School Governance
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Good governance means holding the Executive Head Teacher, Head of School and the Senior Leadership team to account, being a critical friend and supporting the leadership role to ensure our school delivers the exceptional outcomes we all expect for our children.

The Governors receive reports from the Executive Head Teacher and Senior Leadership team each term. As well as the overall Governing Body they are organised into several sub committees: Curriculum (which receives information on how the curriculum is delivered and outcomes for children), Finance (which receives information on the schools finances, health and safety and the school buildings) and staffing (reviewing how the teaching in our school supports learning).

Governors play an important role in holding senior leaders to account and provide a level of challenge and oversight. The role of governors requires strategic thinking and is not operational. Day to day tasks are the responsibility of the senior and middle leaders. All of our Governors commit to ensure their knowledge and understanding is up to date and broad enough to ensure our Governing Body can play a crucial role in leading our school.

Committee	Chair Person
Full Governing Body	Stephen Edgar
Curriculum	Sian Martin
Staffing	Dexter Pereira
Finance	Belliappa Konganda
Admissions	Dexter Pereira

Structure and Remit of the Governing Body

The Governing Body consists of 12 Governors as follows:

1 Executive Head Teacher/Head of School Governor
7 Foundation Governors appointed by the Diocese
1 LA Governor appointed by the Local Authority
2 elected Parent Governors
1 elected Staff Governor

The Full Governing Body meets 3 times a year, with individual Committees meeting once a term.

If you would like to contact the Chair of Governors, please email the School Office via email: admin@st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk or telephone 01322 524162.

Governors' Declaration of Business Interests and Attendance

Full names serving Governors	Term of appointment	Type of Governor	Business or pecuniary interests	Governance roles in other educational institutions	Material interests (relationships between governors or school staff)	Attendance at Governing Body meetings 2022/2023	Attendance at Governing Body meetings 2023/2024	Attendance at Governing Body meetings 2024/2025
Mr Mark Hannon	01/09/2021 – ongoing	Executive Head Teacher	None	Governor at St Fidelis and St John's	None	12/12	13/13	11/12
Mrs Amanda Truss	01/09/2021 – ongoing	Head of School	None	None	None	11/12	13/13	12/12
Father David Gummett	12/05/2023 – 22/05/2027	Foundation	None	None	None	2/6	4/7	5/6
Mr Anthony Omotayo	19/03/2023 – 18/03/2027	Foundation	None	None	None	7/9	6/10	3/9
Mr Stephen Edgar	01/09/2022 – 31/08/2026	Parent	None	None	None	9/9	10/10	8/9
Mr Belliappa Konganda	01/09/2023 – 31/08/2027	Local Authority	None	None	None	1/1	6/10	6/9
Mrs Sian Martin	01/09/2023 – 31/08/2027	Foundation	None	None	None	1/1	10/10	8/9
Mr Dexter Pereira	08/04/2024 – 07/04/2028	Foundation	None	None	None	N/A	3/4	7/9
Mrs Grainne Tylee	13/01/2025 – 12/01/2029	Staff	None	None	None	N/A	N/A	5/6
Mr Patrick Nwachukwu	09/10/2025 – 08/10/2029	Parent	None	None	None	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mr Dave Morgan	13/10/2025 – 12/10/2029	Associate Member	None	None	None	N/A	N/A	N/A

Governors who have stepped down in the last 12 months

Full names of all those who served as governors during 2020/21	Term of appointment	Resignation Date	Type of Governor	Business or pecuniary interests	Material interests (relationships between governors or school staff)	Attendance at Governing Body meetings 2022/23	Attendance at Governing Body meetings 2023/24	Attendance at Governing Body meetings 2024/2025
Mrs Anusha Foy	02/06/2021	01/06/2025	Foundation	None	None	6/9	4/10	3/8
Mrs Clare Churchill	12/01/2021	11/01/2025	Staff	None	None	9/9	7/10	3/3
Mrs Belinda Raji	03/10/2023	30/06/2025	Parent	None	None	N/A	6/7	4/9

Governing Body Structure
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
2025-2026

Chair of Governors
Mr Edgar (EP)

Vice Chair of Governors
Mrs Martin (F)

Executive Head Teacher
Mr Hannon

Head of School
Mrs Truss

Finance Committee
Mr Konganda (LA) **Chair**
Mr Edgar (EP)
Mr Omotayo (F)
Mr Pereira (F)
Mrs Tylee (ES)
Mr Nwachukwu (EP)
Mr Morgan (A)

Staffing Committee
Mr Pereira (F) **Chair**
Mr Omotayo (F)
Fr David (F)
Mrs Martin (F)

Curriculum
Mrs Martin (F) **Chair**
Mr Edgar (EP)
Mr Konganda (LA)
Mrs Tylee (ES)
Mr Morgan (A)

