

## **Governor Profiles – St Pauls Catholic School Governing Board 2018 / 19**

### **Nuala Oster –Headteacher**

Nuala is currently serving on the Governing Board of St. Paul's as Headteacher. Until the retirement of the Headteacher, Nuala was Deputy Head and had worked at St. Paul's for many a year. Nuala has enjoyed teaching every age range at St Paul's but especially loves the challenge of Upper School and indeed, Nuala has taught each of her three children in this age range.

Nuala is also the RE Leader at St. Paul's and in this capacity Nuala meets with colleagues from the Diocese to ensure the School maintains our high standards in RE. Nuala has also been active in the parish as she has been one of the Catechists responsible for the Confirmation programme over the past three years. Nuala is very proud of the work the Governing Body do for the School and she is pleased to play a part in it.

### **Mr Pat Prime – Chair of Governors (Foundation Governor)**

Pat has resided in West Reading for 29 years. His four children all attended St Pauls School and one of his daughters has held a teaching post at the school. Five of his grandchildren have or still do attend the school. He retired from a career in Further, Higher and Private Education, which lasted for 40 years, in September 2014. His last full-time position was at Reading College which subsequently merged with TVU (now the University of West London) where he fulfilled a management role. Pat attends St Joseph's and English Martyrs - where he was a Eucharistic Minister for many years.

### **Mr Robert Cooke – Vice Chair of Governors (Foundation Governor)**

Bob was appointed a Foundation Governor in September 2016. Bob has lived in Tilehurst with his wife for many years and attends St. Joseph's church where he was an active member of the SVP for a number of years. He has 2 children who both attended St. Paul's, as well as 2 grandchildren, as well as 2 grandchildren one of whom currently attends St Paul's and the other has now completed her time at St Paul's and moved to senior school. Bob worked in IT, prior to his retirement, holding positions in systems development, support and training as well as management roles. Bob is looking forward to making a contribution to the continued development of St. Paul's.

### **Mrs Anne Dennehy (Foundation Governor)**

Anne has been a governor at St Paul's since 1999 and during that time has focused on finance, staffing and curriculum issues. She has four children who all attended St Paul's and during this time she was Chair of the SPSA for many years. Anne is a very active parishioner - she is a marriage catechist, a special minister and sits on the Coordinating Team and Liturgy Group at St Joseph's. Anne has a biological science degree and is a member of the Institute of Marketing. She currently works as a marketing manager for an IT Consultancy.

### **Vacant (Foundation Governor)**

### **Mrs Ann Epps (Foundation Governor)**

Ann was elected as Parent Governor in September 1997 and became a Foundation Governor in 2001. She was Chair of Governors from 2001 until 2008. She was also a Governor at Blessed Hugh Faringdon School from 2002-2018. Ann has lived in Tilehurst for over 30 years and has 3 children, now in their twenties/thirties, who all attended St Paul's. She has a degree in Chemistry and before having her children, worked in the field of Toxicology and Environmental Health within the Scientific Civil Service. She subsequently worked as a Food Technology and Resources Technician at Prospect School but is now happily retired. She is an active member of St Joseph's parish, Tilehurst where she is a Catechist for Children's Liturgy, a Special Minister of Holy Communion and a member of both the parish Liturgy Group and Co-ordinating Team.

### **Fr Peter Glas (Foundation Governor – Parish Priest)**

Originally from Poland, Father Peter has spent several years as Parish Priest in Jersey & Gosport. He arrived at St Joseph's parish, Tilehurst in 2016 as Parish Priest, and has built up a good relationship with St Paul's School during that time. Father Peter says, 'It is with pleasure that I provide the appropriate sacraments to the children, as and when required, and I have introduced school class attendance at weekly Masses here at St Joseph's Church'.

### **Mrs Elizabeth Stryjak (Foundation Governor)**

Lala Stryjak is a newly appointed Foundation Governor who has worked in primary education in Reading for over 25 years – the last 6 years as a teacher at St Paul's. She has lived in Reading for over 35 years, has 2 children and four grandchildren. She is involved in music and foreign languages, being of Polish origin and having grown up and studied in Paris. She is keen to support the school and to help in the continuation of its excellent work in developing the full potential of the children in its care.

### **Deborah Snape - Staff Governor**

Debbie is currently a Year 6 teacher and Upper Key Stage 2 lead at St Paul's. Originally from Blackpool, Debbie and her family moved to Reading in 2002. Her three children then enrolled at St Paul's, thus beginning her long association with the school.

Debbie began her teaching career working in a number of secondary schools in Manchester and Blackpool before moving to primary education when she relocated to Reading. She has worked with every age range within St Paul's and in fact started as a Teaching Assistant in Foundation Stage. She is looking forward to contributing to the important work done by the Governing body of the school.

### **Mr Steven Bisoffi – Parent Governor**

Steven became a Parent Governor at St Paul's in May 2015. He works in London for a major UK bank where he holds a senior management position. Steven has 3 children, 2 of whom are currently at the School. Since moving to the area Steven has been keen to be more involved at the School and with the parish of St Joseph's and is keen to help the School develop and carry on its good work where children will continue to develop and grow.

## **VACANCY – Parent Governor**

### **Kristina Kelly (Local Authority Governor)**

Kristina has joined St Paul's Governing Body in Summer 2018. Originally from Lithuania, she completed her undergraduate degree in Medicine in her home country, followed by a postgraduate degree in Public Health completed in Finland. On moving to the UK, she decided to pursue a career in teaching. She has completed MSc in Psychology in support of this career choice. She has worked in English secondary education (state sector) for the past fifteen years and currently is a Standards Leader for Social Sciences at a local secondary school. Kristina has lived in Reading for the past ten years with her husband. They have a six-year-old daughter, who is a pupil at St Paul's Catholic Primary School. Kristina is looking forward to applying her skills and experience to aid in the attainment of a very positive school experience for all pupils at St Pauls.

### **Rachel Andrew – Clerk to the Governors**

Rachel was appointed the new Clerk to the Governors in November 2017. Rachel has 2 children, one of which attends St Paul's Catholic Primary School. In her previous working life Rachel was a Project Manager for a large Construction Company and thought her skill set would be well suited to helping and supporting the Governors and the school. In her spare time Rachel enjoys spending quality time with her family making memories.