

## Governor Profiles

I live in Clitheroe and am an active member of the parish of St Michael & St John. A scientist by training, I've enjoyed a successful career in the medical device industry and currently have my own consultancy business. Among my interests are choral singing and volunteering at the Clitheroe Foodbank. As a foundation governor (from Nov 2017), my primary role is to represent the Diocese on the governing board. I hope that my broader skills and experience will also be of value in supporting our staff to provide our pupils with the opportunities to achieve great things in school and beyond.



Mr Kevin Downes

I was very pleased to be appointed to the Governing Body in February 2019 and as parent of two children who attend the school, welcome the opportunity to contribute to its continued success.

I have worked in Financial Services for approaching 20 years and, as a Chartered Financial Planner, hope to utilise my professional skills and experience for the benefit of the School.



Mr K Stewart

"I was appointed a foundation governor in 2014. I have three children, all of whom attended St Michael and St John's and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. They learnt a great deal and gained valuable life skills. I am an active member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish and understand the importance of ensuring that Christian values are maintained in school. I currently work as a solicitor dealing with dispute resolution. I deal with a wide range of disputes including contract, professional negligence, land, property, company/partnerships and wills. I was very impressed with the school when my children attended and as such I was more than happy to be a foundation governor and to help in any way I could to ensure the good work continued. I passionately believe that all children should have access to the best education they can in order to achieve their potential. I hope to play my part in ensuring this is achieved for every child at St Michael and St John's RC Primary School".



Mrs Alison Rowley

I am Sam Stell and a new parent governor at SSMJ's. I have been a teacher for nearly 15 years and I am currently the Deputy Headteacher of primary school in Burnley. I hope that my knowledge and experience can support the school as we move forward. I am a past pupil of St Michael and St Johns and it has been lovely to see how the school has changed. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, walking and mountain biking. I also love watching football and I am a big Blackburn Rovers fan!



Mr Sam Stell

I was appointed a parent Governor in 2014 and in 2018 I was appointed as foundation Governor at SSMJ, I have served on the staffing & finance, Health & Safety committee, Class Governor, Safeguarding Governor and have been involved in recruiting a number of new teaching staff to the team. In November 2017 I became vice chair of the governing board and in November 2018 I was honoured and privileged to be voted as Chair of the Board of Governors.

I am married with two children whom both have attended St Michael and St John's. My wife is an emergency Nurse practitioner and I have worked within the Ambulance service for over 20 years working in various roles including on the front line Paramedic Ambulance, Managing the NorthWest Air Ambulance and I am currently the Community Engagement & Resuscitation Manager and Blue light operational lead for Cumbria and Lancashire. I am also the National Chair for the Association of air Ambulance operation sub Committee, and a member of the Charter Management Institute (CMI).

I believe every child deserves the best start in life both educational, pastorally and have the opportunity when they leave in year 6 to have an all-rounded life experience. I also believe that we have the right staff to be able to deliver this with the support of the governing board.



Mark Evans CMI

I am Foundation Governor, and link Governor for Year 3, and curriculum Governor for RE, History and Geography. I am a retired Architect, with four children, three step children, and six Grandchildren who are all in primary schools. I have a particular interest in building bridges between cultures and faiths, and in "green" issues.



Mr Tom Clay

Hello. My name is John Hennigan and I work at All Hallows Catholic High School in Penwortham near Preston. I teach MFL and I love speaking other languages. I have been a governor at SSMJ for several years and I love being involved in school life. My three children went to SSMJ and I know from first-hand experience that it's a great school.



Mr John Hennigan

I have been a parent governor for nearly a year. I am the link governor to the reception class as well as Year 5. I thoroughly enjoy coming into school and spending time with the children and helping in any way I can. Away from being a governor I am a detective in the Police and have two children at St Michaels & St Johns School. My wife is a teacher at a local secondary school.



Mr Rick Whalley

Hello everyone. I'm a new Foundation Governor here at St. Michael & St. John's RC Primary School. What a challenge and a privilege that is!

I moved to the Clitheroe area 23 years ago and I recently retired from my teaching post and Deputy Head position at a primary school, so I am sure my background and experience will help me to take an active role in supporting our school.

I have 2 children who attended this school many moons ago, but it is still the same loving, family- orientated and aspirational enterprise today as it was then. My hobbies are reading, sewing, baking, walking, watching tennis -Vamos Rafa!- running and skiing. My favourite authors are Paul Stewart, Philip Pullman, J.R.Tolkein and David Walliams to name a few.

I believe it is really important for each one of us to be the best that we can be, to use and to share our God-given skills and talents, whatever they may be, in our life-long learning and ultimately in bringing greater joy to our world. I will do my best to work hard, on your behalf, to help Mrs Mabbott and all her hard-working team of staff during your time at this school in order to ensure you have the best outcome possible. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can.



Mrs Ann Greenwood