



St Peter's R.C. Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Pedr Sant

*Keys To The Future
Allwedd i L'r Dyfodol*

MEET THE GOVERNORS (2025/26)

Chair of Governors:

Paul McManus

Vice Chair of Governors:

Luigi De Luca

THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNORS

The role of the Governing Body is a strategic one, its key functions are to:

- *Ensuring clarity of the Catholic vision, ethos and strategic direction*
- *Set the aims and objectives for the school*
- *Set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives*
- *Set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives*
- *Monitor & evaluate the school's progress towards achieving its aims and objectives*
- *Be a source of challenge and support to the Headteacher and SLT*

GOVERNING BODY STRUCTURE

The Governing Body is made up of 16 members:

- **NINE Foundation Governors – *appointed by the Archdiocese of Cardiff***
- **TWO Local Authority Governors – *appointed by Cardiff City Council***
- **TWO Parent Governors – *elected by parents of the school***
- **ONE Teacher Governor – *elected by teachers***
- **ONE Staff Governor – *elected by non-teaching staff***
- **The Headteacher**

The Governing Body is supported by the *Clerk to the Governing Body*

THE GOVERNING BODY (2025/2026)



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Foundation Governors



Louise Bassett



Vacancy



Jo Gerrard



Vacancy



Julia Houlston Clark



Vacancy



Stuart Lyon



Emma McCallum



Paul McManus
(Chair)

Local Authority Governors



Sophie Hayde



Mary Samothrakis

Teacher Governor



Robyn
Mercer Davies

Staff Governor



Niall Hennessy

Parent Governors



Luigi De Luca
(Vice Chair)



Marga Munar Bauza

Headteacher



Gareth Rein

Clerk



Vicky Carey

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS (1 of 3)



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Louise Bassett

**Link Governor for
Languages, Literacy
and Communication**

- Louise has been on the GB since October 2021 and an experienced governor following various roles at Peter Lee Primary School.
- Louise has worked for Cardiff Council for 25 years, across Adult Social Care and the Housing and Communities directorates.
- Louise is Operational Manager for Partnerships and Joint Commissioning, focussing on Housing Support and Children and Families. Louise oversees internal and external commissioning to the council, ensuring funds focus on those with the greatest need and services operate effectively across organisational boundaries.



Julia Houlston Clark

**Catholic Mission,
Curriculum & Standards
Committee Chair
Link Governor for Maths
& Numeracy / Collective
Worship & Chaplaincy**

- Chief Executive Officer at Wales Restorative Approaches Partnership (WRAP), which provides training, practice and consultancy in education, in family and community services, housing and criminal justice.
- Julia has decades of experience in restorative work, including training and strategy in 90 schools, Cardiff prison and within Cardiff Council partnership teams.
- Julia has been Governor of St Peter's for 21 years, initially as a Local Authority Governor. She lives in Roath. Her father and children attended St Peter's Primary School.



Jo Gerrard

**Link Governor for
Humanities and
Transition**

- Jo is a Civil Servant, currently working in Additional Learning Needs policy.
- Jo is a parishioner of St Joseph's in Heath.
- Jo lives with her husband and four children in Splott. Her children all attended St Peter's Primary School.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS (2 of 3)



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Stuart Lyon

**Link Governor for
Health & Safety**

- Stuart has been on the GB since October 2019.
- Stuart is an in-house solicitor at the Electoral Commission, specialising in devolved matters.
- Stuart lives in the Heath, Cardiff and is a parishioner of St Peter's. Both his daughters attended St Peter's before transitioning to Corpus Christi High School.
- Stuart has a law degree from Aberystwyth University.



Emma McCallum

**Link Governor for
Additional Learning
Needs**

- Emma was originally a parent Governor and was appointed as a Foundation Governor in November 2022.
- Emma has been teaching in Catholic schools since qualifying in 1997.
- In her spare time Emma enjoys spending time with her family and friends, walking her dog in the countryside and various craftwork.
- Emma's children all attended St Peter's Primary School.



Paul McManus

**Chair of Governors and
Link Governor for
Safeguarding / RE,
Catholic Life & Mission**

- Paul joined the GB in November 2016, firstly as a Parent Governor and then becoming a Foundation Governor in November 2020.
- Paul is Managing Director of Walbrook PR, a City of London based Financial Public Relations and Investor Relations consultancy that he founded in 2009. Paul provides communication advice to stock exchange listed companies in the Healthcare & Life Sciences sector.
- Paul lives in Roath, Cardiff and is a parishioner of St Peter's. He has an MA in Christian Theology from Oxford University and was previously an English voice broadcaster for *Radio Vaticana*, in Rome.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS (3 Vacancies)



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The Archdiocese is looking to fill vacancies for 3 Foundation Governors at our school

The Archdiocese of Cardiff welcomes nominations from all members of the Catholic community, irrespective of race, colour, gender, age or disability

- Are you over 18 and a practicing catholic?
- Are you willing to offer your services to the Archdiocese of Cardiff in the ministry of Foundation Governor?

