



Church Walk CE Primary School

MEET THE GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body is a team who would like to help make Church Walk CE Primary School be the best it can be. Some of the governors have been appointed by the Diocese, some are parents and others are appointed by the governing board. A Foundation Governor is appointed by the Diocese and one of their main roles is to help maintain the Christian character of the school.

In our school the governors are the employers and therefore they are accountable for the progress and decisions the school makes. The Governing body help to make the school run smoothly by aiding in the appointment of staff, advising on maintenance of the school building and ensuring it is safe, making sure the school and the finances are managed effectively, monitoring and evaluating the curriculum and keeping up to date with policies. All of which contribute to making Church Walk a fun and safe learning environment for everyone.

Terms of office last for four years. Governors have to register their business interests and none have been disclosed. This is a standing item at all committee meetings and full governing body meetings.

Here are our Governors....

REV. MADI SIMPSON – EX- OFFICIO GOVERNOR

Appointed in 2022.

As Rector of Ulverston, I am an 'ex officio' governor, which means that it goes with the job! It happens to be a part of the job which I enjoy and find fulfilling. As well as going in to the school regularly for assemblies, helping to develop links between church and school, I am on the curriculum committee. I am delighted that we are now a primary school, as I believe that this will be beneficial to the children, their families and the local community.

HELEN KAY WILSON – CHAIR OF GOVERNORS (FOUNDATION)

Appointed in July 2015

Kay is a member of the Finance and Personnel Committee. She became Chair on 5/10/2016 and was re- appointed in January 2021
She works for the NHS.

ANTHONY ROY BRYSON – FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

Appointed in September 1999

Chair of Safeguarding , Sites and Buildings Committee.

As a former pupil, I have a strong family link with Church Walk School; generations of my family have attended here from my Grandfather to my own children.

I am a chartered valuation surveyor, which allows me to fulfil my role as chairman of the Safeguarding, Sites and Buildings committee. I am also the vice – chair of the Governing body. I am deputy warden at the church. I am very glad to be able to support my local school.

**SUE MCKENZIE –
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR
Appointed in September 2018**

Sue has a background in SEND and has worked in mainstream and special schools. She is the Governor with responsibility for SEND and Inclusion.

EMMA TAPLIN – FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

Emma was appointed by the Parish Church PCC. She has worked in schools.
She is a member of the Safeguarding, Sites and Buildings Committee
She is also responsible for Church / School Links and Safeguarding

NICKY WILSON– LA GOVERNOR

Nicky was appointed in 2020.
She is the governor responsible for Personal Social and Health Education

**JILL SHEPHARD
FOUNDATION GOVERNOR
APPOINTED IN SEPTEMBER 2018**

As well as being a member of Ulverston Parish Church, Jill works in school as a Senior Teaching assistant

OWAIN OXENHAM – ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee

In the past, I have been a parent governor at Church Walk when my son attended the school. In the summer term I enjoying coming into school to teach cricket.

TOM FAIRCHILD - PARENT GOVERNOR
Appointed September 2026

ALUN ODDIE –FOUNDATION GOVERNOR
Appointed in 2010

I am on the Safeguarding, Sites and Buildings Committee. I have lived in Ulverston for 15 years and my child attended Church Walk. Currently employed as an Engineer in the Barrow shipyard.

I have many outdoor interests, such as camping and fell walking. As a member of the congregation of Ulverston Parish Church, it is important to be involved with the local community and I feel privileged to be part of the Governing body.

SIMON CROSS— STAFF GOVERNOR

Appointed in September 2024.

I currently work in Year 5 and 6 and have been a teacher in Ulverston for many years.

SARAH POWELL – ASSOCIATE MEMBER

SUSAN DAVIES – STAFF GOVERNOR AND HEAD TEACHER

Appointed as Head Teacher in 2014. I have been a teacher at Church Walk since 1994.

EMMA TYSON – CLERK

Appointed in September 2012

Emma (school secretary) is the clerk to the governors.

Governors are required to hold at least three meetings every year of the Full Governing Body and attend relevant committee meetings each term.

Finance and Personnel committee meet every month.

The Safeguarding, Sites and Buildings Committee meets termly. The Curriculum Committee meets as required.

Other committees include Admissions, Appeals, Staff Recruitment, Staff Discipline and Dismissal and Pupil Discipline. These are called whenever necessary.