



# Governor Newsletter

## September 2016



### Meet the Governors

The Governors at The Blake School have three main roles...

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

As part of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST) the work of the Governing Body is supported by the Directors of ODST.

During the year the governors send out monthly newsletters and termly business summaries. Please look out for these as they will inform you of school improvement priorities and the work of the governing board.



Elizabeth is the Chair of the Governors; she is a Foundation Governor, appointed by the Directors of ODST on the recommendation of the PCC at St Mary's, Cogges.

Elizabeth has been a governor for six years and wherever possible attends all committee meetings.

Elizabeth is a familiar face around the school and meets regularly with Mr Edwards-Grundy to keep up to date with school matters and to provide a confidential sounding board.

Gill is the Vice-Chair of Governors; she is a Foundation Governor, appointed by the Directors of ODST on the recommendation of the PCC at St Mary's, Cogges.

Gill has been a governor for six years and also endeavours to attend all committee meetings. Gill's three children all attended The Blake School.



As headteacher at The Blake School Mr Edwards-Grundy is automatically a governor.

Mr Edwards-Grundy provides regular written reports to governors and attends meetings to provide both verbal reports and answer governor questions.

Fiona is a staff governor, elected by the other members of the school staff. Fiona has been a teacher at The Blake School for twelve years.

Fiona is new to the governing body and will be a member of the Property, Pastoral and Community sub-committee. The governors are looking forward to working with Fiona.



David is a foundation governor; he is also a member of The Blake Educational Trust, which supports the school by providing some external funding.

David is currently the longest serving governor having been in post for over twenty years.

David is a member of the Strategy and Finance and the Pastoral, Premises and Community committees.

Stuart is a foundation governor, appointed by the Directors of ODST on the recommendation of the PCC at St Mary's, Cogges.

Stuart was appointed during the last academic year and is a member of the Pastoral, Premises and Community committee; his two children attend the School.



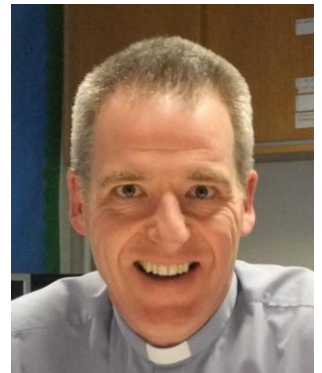
Sam is a parent governor, elected during the past academic year by the parent community at The Blake School.

Sam has a son at the school and is an active member of The Friends.

Sam is Chair of the Pastoral, Premises and Community committee.

Simon is a foundation governor appointed by the Directors of ODST; he is also the incumbent of St Mary's Cogges and St James the Great South Leigh.

Simon is a familiar face around the school and regularly leads collective worship.



Barbara is a foundation governor, appointed during the past academic year by the Directors of ODST on the recommendation of the PCC at St Mary's, Cogges.

Barbara was a secondary school teacher for most of her working life; she is a member of the Curriculum committee.

Philip is a parent governor, elected during the past academic year by the parent community at The Blake School.

Philip is a member of the Strategy and Finance and Curriculum committees and has a particular interest in data; his two children attend the school.



Anthony is a foundation governor, appointed by the Directors of ODST on the recommendation of the PCC at St Mary's, Cogges.

Anthony has been a governor for a year and is the safeguarding governor, he is a member of the Pastoral, Premises and Community committee; his three children all attend the school.

Jane is a foundation governor, appointed by the Directors of ODST on the recommendation of the PCC at St Mary's, Cogges.

Jane has been a governor for four years; she is the Chair of the Curriculum committee and has a particular interest in English and Literacy.



As deputy headteacher at The Blake School Mrs Doland has a standing invitation to attend meetings of the governing board.

Mrs Doland, alongside Mr Edwards-Grundy, brings reports and data to the governing body; she works closely with the Curriculum committee.

In order to work efficiently and effectively the governing body at The Blake School needs people with a wide range of knowledge, experience and expertise. Over the past year there have been a number of changes to the governing board; the current board is made up of governors who bring expertise from business, education, finance and safeguarding and have skills that together make them well placed to fulfil their three key roles.

The full governing board meets five times a year. All governors are also members of one of the sub-committees, which meet at least termly. Information about the work of the governing board is shared with parents/carers via the termly summary of business documents. More information about the governors and the structure of the governing board can be found on the [school website](#).