

MEET THE GOVERNORS

NAME AND ROLE	COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP	LINK GOVERNOR	ABOUT ME
Father Nick Kern Chair of Governors 	Admissions FGB HTPM Finance Focus	Religious Education /Charities PHSE/SMSC Safeguarding	I have been a Priest since 1990 in six different Parishes and I have been involved with the schools in all of these Parishes. I enjoy reading, music (playing both the electric bass and guitar) and hiking. I enjoy being a Governor as it is my way of helping our school to be the best it can be. I chose the Religious Education link governor role because I know a lot about the subject! I chose to be the link governor for PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) because I enjoy looking at the bigger picture about our lives. St Mary's is a very special place because it is vibrant with a mix of cultural backgrounds we have in Crewe. There are great teaching staff who are enthusiastic and friendly and who meet the challenges faced.
Mrs C Lightowler Vice Chair of Governors 	Teaching and Learning Focus Finance Focus	Pupil Premium Health and Safety Art & DT	Hello, I'm Clare Lightowler, I am delighted to be fulfilling the role of parent governor at St Mary's. I am a Secondary school teacher of 13 years and I'm passionate about education and ensuring children get the exposure to the best education has to offer in 2023 and beyond. I want to be part of my children's learning journey from an early age, and I'm looking forward to being part of a team that will work together to provide pupils with everything they need to flourish. I am passionate about Design, Creativity and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math's subjects. I love to explore new things and places, and often spend my free time

			going to the theatre, visiting museums and travelling when possible. I also enjoy taking spin classes and running to stay fit and active. During the holidays, I love to spend time with my family in Wales, taking my dog on walks and days out at the beach. St Marys holds a special place in my heart as it is when I spent my formative school years.
Mrs D Brown Foundation Governor 	Admissions Teaching and Learning Focus FGB Pay committee	Cared for Children English History & Geography MFL (French)	I became a Foundation Governor at St Mary's in September 2022. I believe that every child is entitled to high quality education which is delivered with care and compassion with Christ at its center. I retired from the post of Deputy Headteacher at St Thomas More at Christmas 2021 after a teaching career lasting over 36 years. I taught at 5 very different schools and enjoyed the opportunities and experiences which I encountered. Teaching is the best job in the world as you spend each day with the most wonderful people in the world, our children. It has been a privilege to see them grow and develop. I am a parishioner at St Mary's of the Immaculate Conception and attend the 9am Sunday Mass most weeks. I live in the local area. Since retiring I have been able to spend more time on wide range of interests which include flower arranging, walking, traveling and many sports. I am excited to be a Governor at St Mary's and to play my part in the work of the team (pupils, staff, parents, our community and Governors). Together we can support our school to develop and move forward to achieve its aims for each and everyone who are part of this special community. Catholic education is very special as it is learning which is much more than just providing high level quality academic study, it develops the whole person in mind, body and spirit. St Mary's is a very special place because it provides children with invaluable opportunities to expand their knowledge skills and talents, explore their passions,

			become an active member of the community, strengthen their individual sense of self and grow to know God.
Mr F Z Lepisz Foundation Governor 	Teaching and Learning Focus FGB	Pupil Leadership/school council	I have been a Foundation Governor at St Mary's since October 2014. I wanted to ensure that pupils maintain high standards of achievement and be involved in all aspects of governor responsibilities to improve the outcomes for pupils. I enjoy talking to the pupils about their learning, being involved in the educational experience and taking part in all governor activities. There have certainly been some vast improvements in resources and facilities, educational standards and opportunities for the pupils since I was at school! St Mary's is a very special place because the school provides excellent, high standard educational facilities. The Head Teacher and all the staff are professional, qualified, dedicated and available to assist the pupils at all times and it is a pleasure and honour to be part of the Governing Body
Mr J O'Connell Foundation Governor 	Finance Focus FGB	Music	I am a retired funeral director and have been in the profession for over 35 years. I am also a qualified clinical counsellor. In my spare time I enjoy promoting and walking around Queens Park and spending time with my grandson. It's a privilege to be a foundation governor at St Mary's. St Mary's is a very special place because it believes in the potential of every child. It provides education with respect, compassion, and love, helping children to become the best they can be in an environment of support and understanding.

