



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

Governors and the role of the Governing Body

There are 14 governors at English Martyrs School. As we are a Voluntary Aided Catholic School we have 8 foundation governors appointed by the Bishop of Portsmouth, who have a specific responsibility to maintain the Catholic ethos of the School. We also have 2 parent governors elected by parents at the school and one local authority governor appointed by Reading Borough Council. The Headteacher and 2 other members of staff are also members of the governing body.

The governing body has a range of duties and powers and a general responsibility for the running of the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement. Our responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

1. Ensuring that the school provides a Catholic, Christian setting in which children can grow in knowledge, skills, attitudes and values.
2. Setting targets for pupil achievement
3. Managing the School's finances
4. Making sure the curriculum is balanced and appropriate to the needs of the pupils
5. Taking general responsibility for the conduct of the school, including discipline and attendance
6. Appointing staff and reviewing staff performance
7. Admissions to the school

The Governors are not involved in the day to day management of the school. This is the responsibility of the Headteacher and senior leadership team.

Each Governor is expected to contribute fully to the work of the Governing Body and attend Board Meetings which are held once a term. They are also expected to be an active member of one or more of the Committees which oversee the detail of our work.

Committees

The following Committees are currently in place:

Strategy and Catholic Ethos Committee

This committee is responsible for ensuring that religious education is provided in accordance with the teachings, doctrines and particular norms of the Catholic Church. It is responsible for the strategic direction of the school and ensures accountability of all staff through monitoring and evaluation. In addition, this committee is responsible for the admissions procedure and for maintaining good communications between staff, parents, prospective parents, children and the community. It is also responsible for the school prospectus, website and public relations.

Resources Committee

This committee works closely with the School Business Manager and Headteacher to manage the school budget. It is also responsible for matters concerning the staff, the school site and buildings, including development and health and safety issues.

This committee is responsible for the implementation of the Pay Policy, having regard to national policy, current legislation, local authority and Diocesan guidelines. It also develops, reviews and oversees the implementation of the Governing Body's personnel policies and keeps up to date with new legislation, advising the Governing Body of relevant developments.

Pupil Achievement Committee

This committee is responsible for working with the Headteacher to develop and monitor the curriculum and academic standards throughout the school. It keeps up to date with new strategies employed by the school and advises the governing body of the impact of these. This committee is responsible for monitoring and interpreting the data regarding pupils' progress and attainment.

Recruiting New Governors

If you would like to be involved with the work that we do please contact the Chair of Governors, Chris Tracey via the School office.

Governing Body Membership - September 2018

Name	Category of Governor	Appointed by	Term of Office	Committee	Other Responsibilities
Nick Campolucci	Foundation	Diocese of Portsmouth	28.10.2016 - 27.10.2020 Resigned: 17.09.2018		
Canon Michael Dennehy	Foundation	Diocese of Portsmouth	11.11.2018 - 10.11.2022	Strategy & Catholic Ethos Resources	
Linda Heneghan	Foundation	Diocese of Portsmouth	23.05.2016 - 22.05.2020	Strategy & Catholic Ethos Pupil Achievement	Chair of Strategy & Catholic Ethos Responsibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding Social Justice & Evangelisation Creative Arts
Eileen McElligott	Foundation	Diocese of Portsmouth	01.09.2018 - 31.08.2022	Resources Pupil Achievement	Chair of Pupil Achievement Responsibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil Premium English
Stella Moss	Foundation	Diocese of Portsmouth	27.07.2018 - 26.07.2022	Strategy & Catholic Ethos Pupil Achievement	Responsibility for: History & Geography
Brian Sharma	Foundation	Diocese of Portsmouth	01.09.2015 - 31.08.2019	Resources Strategy & Catholic Ethos	Responsibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Education
Chris Tracey	Foundation	Diocese of Portsmouth	01.09.2018 - 31.08.2022	Resources Pupil Achievement	Chair of Governors Responsibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health & Safety Reading Governors Association
Steve Lewis	Parent	Elected by parents	01.11.2017 - 31.10.2021	Resources Pupil Achievement	Responsibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion (SEN/AGT) Science & Design Technology