If you're interested in the ministry of Foundation Governor please contact:



Paul McManus
Chair of Governors

stpetersprm@cardiff.gov.uk

*"Come and see" - John
1:39*



LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS



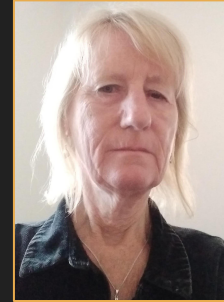
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Sophie Hayde

**Link Governor for
Equality & Diversity**

- Sophie was appointed as a Local Authority Governor in December 2020.
- Sophie is an in-house solicitor at the Principality Building Society where she manages litigated matters, negotiates contracts and advises the Society on legal and regulatory change.
- Sophie lives in Rumney, Cardiff with her husband and two children.



Mary Samothrakis

**Link Governor for
Expressive Arts**

- Mary has been on the GB for over 20 years as an LEA appointed Governor.
- Mary has her own business as a Chartered Accountant which she started in 1980. She was recently re-elected as a Member of Cardiff Council representing Plasnewydd (Roath), having been first elected in 2012.
- Mary has 4 children all of whom attended St Peter's. She lived in Roath for 40 years before moving just over the border into Cathays. She is a parishioner of St Peter's.
- Mary has a BSc in Statistics & Computer Science.

PARENT GOVERNORS



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Luigi De Luca

**Link Governor for
Science & Technology
(inc. DCF)**

- Luigi is Professor of Marketing and Innovation at Cardiff Business School, where he is also director of the doctoral programme. He holds a PhD in Business Administration from Bocconi University (Italy) and has taught/presented in UK, Europe, US, China and Africa.
- Luigi was born in Cosenza (Italy) and lives in Cardiff since 2009. He is a parishioner of St Peter's. Luigi is also an active director and charity trustee.
- Luigi spends his weekends following St Peter's RFC and St Alban's RFC as parent and volunteer coach.



**Marga
Munar Bauza**

**Link Governor for
Teaching & Learning**

- Marga is a lecturer in architecture and urbanism at the Welsh School of Architecture (Cardiff University) where she teaches live design projects and history of architecture. Prior to moving into academia, she practiced as an architect in Spain and the UK.
- Marga lives in Roath with her family. Her daughter has recently left St Peter's and her son, a former pupil of St Peter's, is now at Cardiff High.
- Marga holds a degree in architecture and urban planning and a PhD in urban design. She is a board member of the group Green Infrastructure Community.

TEACHER & STAFF GOVERNORS



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**Robyn
Mercer Davies**

Teacher Governor

- ▣ Robyn joined the Governing Body in September 2025 as a Teacher Governor.
- ▣ She has been a teacher at St Peter's since 2021, teaching in Year 3 and 4.
- ▣ Robyn grew up in Cornwall before coming to Cardiff to study English and Creative Writing in Cardiff Metropolitan University. She stayed in Cardiff to complete her Masters at Cardiff University before going back to Cardiff MET in 202 to complete a PGCE.
- ▣ Robyn has a keen interest in reading and cross stitch.



Niall Hennessy

Staff Governor

- ▣ Niall is Caretaker at St Peter's Primary School.
- ▣ Niall was previously Caretaker at St Joseph's RC Primary School in Penarth.
- ▣ Niall has a Higher National Diploma in Engineering.

HEAD TEACHER & CLERK



Gareth Rein

Head Teacher

- Headteacher at St Peter's Primary School since April 2020.
- Previously Headteacher at St Joseph's Primary School, Penarth and Deputy Headteacher at St Cadoc's Primary School, Cardiff.
- Frequently presents at meetings and conferences on Catholic School Leadership and Curriculum Development.



Vicky Carey

Clerk to the Governors

- Clerk to the Governors since January 2023.
- Vicky is also the school's Business Manager.
- Vicky lives in Penylan with her family. Her three boys all attended St Peter's RC Primary.

FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS



ST PETER'S RC
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Autumn Term

- ▣ 07 October 2025
- ▣ 18 November 2025
- ▣ 2 December 2025

Spring Term

- ▣ 27 January 2026
- ▣ 17 March 2026

Summer Term

- ▣ 12 May 2026
- ▣ 30 June 2026

Sub-committee meetings (e.g. Resources, Catholic Mission, Curriculum & Standards, Pay, Admissions etc.) also take place regularly throughout the academic year