

## **Governor Profiles – St Pauls Catholic School Governing Board 2020 21**

### **Kristina Kelly Chair of Governors (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 seven-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.

### **Mrs Roseline Fernandes (Foundation Governor) \***

Roseline is a computer software engineer with over 15 years of work experience in education and software development. Having a keen interest in digital technologies, she is passionate about using technology to further the cause of education. She worked as a Professor for over 10 years teaching engineering students at university before she moved to Reading to be with her husband. Presently, she works for the Reading Borough Council as the Digital Skills Curriculum Manager for their adult and community learning service. She has vast experience in creating digital content suitable for learning. She strongly believes that primary education is the key to developing well-rounded personalities for the future. Education with values should form the core of our teaching.

### **Nuala Oster –Headteacher \***

Nuala is currently serving on the Governing Board of St. Paul's as Head teacher. Until the retirement of the Head teacher, 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 was for many years the RE Leader at St. Paul's and is passionate that RE is the core subject through which children can develop their relationship with Jesus. Nuala is also one of the 5 Lead validators for the Dioceses, validating other schools' judgements on their RE and Worship provision. She also works with the CTSA as the RE adviser to new student teachers. Nuala has also been active in the parish as she has been one of the Catechists responsible for both the First Holy Communion the Confirmation programmes 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 Robert Cooke – (Foundation Governor) \***

Bob was appointed a Foundation Governor in September 2016. Bob has lived in Tilehurst with his wife for more than 30 years and attends St. Joseph's church where he was an active member of the SVP for several years. He has 2 children who both attended St. Paul's, as well as 2 grandchildren, one of whom currently attends St Pauls 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 serves on both the Resources, Pay & Premises Committee and the Admissions & Community Committee.

**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 a Management Consultancy.

**VACANCY (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 35 years and has 3 children, now in their twenties/thirties, and one granddaughter; all of her children 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 Reception. She is very much enjoying contributing to the important work done by the Governing body of the school.

**Mr David Fowles – Parent Governor \***

David has lived in Tilehurst for eleven years and has two children, one of which is currently in Year 2 at St Paul's (with the other to join in 2020). By profession David is a Project Manager on complex government funded programmes with a specialism in governance, performance measurement, efficiency and resourcing. He is a Member of the Association for Project Management and is a judge for their Annual Awards. Working in an engineering industry with a Bachelor of Science degree David has a particular interest in the advancement of STEM subjects in education at all levels.

**Laura Jennings – Parent Governor \***

Laura attended St Pauls (many, many) years ago and has three children in the school now. Laura is a Family Lawyer and Mediator by profession with experience in areas of law regarding arrangements for children within family units and welfare. She has managed departments during her career and has experience in decision making, working within budgets and business development planning.

Laura sits on an Ethics Committee for a Fertility Clinic in London advising on the relevant legislation and making decisions as part of a group, to guide the clinic. The view given is from the welfare perspective of the unborn child to be and not the potential parents. This has given her experience in a board capacity and of child focused decision making on difficult and often complex cases. Laura believes that parents and the school should support each other with a common aim of bringing out the best in our children; emotionally, spiritually and academically.

**Rachel Gonzalez – 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.