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Cathy Doberska	Headteacher	Ex officio	Appointed 09.04.2018	Strategy & Catholic Ethos Resources Pupil Achievement	
Anita Connolly	Co-opted	The governing body	01.09.2015 - 31.08.2019	Strategy & Catholic Ethos Pupil Achievement	Responsibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religious Education Computing
Anton Dworzak	Staff	Elected by staff	01.09.2015 - 31.08.2019	Pupil Achievement Strategy & Catholic Ethos	
Shehnaz Ahmed	Associate	Governing body	01.12.2016 - 30.11.2020	Pupil Achievement Resources	Responsibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After School / Breakfast Club Mathematics
Roz Doctor	Associate	Governing body	01.09.2018 - 31.08.2022	Resources Strategy & Catholic Ethos	Chair of Resources Responsibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Languages
Margaret Gardner	Associate	Governing body	01.09.2018 - 31.08.2022	Pupil Achievement Resources	Responsibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training / links with LA Governor Services PSHE & Citizenship
Denise Hobbs	Associate	Governing body	01.09.2018 - 31.08.2022	Pupil Achievement Strategy & Catholic Ethos	
Sara Nash	Associate	Governing body	19.10.2016 - 18.10.2020	Pupil Achievement Resources	
Helen Aston	Clerk to the Governors	Employed by the Governing Body	Appointed 01.11.2010	Attends all Board meetings and committee meetings.	

Register of Business / Pecuniary Interests - September 2018

Name	Details of Business Interest / other educational establishments / relationships between governors and members of the school staff including spouses, partners and relatives.
Anita Connolly	Daughter works as a lunchtime assistant and TA at English Martyrs.
Canon Michael Dennehy	None
Cathy Doberska	None
Anton Dworzak	None
Linda Heneghan	None
Steve Lewis	None
Eileen McElligott	Janssen Cilag - Full time occupation from March 2012
Stella Moss	Councillor - Reading Borough Council from May 2012
Brian Sharma	University lecturer - Royal Holloway, University of London
Chris Tracey	None
Shehnaz Ahmed	Microbiology Society
Roz Doctor	None
Margaret Gardner	None
Denise Hobbs	None
Sara Nash	None
Helen Aston	Compliance Officer at Charterhouse Muller UK Ltd - IT Asset Disposal

GOVERNORS REGISTER - ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/18

		28-Sep	9-Jan	7-Feb	22-Mar	24-May	18-Jul
Nick Campolucci	Foundation	✓	✓	AP	✓	AP	✓
Anita Connolly	Co-opted	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Father Michael Dennehy	Foundation	AP	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cathy Doberska	Headteacher	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓
Anton Dworzak	Staff	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓
Linda Heneghan	Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓
Steve Lewis	Parent	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eileen McElligott	Foundation	AP	AP	AP	✓	AB	✓
Stella Moss	Foundation	✓	AP	AB	✓	✓	✓
Brian Sharma	Foundation	✓	AP	AP	✓	✓	✓
Chris Tracy	Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP
Shehnaz Ahmed	Associate Member	✓	✓	AP	AP	AP	✓
Sara Nash	Associate Member	✓	AB	AP	✓	✓	✓
Helen Aston	Clerk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

KEY: ✓ Present , AP Apologies, AB Absent, R Resigned N/A Not appointed

GOVERNORS REGISTER - ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19

		20-Sep	29-Nov	6-Dec	6-Feb	21-Mar	23-May	18-Jul
Shehnaz Ahmed	Associate	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Anita Connolly	Co-opted	✓	✓	✓	AP			
Father Michael Dennehy	Foundation	✓	AB	✓	✓			
Cathy Doberska	Ex-officio	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Roz Doctor	Associate	✓	AP	AP	AP			
Anton Dworzak	Staff	✓	✓	AP	✓			
Margaret Gardner	Associate	✓	AP	✓	✓			
Linda Heneghan	Foundation	✓	AP	✓	✓			
Denise Hobbs	Associate	✓	AP	✓	AP			
Steve Lewis	Parent	✓	AP	✓	✓			
Eileen McElligott	Foundation	AB	AP	✓	AP			
Stella Moss	Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Sara Nash	Associate	AB	AB	AB	AB			
Brian Sharma	Foundation	✓	AP	✓	AB			
Chris Tracey	Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Helen Aston	Clerk	✓	✓	✓	✓			

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