Mrs V Ng Foundation Governor 	Finance Focus	SEND	I have been working in the education sector as a teacher, a teacher trainer and a researcher in Hong Kong for more than 20 years. I arrived in the UK two years ago with my husband. I'm still supporting teachers in Hong Kong Catholic schools remotely from home. I enjoy singing, seeing opera and ballet, and cooking. I also love learning different cultures. Having been living in a compact city located in a tropical area like Hong Kong, I didn't realise how wonderful hiking could be only after being here. I'm still developing my strength to walk and hope that one day I can have a long walk with you in this beautiful town. I am a parishioner in St Gabriel's Church. When I first heard that St Mary's was looking for a governor, I didn't pay much attention to it. But after a few times, I started to think that maybe I can share something I have and I learnt and so I applied. However, my past experience told me that every time when I thought I'm giving, it turned out that I'm receiving. St Mary's is a very special place to me as it's is the first Catholic school that I have connected with. Everyone I have met is very friendly and helpful.
Mrs A Edge Foundation Governor 	Teaching and Learning Focus	Early Years	I am a former Primary School teacher and now a grandmother of children of primary school age. I lived in Wales for 34 years and moved to Crewe in 2017. I was a Governor in South Wales and felt I was helping in a Catholic educational environment which is very familiar to me. I like to travel, especially to Pilgrimage places and I enjoy gardening and reading. I am very interested in Early Years and research show and I believe that these years are very important, a good start is essential in education.

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Mr S Tew Parent Governor 	Finance Focus HTPM Pay committee	Computing Science Maths	I am a hard-working Accountant that manages a finance team for a National Distributor. I love spending time with my family. I enjoy walking, cycling, motorcycling and car track days. I wanted to become Chair of Governors so that I can have a positive impact on the direction of St Mary's. I have also chosen the computing link governor role as I work with computers on a daily basis. St. Mary's is a very special place because our school improves outcomes for pupils and treats everyone fairly.

Mrs N Messenger Staff Governor 	Teaching and Learning Focus FGB Finance Focus	Deputy Head Teacher Staff Governor	I have been a teacher at St Mary's school for over 20 years. I have a love for our school community and have shared the journey with many children and their families over the years. I have been a teacher of Year 5 and 6 children and Team Leader of Upper Key Stage 2 for many years, but I have also had experience of teaching and leading in Year 3 and 4 as well. I was Acting Deputy Head teacher in January 2022, and became the permanent Deputy Head Teacher in May 2024. In my new role, I am learning about helping to support and lead our incredible staff and children at St Mary's. Being a governor provides me with a further insight in to how a school is managed and run. In return, I hope to be able to add my expertise of teaching and learning to the Governing body. In my spare time I enjoy swimming and walking, but my greatest passion is travelling and visiting different countries, learning about their cultures and history. St Mary's is a very special place to me because the children are unique and diverse. They make me smile every single day and I love coming to work.
Mrs C Wright Head Teacher 	Teaching and Learning Focus Pay committee FGB Finance Focus	Head Teacher	I am truly blessed and privileged to be Head Teacher at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School. I originally joined St. Mary's in 2016 as Deputy Head Teacher. Prior to joining our school, I have been a teacher and leader of learning for 25 years across the whole primary range from Nursery to Year 6. St. Mary's Catholic Primary school is an inclusive community and we refer to our school as a 'family'. We are very proud of our children – they are caring, well-mannered, curious and always strive to do their best. I am extremely passionate about providing our children with the best possible education and enriched opportunities including cultural capital, outdoor learning, trips and sport so that each individual reaches their true potential. Every member of staff of the school has the interests of the children at the heart of what they do. They work tirelessly, to provide the best education in a loving, safe and nurturing

			environment. I am passionate about parent partnerships, inviting families and parishioners into school to join in and witness the wonderful things we offer. It is hugely rewarding working with Governors, staff and pupils at St. Mary's. We have a thriving school Facebook page that captures all these wonderful experiences. I am an active member of my Parish of St. Gabriel's in Alsager. I am blessed with a wonderful family and two wonderful children so life is always busy but I wouldn't change a thing! I love exercise and keeping fit as I believe this contributes to a healthy mind and positive outlook. My main hobbies are hiking, running and yoga and spending quality time with my family and friends at the weekend. St. Mary's is a very special place because we care about every child and ensure they grow and develop through our core values and the curriculum.
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