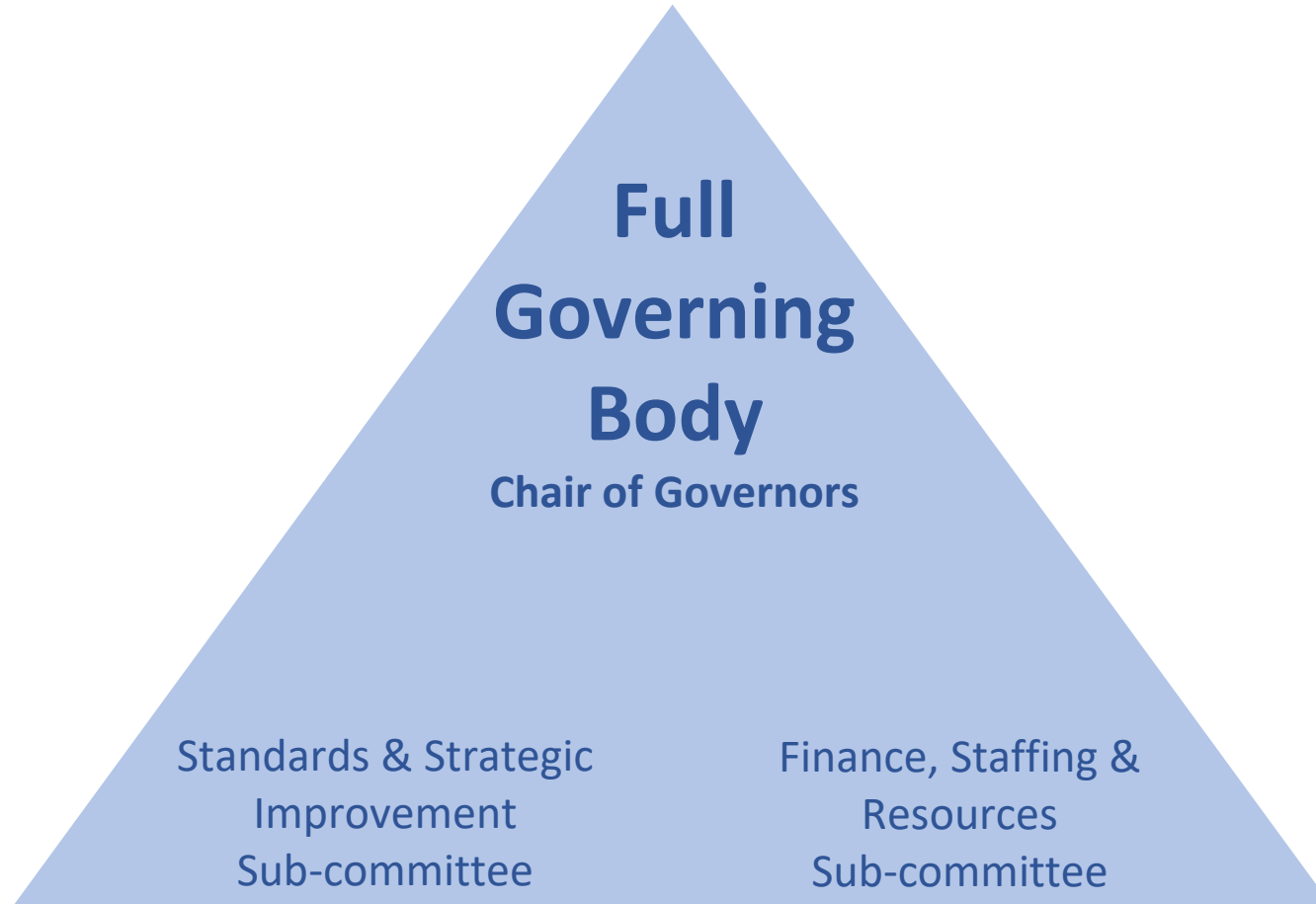


**St Oswald's
CE Primary School
Governors**

Key Governor committees



Other sub-committees include Headteacher Performance Management, Pay, Pay Appeals, SFVS and the church school distinctiveness working group.

Chair of Governors



Louise Toal

Parent Governor (Chair of Governors)

I am Managing Director of an App Development Company in York and have a background in Legal Accounts and Operations Management.

I have a son that attends St Oswald's School and am grateful to be able to contribute to the school and community and offer my support.

I have been Chair of Governors since September 2024 and if there's anything you would like to chat about in relation to governor matters, I am often in the school playground or contactable via the school office. And finally, we are always looking for new people to join the governing body, so if you would like to find out more about how you might be able to help, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Chairs of Sub-Committees

Katya Krieger-Redwood

Parent Governor (Chair of Standards and Strategic Improvement)

I am delighted to have joined the governing board as a parent governor in the summer of 2023. I have two children at St Oswald's and thought this would be a great opportunity to become more involved with the school.

I am a researcher at the University of York and, as such, enjoy looking at data - something schools produce lots of and I'm interested to see how this data is interpreted and applied to educational outcomes.



Staff Governor



Katy Haxby

Staff Governor (Year 3/4 Team Leader)

I am Phase Leader for Y3/4 and have worked as a teacher at St Oswald's since 2020.

My three children all happily attended St Oswald's Primary and I became a Parent Governor when my eldest child started in Reception. I continued this role until my youngest child left Y6, at which point I too stepped down and left my role of Chair of Governors.

I became a Staff Governor in September 2022. My role is to be a representative of the staff of St Oswald's, bringing a staff viewpoint and perspective to discussion and debate. I hope my professional experience and knowledge will allow me to fulfil this role to the best of my ability.

Volunteer Governors



Revd Canon Sue Sheriff
Foundation Ex-Officio

I am currently the vicar of St Oswald's Church, Fulford.

