

Meet Our School Governors

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

Shirley Goodwin – Chair of Governors – 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 Wildboardclough school. Since then my daughter has attended Wincle school and I currently have one grandchild 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 – 10/10/2025

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 – 100%

Roles and committees: Chair of Governors -Recruitment & EYFS

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Dr John Miller – 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 – 10/10/2025

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 – 66%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Roles and committees: Welfare & Teaching and Learning Committee, Health & Safety Governor

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Katy Powell – Foundation Governor

Being part of the Governing team is a great privilege and I am 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 – 66%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

Roles and committees: Co Chair of Welfare & Teaching and Learning 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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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: Co Chair of Welfare & Teaching and Learning 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 governing board

Relationships declared – N/A.

Pecuniary interests – none recorded

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 66%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings – 100%

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Rachel Belfield – Parent Governor

Having previously lived in many places across the UK, I moved to Wildboarclough in 2014, joining my husband, a previous Wincle School pupil, in this wonderful part of the world. Our daughter is now 8 and in Year 3 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 Wildboarclough 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 – 4 years

Appointed by the parent election

Relationships declared – Mother of child in school

Pecuniary interests – treasurer of Wildboarclough 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 two and four. 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 – 4 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 – 66%

Roles and committees: Welfare & Teaching and Learning Committee

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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.

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 & Teaching and Learning Committee

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Andrea Bailey – Ex Officio Governor

I am Andrea Bailey, I was born in the Staffordshire Moorlands to a farming family and I attended Ipstones primary school, very similar in size to Wincle. I live in Wincle and I'm lucky to have my

two grandchildren living on the farm with me. My two grandchildren attend the school, so I am very happy to be governor.

Having had a career change in 1998 from nursing and midwifery to education, I spent the remainder of my career in Further and Higher Education. Having taught for many years I moved into the Senior Leadership Team of Staffordshire University, first as a Quality Manager then as Associate Dean of Students and Acting Dean of Faculty. I am now Church Warden in the Peak Parish Benefice and representing the church in the Governing Board. I am looking forward to learning in this new role and hopefully using the skills and experience I bring to the role from my previous career.

Date of appointment – 30/10/2024

Term of office – N/A

Appointed by the Chester Diocese

Relationships Declared – none declared

Pecuniary Interests – none declared

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings – 100%

Attendance at sub-committee meetings –66%

Roles and committees: Welfare & Teaching and Learning Committee. R.E.

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Helen Hall – Associate Governor

I moved to Wincle 23 years ago, intending to stay for just 6 months but deciding to make it my permanent home when I witnessed what a warm-hearted and close-knit community it is. My daughter went to Wincle School, and I strongly believe it gave her an incredible foundation in life. She was taught how to learn and also how to be confident, how to take praise and also how to give it, how to be kind and also how to feel part of a community, and how to be brave and yet have fun when dangling off a rock on outward bound trips! I hope, in my role as a governor, that I can help the school to continue to be a source of such strong life and academic skills.

Date of appointment – 10/12/2024

Term of office – 10/12/2027

Appointed by the Governing Board

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

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Hayley Roberts – Staff Governor

Working with children has always been part of my life and a vocation that I really enjoy. I have been lucky enough to work as a teacher for thirty years and still love facilitating learning. Every day and every child is unique which means that learning is always dynamic. Children bring such joy, curiosity, and creativity to the world, and I feel privileged to play a part in their growth and learning. Being involved with a school like Wincle is truly special — it's a place where everyone shares the same goal: to nurture happy, confident children who shine brightly. As a parent myself, I've come to appreciate just how much school can shape a child's life, and as a governor I'm committed to supporting Wincle in continuing to be a place where every child can shine!

Date of appointment – 10/09/2025

Term of office – 4 years

Appointed by the Staff

Relationships Declared – none declared

Pecuniary Interests – none declared

Attendance at F.G.B. meetings –

Attendance at sub-committee meetings –

Roles and committees: Welfare & Teaching and Learning Committee

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