

Theresa Worrall – Chair of Governors

I am a mum of 3, all of whom are quite grown up now. I have worked in Children's Ministry for the last 15 years and am currently a schools' worker for Hope Community Church in Runcorn. As such, I have been involved in a variety of primary schools, taking assemblies and assisting with RE in both state and C of E schools.

I feel very honoured to have been asked to be a part of the Governing Body at St. Mary's as I feel a Christian based education is a good foundation for future success spiritually, emotionally, and academically.

I hope that I can continue to serve the families and children at St. Mary's for many years to come.

Cassie Whittaker - Parent Governor.

I was delighted to take up the role as parent governor in early spring 2017.

I have 2 sons both in KS1 at St Mary's, who I hope will continue to thrive in this dynamic and stimulating environment that the school provides - something I also wanted to be involved in from the start.

I hope to be able to represent other parents to ensure that our school provides the best opportunities and experiences for our children, whilst helping them to achieve through education.

My career background has primarily been within the Civil Service, working for Cheshire and Merseyside Magistrates' Courts however, as my passion developed in helping in education, I took the leap to embrace a career in teaching and will complete my Teaching Assistant qualification by summer 2018- whilst also working within the school.

I hope that my skills and experiences will be of benefit to the governing body and the school, and I really look forward to working with all children, staff and families within the school community.

In my free time, I enjoy running, going to the gym and enjoying the great outdoors with my family.

Christine Elizabeth Pownall – Parent Governor

First and foremost, I am mum to 3 lovely boys and wife to Dr Ian Pownall, senior lecturer in Business Management at Chester University. I also happen to be a teacher, with a palpable passion for my specialism subject of English.

I completed a first-class honours degree in Primary Teaching. My specific teacher training was across key-stage (KS) 2 classes, where my English teaching was identified as being outstanding both by university tutors and Ofsted inspectors. I love the look on a child's face when they have become completely lost in a text.

I undertook my teaching degree as mature student and successfully managed to bring up two children whilst performing at a high level at university both professionally and academically. This is an important index of my engagement, commitment and determined nature.

English as an academic area is subject to a range of interpretive and occasionally competing perspectives; however, my personal view is that literature is capable of being a transforming and affective experience for a young person and that pupils should have access to the highest quality literary and linguistic experiences. To that extent I believe we have a responsibility to encourage children to engage with high quality literature and develop established awareness.

At the same time English should engage with the immediate experience of the pupils and relate to their personal and social development. I see English as providing life-enhancing potential beyond the confines of the classroom.

I have highly developed interpersonal skills and competencies, have a lively sense of humour and balance. I have high standards personally and professionally and take pride in succeeding to the best of my abilities. Joining the governing body of St Mary's CE School is a privilege and an honour and I intend to use my skills and attributes to serve the entire school community as best I can.

David Hamflet – Foundation Governor

I am the local Methodist Minister, currently looking after Halton Trinity and Murdishaw Churches, and as from January 2018 I will also be looking after The Heath and Wicksten Drive as the only Methodist Minister in Runcorn (other than those who are retired). I am one of the Foundation Governors of the school. I have been a school governor of Primary Schools since 2000 in both church and state sectors. In my leisure time I am involved in playing and singing traditional folk songs/music, and enjoy reading and photography.

Anne Hanks – Foundation Governor

My Grandfather, my Father, Myself, my Son, and my Grand Children have all attended school here in Halton Village. I have now retired, and live locally. I have worked in Public Libraries and College Libraries most of my adult life. In the past I have helped in many different environments with young people, including Cubs, Sunday School, Playgroups, and Mother and Toddler Groups.

I am a practising Christian in the Methodist Church, where I am also a Local Preacher. I am very fond of working with young children and am very happy to be a Governor here at St. Marys School.

Antoinette Woodhead – Foundation Governor

I have been a governor here for two years. I have two adult children and two grandchildren. I am a retired secondary school teacher and have found working in the primary school to be very interesting and rewarding. I have enjoyed getting to know the staff and pupils and how well this school works. I love watching and taking part in lessons and listening to the children read.