

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 University of Manchester to produce caring and professional doctors and pharmacists 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 – 10/10/2021

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

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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. 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.

Date of appointment – 10/10/2021

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by the Diocese of Chester

Relationships declared – Grandparent to children in school

Pecuniary interests – none recorded

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 66%

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

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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. Done

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

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 66%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 0%

Roles and committees: Quality of teaching subcommittee – RE Governor

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Katy Powell – Foundation Governor

Being part of the Governing team is a great privilege and I'm thoroughly enjoying my role supporting the school across its many processes, developments and challenges that it faces now and to ensure its succession going forward. As an ex-pupil myself and a local business owner, I have enjoyed seeing the school adapt over the years. Seeing my own children blossom from their experience at Wincle gives me great joy - our wonderful rural school that means such a lot to so many.

Date of appointment – 10/04/2023

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by the Diocese of Chester

Relationships declared – Parent of a child in school.

Pecuniary interests – Governor at Congleton High School

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

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

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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.

Date of appointment – 09/12/2022

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by the Diocese of Chester

Relationships declared – none declared

Pecuniary interests – none recorded

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 66%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

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

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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 both attended Wincle before moving on to Macclesfield Academy

Date of appointment – 16/11/2021

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by the Diocese of Chester

Relationships declared – None declared

Pecuniary interests – Trustee of Wildboarclough charity rooms

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 66%

Roles and committees: Welfare Subcommittee – Disadvantaged pupils governor

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Amy Henshaw – Foundation Governor

Being a part of the governing body is both full filling and rewarding. Both of my daughters attend wincle primary school and are thriving in the nurturing and engaging environment of the school. I am a strong supporter of the school's vision, core values and aims, which makes the school so unique, something I have very much appreciated whilst seeing my children go through their schooling journey . As I have taken on the role of chairing the teaching and learning sub committee, I am enjoying seeing, and being part of the process that make wincle such an outstanding educational establishment, every meeting I attend and every piece of data I am given shows what a tangible difference wincle makes to the lives of the children that are part of our very special school.

Date of appointment – 31/10/2022

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by the Diocese of Chester

Relationships declared – Parent of children in school

Pecuniary interests – none declared

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Roles and committees: Chair of Teaching & Learning sub-committee, SIAMs governor, SEND and gifted and talented governor

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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 – N/A.

Pecuniary interests – none recorded

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

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Nicola Metcalfe – Staff Governor

I discovered Wincle School in 2015, soon after moving to the area. My daughter benefitted from a Wincle 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 Wincle school effectively. I feel very fortunate to have discovered Wincle 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 – 3 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

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Ben Cookson – Associate Governor

Originally from Lancashire, I now consider myself a native of Macclesfield. I have two children that have both attended Wincle school and my wife is a member of staff, so I'm fortunate to understand many different perspectives of school life. In my spare time I enjoy football, walking and politics.

Leveraging my extensive experience in local government finances, I am committed to supporting Wincle school in achieving its goals while safeguarding its unique identity. I firmly believe that Christian values serve as a moral compass, guiding both adults and children in critical life decisions. Furthermore, through worship and prayer, we discover precious moments for reflection and self-awareness, nurturing overall well-being.

Date of appointment – 04/07/22

Term of office – 3 years

Appointed by the F.G.B.

Relationships declared – Husband of Teaching Assistant in school.

Pecuniary interests – none declared

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Roles and committees: Strategy Sub-committee

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Rachel Belfield – Parent Governor

Having previously lived in many places across the UK, I moved to Wildboardclough in 2014, joining my husband, a previous Wincle School pupil, in this wonderful part of the world. Our daughter is now 7 and in Year 2 and loving her school life.

I believe very strongly in the importance of a connected community where people contribute to and are supported by the people around them. Together we are always better and it's clear to me that both Wincle and Wildboardclough thrive in this way, with Wincle School right at the heart of the community. Becoming a Governor of the school is one way in which I can make my contribution, helping to support the school in its mission to give our children the best opportunity for success in life.

I work as HR Director for a company headquartered in Nantwich, with a background in Sales as well as Learning and Development. I hope I can use my professional experience to help me in the Governor role.

Date of appointment – 04/07/22

Term of office – 3 years

Appointed by the parent election

Relationships declared – Mother of child in school

Pecuniary interests – treasurer of Wildboardclough PCC

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Roles and committees:

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Joann Albiston – Parent Governor

I was fortunate to move to Wincle in 2020 with my husband and two children. The school's outstanding reputation was one factor that brought us here, and they have both thrived in the school.

My children are now in year one and three. I accepted the challenge of becoming a parent governor so I can actively contribute to their journey, and that of all the children. The school is so integral to the local community, which the children certainly benefit from. It has been great working with the rest of the governing body who all share the same passion and goal to provide the best educational experience for our children.

Professionally I am a musculoskeletal physiotherapist with a specialist interest in paediatrics. I hope to use my professional skills to contribute to the governing body where possible.

Date of appointment – 04/07/22
Term of office – 3 years
Appointed by the parent election
Relationships declared – Mother of children in school
Pecuniary interests – none declared

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

Roles and committees:

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John Brocklehurst – LA Governor

It is a privilege to join Wincle schools governing board. I am a former student myself, I grew up in the village and both live and work on my families nearby dairy farm today. It is fantastic to be part of a thriving rural school which provides as the hub of the community and inspires the next generation. My career so far has focused on working across the food supply chain at farms, processors and retailers. In my spare time I enjoy rowing and running and walking in the Peak District with my own little family. Having recently become a Dad myself I am learning how important early years are for development. As a governor I hope to ensure all Wincle pupils are set up for success. Done

Date of appointment – 26/04/2024
Term of office – 4 years
Appointed by the Local Authority
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
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