I have been a vicar for more than 35 years and working with the local schools has always been a high spot of my ministry. I am committed to supporting schools in providing an education for all children and a good way of doing this is by being a school governor. I obviously have a particular interest in religious education and helping children of all faiths and none to discover principles to take with them into the whole of their life.

I really enjoy leading collective worship with and for the pupils of St Oswald's School and am delighted by their enthusiasm, warmth, sense of humour and understanding.

James Barker
Co-opted Governor (Deputy Head Teacher)

I joined St. Oswald's CE Primary School in September 2023 as Deputy Head Teacher, having gained over 10 years of experience in schools in South Yorkshire.

Having recently started, I wanted to gain a good understanding of the school and be able to join the Governing Body in supporting the school community. Having previously worked in a different Governing Body, I was excited to make the request to become an associate governor.

I hope as a governor, I can support the school staff and community and use my experience to fulfil the role to the best of my ability.



Volunteer Governors



Pete Mather

LA Appointed Governor

Having been based in Higher Education for over 20 years I am keen to see individuals properly equipped to make the most of their lives through education. So when I went to a presentation by an organisation called Governors for Schools, I asked how I could give back. It turned out that my local Primary School, St Oswald's, had a vacancy.

I have worked in IT for most of my life and have lots of experience which can hopefully be useful as a school governor. My current role at the University of York also involves data protection and supporting health research.

As a parent to two autistic children, I have a particular interest in SEND at the school, and how children can thrive when given the right support.

I have a background in primary education, including varied leadership and advisory roles, most recently with the Diocese of Leeds supporting leaders in Anglican schools. My current role at York St John University enables me to prepare new teachers for the challenges and joys of working in a primary school.

I volunteered to become a governor at St Oswald's as it is my local community school and I hope to support the great work being done there.

Trudi Garratt-ward
Co-opted Governor



Volunteer Governors



Abbi Usher

Co-opted Governor

I resigned from my full-time teaching role at St Oswald's in July 2021 when I moved house with my family. I currently run a bed and breakfast and keep myself busy on our smallholding, growing vegetables, looking after a few animals and spending time with my husband and two grown up daughters.

I was invited to join the school's governing body this year and am delighted to be able to continue to be part of the St Oswald's community. The school, its staff and pupils will always hold a very special place in my heart and I am enjoying working with the other governors to help ensure that St Oswald's continues to provide the best possible experience for all of its families and staff.

There is a lot to learn as a new governor. I have already completed quite a few training courses to get to grips with my role as safeguarding governor. It feels good to be acquiring new skills and knowledge and I'm finding it really interesting to gain a different perspective on how the school is run.

I have worked in schools for 25 years, as both a teacher and a leader. Following retirement as headteacher at St Oswald's in 2023, I was delighted to be asked to return to the school as a governor in 2024.

I feel so privileged to have this opportunity to still be a part of such an amazing school in the heart of the local community, and to continue to serve the children, families and staff. Having worked so closely over a number of years with the staff and governors of St Oswald's, I have a good understanding of the strengths of the school and the challenges that it faces, and I hope that I can support the team in helping the school to be the best that it can be.

Sue Bland
Co-opted Governor



Volunteer Governors



Andrew Wilson
Co-Opted Governor

After nine years, working as an R&D chemist, I spent the next 30 years teaching chemistry and geology in a sixth form college. During my teaching career I was the teacher governor for several years.

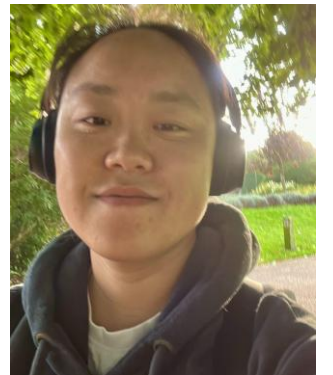
I retired from teaching in 2011 and moved to York in 2012 where I prior to Covid I worked part time at the Yorkshire Museum and I continue to volunteer one day a week at the National Railway Museum.

I am keen to use my experience and time to help St Oswald's school continue to provide their pupils with a stimulating and enjoyable educational experience.

Violet Huaijue Jiang (She/Her)
Co-opted Governor

Although I am a first-time governor, I hope my academic background in Education and being someone from a different education system will bring new insights to the Governing Body in supporting the school.

As my research background is in gender and sexuality equality and school faculties and children's well-being, I will do my best to meet the expectations and responsibility of my role as a governor.



Volunteer Governors



Nikki Shanahan

Co-opted Governor

I'm really pleased to have joined the governing body in the autumn term of 2024. My daughter has recently started at the school and I'm keen to be involved and help where I can. I currently volunteer at the school as a parent-helper, which is a role I find thoroughly rewarding.

I work as a proofreader and an EAL exam marker. I have a background of teaching English as foreign language where I was a senior teacher and then academic manager in language centres overseas and back home in the UK.

I've really enjoyed the experience I've gained in teaching a diverse range of students, as well as supporting and developing academic quality, and I'm looking forward to contributing to St Oswald's commitment to their pupils.

Associate Governors



Sam Barton

Associate Governor (Staff - School Business Manager)

My journey at St Oswald's CE Primary began in 2021 when my youngest child joined as a Year 3 pupil. In September 2023, I became the School's Business Manager, bringing with me a wealth of experience in Leadership and Management, H&S and Auditing from a 25 year career in the Armed Forces.

Adaptability and a commitment to continuous improvement have been central to my professional life, guiding me to my appointment as Staff Governor in October 2024. I am passionate about learning and supporting people. Ensuring that staff are well-supported in their roles is a priority for me, as I believe it creates an environment where everyone can thrive and contribute to the school's success.