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Our School Governors

Mrs Susan Blagden – Co-opted Governor - Chair

Mrs Blagden joined the Board of Settrington Primary School as a co-opted governor in July 2021. She is probably best known by the children and their parents as “The Clic Lady” as she delivered a maths fluency programme called Clic Maths at the school on a weekly volunteer basis for over 5 years. She became Chair of Governors in April 2022 and is one of two governors responsible for overseeing Safeguarding at the school; she also sits on both the Resources and Pupil Progress Committees.

Sue is a Childline counsellor and, until recently was a Schools Service volunteer for the NSPCC, visiting primary schools across North Yorkshire to deliver information on how to stay safe. Sue is married to Simon and they have two grown-up children and one adorable grandson.

Mr Charles McKain-Bremner – Parent Governor

Mr McKain-Bremner lives in Scagglethorpe with Rebecca, his Mother in Law Angela, and two children, one of whom is at All Saints. Charles is a cavalry officer in the British Army and has spent much of his career overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany, Ukraine, and the USA.

Charles is the link governor for health and safety due to his background in risk. He is also chair of the Resources committee.

When not working Charles enjoys cooking, building work to stop his home falling down, and watching classic sci-fi TV with his children.

Mrs Helen Patterson – Parent Governor

Mrs Patterson works for a local Secondary School and is on the Pupil Progress Committee as well as the staff wellbeing Governor. Helen has also previously worked for the LA as an enforcement officer, as a lecturer in Further Education, as well as being an RSPCA officer.

Helen enjoys spending time with her family (her two sons both attend Settrington School), helping chaperoning at her son's productions and coaching a mixed, junior football team. In addition to this she chairs FOCAS (the school PTA group).



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Mrs Mari Palmer – Staff Governor

Mrs Palmer is head teacher at Settrington All Saints' and also teaches in class for part of the week. This is the second school that she has been head teacher at (the first was St. Hedda's, Egton Bridge) and she loves working in a little and friendly school.

As head teacher she serves on all committees and works closely with all the governors.

At home Mrs Palmer is married with three children, all of whom have attended Settrington School, the youngest is now in Year 6. When she gets some free time Mrs Palmer enjoys playing football and going to church and also coaches a girl's football team.

Mrs Caryl Shephard – Staff Governor

Mrs Shephard teaches Year 5/6 in Class Four and is an experienced teacher. Her passion is music and she is music co-ordinator in the school and leads English. Caryl serves on the Pupil Progress Committee.

At home, Caryl enjoys spending time with her husband and twin daughters and doing activities with them.

Mrs Helen Smith – LA Governor

Mrs Smith is a head teacher at a school in Bishop Stortford but also has ties to Settrington so we are lucky that she is also a governor for us.

She enjoys spending time with her husband and her two sons.

Helen chairs the Pupil Progress Committee.

Rev Cate Turner – Foundation Governor – Vice Chair

Revd Cate Turner is the Rector of our local parish of West Buckrose, a role to which she was appointed in August 2023. She moved to North Yorkshire from Norfolk, but wasn't a complete stranger to the area as she has family roots locally and has visited regularly from childhood. Prior to becoming a priest, Cate spent many years working in human resources and training and development. She has worked in the retail sector, for the health service and for a large global company. She also ran her own HR business for a number of years working in the UK and abroad.

She has two adult sons who she and her husband Iain adopted as small children.