & Secretary of PTA at Wincle Primary School.

Trustee & Treasurer of Twinkle pre-school

Henshaws – family business who provide waste removal to school

Roles and committees: Welfare sub-committee

Contact: amy.rose.1104@gmail.com

Sarah Smith – Head teacher (ex officio)

Teaching has always been a passion of mine as from an early age I liked to 'teach' my three younger sisters!

Children have so much to offer and I enjoy helping them learn and develop. Working in a school like Wincle is a dream come true for me; all stakeholders are working towards the same aim; to produce happy children who shine like stars!

Having children of my own has enhanced my understanding of how important a school is to a child, and as a governor I hope to support Wincle in being the best it can possibly be!

Date of appointment – 01/09/2017
Term of office – N/A
Appointed by staff
Relationships declared – Parent of child in school.
Pecuniary interests – none recorded

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%
Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Contact: head@winkle.cheshire.sch.uk

Nicola Metcalfe – Staff Governor

I discovered Winkle School in 2015, soon after moving to the area. My daughter benefitted from a Winkle education from Y4 to Y6 and I became an employee in 2020. I have an education background and taught in Tanzania, China and Manchester before moving into Further Education management. Whilst my daughter was young, I left and set up my own business in 2010. I am interested in holistic health and well-being and passionate about us all finding our place in the world, finding what we are good at and finding balance and happiness in our lives, whilst being kind and respectful to all living things and the planet. I served as a parent governor and chair at my daughter's old primary school, going on to volunteer and then work in the Primary sector as a teacher and a teaching assistant. I hope that my experience and approach can support and challenge Winkle school effectively. I feel very fortunate to have discovered Winkle school, this area and the special community we have and I am grateful to be part of it and hope I can serve it well.

Date of appointment – 08/09/2021
Term of office – 4 years
Appointed by staff
Relationships declared – none declared
Pecuniary interests – none declared

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%
Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Roles and committees: Welfare sub-committee

Contact: nmetcalfe@winkle.cheshire.sch.uk

Ben Cookson – Associate Governor

Originally, from Preston, I married a lovely young lady from Macclesfield and in 2012 - shortly after having our first child, we relocated to Macclesfield so that my wife could be closer to her family. I now have two young children and they both attend Winkle school and my wife Verity is also a teaching assistant there.

I am a qualified accountant and I have just taken up a new role at Stoke City Council working with the Children and Families directorate. Previously, I worked for two years in local government in Manchester and before that I spent nearly four years working for the Schools Finance Team at Cheshire East Council.

I have extensive knowledge of local government finances, especially schools, and it's this experience and particular skill set that I want to contribute to the governing body at Winkle school.

I am also a firm believer that Christian values should be cherished and preserved. Those values provide a moral framework to help adults and children with important decisions in life. Also, by practicing worship and prayer, I believe this provides a much-needed opportunity for reflection and self-awareness that can nourish the overall wellbeing of the individual.

Date of appointment – 04/07/19

Term of office – 3 years

Appointed by the F.G.B.

Relationships declared – Husband of Teaching Assistant in school & father of two children in school.

Pecuniary interests – none declared

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 66%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Roles and committees: Strategy Sub-committee

Contact: cooksonb@hotmail.co.uk

Mark Brennan – Associate Governor

I moved to Wildboarclough in 2012 with my wife and then very young child. He has attended Wincle School right through from Twincle pre-school and is now in his last year. I work in a corporate healthcare environment closely with the NHS & coach Junior Rugby for Macclesfield. These have many overlapping themes with a school environment such as safeguarding, confidentiality and data protection. I hope to give something back to a wonderful school and hope my perspective will add something to the governing board.

Date of appointment – 04/07/19

Term of office – 3 years

Appointed by the F.G.B.

Relationships declared – none declared

Pecuniary interests – none declared

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Roles and committees: Strategy sub-committee

Contact: m_a_brennan@hotmail.com

Paul Taylor – Associate Governor

My family and I moved to the village from Gloucestershire in 2006, and for a period of time my four children made up 10% of the school population, they have all now fledged with my youngest taking his GCSEs. I feel that now is the right time for me to give back something to the local community and help to ensure that the school stays as the heart village.

Date of appointment – 04/07/19

Term of office – 3 years

Appointed by the F.G.B.

Relationships declared – none declared

Pecuniary interests – none declared

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Roles and committees: Strategy sub-committee

Contact: elkstonehouse@hotmail.com
