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Our School Governors

Chair – Mrs Penny Aspey

“I am a retired teacher with over forty years experience of working in schools as well as being an examination board moderator in Child Development for many years. I am also a mother and a grandma to two small children. Both of these help me to understand the importance of giving all our children the best education and opportunities to prepare them for their future life. I feel fully committed to my role as a governor and enjoy the challenge of being the present chair.

Now I am no longer working, I have time to walk my three dogs and try to tame the garden at my house in Settrington. I aim to grow as much of our own fruit and vegetables as I can. I am also interested in wildlife, especially birds, and the countryside.”

Mrs Jane Ramsden – Foundation Governor

Reverend Stephen Walker – Foundation Governor

“I am the Rector of the West Buckrose Parish and therefore an ex-officio Governor of the school.

Before I was ordained I completed a Physics Degree and a PGCE at York University followed by working as a Physics teacher at Ampleforth College in North Yorkshire. After 3 years of teaching I offered for ordination to full time ministry and was ordained deacon in 1990 in York Minster, and priest in 1991 in Beverley Minster.

I bring with me to All Saints School a very varied experience from 25 years of Church of England Ministry in urban, suburban and rural areas, working with schools both small and large as a teacher, priest and governor.”

Mrs Sarah Shaw – Co-opted Governor and Vice Chair

“I have two children at Settrington and have been a Governor since my eldest son was in Reception.

My background is in the retail and hospitality industries. I currently work as Receptionist in a small hotel in Pickering. I am organised, outgoing and able to work as part of a team.



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I enjoy being part of this team that puts children first. As a Governor we challenge and support all the teachers and staff to ensure our children get an excellent education and to make sure our school is a safe fun learning environment. Everyone is important and respected, this is what makes Settrington a truly wonderful school.”

Mrs Elizabeth Moss – Co-opted Governor

“I have been a Governor at Settrington C of E Primary school since September 2016. Throughout the past seventeen years I have taught in a Primary school. During most of the seventeen years I have been the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator, therefore as Governor with responsibility for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities I am aware of the difficulties and high aspirations regarding improving outcomes for all children. As a retired teacher I know how demanding school life can be for all members of the team and how dedicated the staff at Settrington School are in supporting the needs of all the children. Therefore I was delighted to be asked to be a co-opted Governor for the school, knowing that it is a place where learning is seen as an exciting journey and everyone feels valued, safe and happy. I am pleased to be part of a team that firmly places children at the heart of all aspects of school life.”

Mr Jeremy Durant – Executive Governor

“I spent 27 years as a chartered surveyor in rural practice, based in York for much of that time and managing estates in West and North Yorkshire. In 2000 I retrained as a teacher of English as a foreign language and am employed in that capacity on a seasonal basis in Scarborough. This is in addition to part time employment in a business selling sheet music for wind instruments which is based near Ampleforth.

Having previously served as a parent governor of Easingwold School, I became a foundation governor of All Saints' Settrington in 2015 and transferred to associate governorship last year when Reverend Stephen Walker joined the board of governors on his appointment as Rector of the Parish of West Buckrose. I continue to chair the Finance & Premises Committee where I can put to good use the experience I gained as a management surveyor.”



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Mrs Jo Johnson – Parent Governor

“I’m a mummy of three fabulous boys of which two attend Settrington All Saints School. I have been on the governing body as parent governor now for several years.

I have worked in education for the last twenty years and currently work as a H.L.T.A in a local primary school. I thoroughly enjoy my job and have a real passion for education and school life. I understand the importance of providing a caring, inspirational environment that promotes confidence and self-esteem, allowing every child to flourish and grow .

I know that my children are extremely lucky to be part of the Settrington School family and as a governor I want to support the staff and school in moving forward in providing the best possible education and care for each individual child.”

Mrs Erin Dysart (PhD), MSc, PGCert, MBPsS – Parent Governor

“I am a Parent Governor at Settrington All Saints Primary School and also a mum of three.

Professionally, I am ending completion of a PhD in Developmental Psychology at the University of Hull, where I have specialised in children’s language development. I am also a Tutor and Research Coordinator at the University of York, where I supervise MSc psychology students and I am currently supporting and conducting research in to resilience, cross integration in mathematical development, and learning through sleep consolidation.

My research knowledge and experience means that I am able to provide guidance to the school on measures and interventions that can support each child’s development.”

Mrs Mari Palmer – Staff Governor

“I am the head teacher at Settrington All Saints' and I also teach in all classes over the course of the week. This is the second school that I have been head teacher at (the first was St. Hedda's, Egton Bridge) and I love working in our little, friendly school.

As head teacher I serve on all committees and work closely with all the other governors.



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In school I am subject lead for RE and teach all subjects but particularly enjoy maths and PE.

At home I am married with three children, who come to Settrington School. When I get some free time I enjoy playing football and going to church and I also coach the 3-5 year olds at my local football club."

Mrs Vera Pettitt – Staff Governor

"I have worked at Settrington Primary school since January 2013, currently teaching our Year 5 and 6 class and specialising in science, D.T. and art. However I have been a teacher since 1976 and worked in various schools, both as a member of staff and in a supply role. I can draw on all my experience in my role as staff governor.

Outside of school my interests are in sports, needle craft and gardening. I also have grown up twins, a son and daughter, who are both now teachers themselves!"