



Our School Governors

Mrs Susan Blagden – Co-opted Governor - Chair

Sue joined the board of Settrington Primary School as a co-opted governor in July 2021 and was appointed Chair of Governors in April 2022. Sue is the Safeguarding link governor and sits on the Resources and the Pupil Progress Committees. She is also a member of the Headteacher Performance Review panel.

She is a retired business owner and in a past life was a public relations consultant, specialising in the healthcare and pharmaceutical sector. Sue is now a Childline counsellor and to date has completed over 1.500 counselling hours helping young people in crisis.

Sue lived in Settrington until the start of 2024, when she and her husband moved to South Yorkshire. She will therefore be stepping down from the Governing Board at the end of her current term in July 2025.

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 Helen Patterson joined the board of governors in July 2021. Helen is on the Pupil Progress committee and is also staff well-being and maths link governor. She works as an investigator for the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, having previously worked in local secondary, further education and local authority enforcement.

Helen has two boys with her husband Mark, one of whom is at Settrington. Outside of work she enjoys getting involved with her boy's passions including chaperoning theatre productions and coaching a local grass roots football team. In addition she is also chair of FOCAS (the school PTA group).



Hand in hand we learn

Mrs Caryl Shephard – Staff Governor

Mrs Shephard was appointed interim Head Teacher at Settrington All Saints' in January 2025 and also continues to teach in class for part of the week. Her passion is music and she is music co-ordinator in the school and leads English.

As Head Teacher she serves on all the committees and works closely with all the governors.

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

Mrs Rebecca England – Staff Governor

Mrs England teaches Year 3 and 4 in our Class 3 and is an experienced teacher.

Her passion is science and particularly anything related to rocks! Rebecca serves on the Pupil Progress Committee.

At home, Rebecca enjoys spending time with her husband and four children, cooking, baking and going for long walks with their dogs.

Mrs Helen Smith – LA Governor

As the daughter of two teachers and the granddaughter of a Headteacher, Helen feels as if she has been involved in education all her life. She did however have a previous 10-year career in financial services where she specialised in project management, change management and PR.

It was whilst volunteering as a parent helper at her children's school that she had her 'Damascene' moment and decided to train as a primary school teacher. She was appointed Headteacher of her current 2 form entry school in Hertfordshire in 2017 and has subsequently taken it from an inadequate to a good Ofsted judgement and through the process of academisation. She is also on the Strategic Board of 'Envision' a partnership of 21 schools from the Bishop's Stortford area who work collaboratively together to deliver school to school support.

Helen visits Settrington regularly and intends to do so even more frequently when retirement eventually comes. She was appointed to the board of Settrington Primary School as an LA governor in April 2022 and chairs the Pupil Progress Committee.



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Rev Cate Turner – Foundation Governor

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.

Dr Louise Hampson – Foundation Governor

Dr Louise Hampson was appointed by the diocese as a foundation governor in April 2024. She has lived in the parish of West Buckrose for 30 years, having moved back to the ancestral homelands after growing up in London. She works at the University of York as Deputy Director of The Centre for the Study of Christianity & Culture, which works with churches and cathedrals across the country. She previously worked as Head of Collections at York Minster for 14 years and is a professional archivist as well as specialising in stained glass research. She was married for 35 years until her husband's untimely death in 2023 and has two adopted children who are (apparently) all grown up, as well as four cats who are not!