Admissions Committee
Mr Pereira (F) **Chair**
Mr M Hannon
Mr Omotayo (F)

Area of Responsibility	**Link Governor**
Child Protection and Safeguarding	Mr P Nwachukwu (EP)
SEND/LAC	Mrs Martin (F)
Religious Education	Fr David (F)

Bexley Clerking Service
Ms Lancett

Key
F = Foundation (appointed by Diocese)
LA = Local Authority (appointed by Local Authority)
A = Associate Member (appointed by the Governing Body)
EP = Elected Parent (appointed by parent election)
ES = Elected Staff (appointed by staff election)

Learning and growing together with Christ

Our Governors

Stephen Edgar – Chair of Governors



I was elected as a parent governor in 2021. I'm a father of 4 girls, 3 currently attend St Joseph's. My wife and I chose St Joseph's because we believe in the ethos and values of the school and as a governor I want to support the long term success of the school.

In my professional life I'm a commercial solicitor, operating at senior leadership level, questioning, challenging and supporting the strategic direction of the organisations in which I work and I aim to bring these skills to my role of parent governor.

I've also been fortunate to spend a number of years living abroad, in Kuwait and Singapore, working for multinational companies. This experience means I'm passionate about ensuring my children (and hopefully all children) grow up in a diverse environment, with a broad outlook on life and equipped with the knowledge and skills to embrace all the opportunities and challenges that life brings.

Fr David Gummett - Foundation Governor



I became Parish Priest of St Mary of the Crays in November 2018.

I enjoy my role as governor because I value the close relationship between parish, parents and school. St Joseph's is a happy school and this is informed by our emphasis on ethos and values.

A Catholic education should provide every pupil with a well-rounded view of life and world, with the workshop of God at the centre of it.

I am proud that St Joseph's is a part of our Parish.

Mark Hannon – Executive Head Teacher



Since September 2021, I have been the Executive Head Teacher of St Joseph's and St Fidelis Catholic Primary Schools in Bexley. From May 2024, I also assumed responsibility for St Aidan's Catholic Primary School in Croydon. Prior to this, I was the Head Teacher of St Fidelis for fourteen years. As well as being a governor for both schools, I am also Chair of Governors of St John's Catholic Comprehensive School in Kent and a Director for Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership, a large Catholic multi-academy trust. This helps me to better understand the commitment and dedication that all our governors give voluntarily to make sure our school is a truly great Catholic school.

Belliappa Konganda – Local Authority Governor



I was appointed as a Local Authority Governor and joined St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School's Governing Body in 2023. I am a father of 2 girls, 1 recently graduated from St Joseph's while my younger daughter continues to attend the school.

I am a technology evangelist and my professional career spans the field of education, media and broadcasting. My contribution to the strategic initiatives of schools and organisations by implementing innovative approaches to teaching, instituting mentoring programs and business efficiency will be a valuable asset to the governing body.

I believe in St. Joseph's ethos of providing a nurturing environment which is at the heart of every child's religious, intellectual and social growth.

Sian Martin – Foundation Governor



I joined the governing body as a foundation governor in September 2023. I currently have two children that attend St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

When choosing a primary school for my children I was looking for a close inclusive community as well as excellent values, which is what I found in St Joseph's.

Before becoming a governor I was chair of the PTA. I enjoyed my role as chair, especially as by running events we were able to contribute to the wellbeing of the pupils within the school. I know that the role of a foundation governor will mean I will be able to continue to contribute to the children's well-being as well as the development of the school.

In my professional career I work for a multinational trading/investment company, within the treasury operations team primarily dealing with foreign exchange.

David Morgan – Associate Member



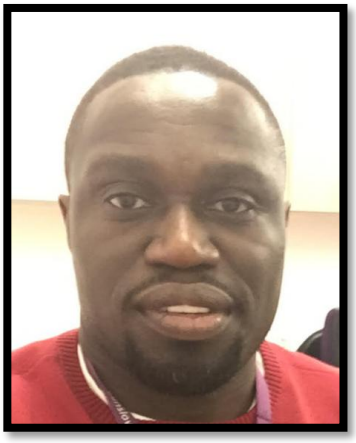
I joined the Governing Body as an Associate Member in October 2025. I currently work as a part time Mathematics teacher in a local secondary school having been Deputy Head at the same school for 18 years since 2004.

I am a father of 5 grown up children three of whom also work in Education and in the last two year have become a grandparent to two fabulous granddaughters.

Apart from the obvious family commitments I enjoy travel, gardening and following the premier league champions elect in North London!

Having seen first-hand the quality of education being received by the young students at St Joseph's I hope I can bring something, from over 30 years of secondary experience, to the role of Governor at the School.

Patrick Nwachukwu - Parent Governor



I was elected as a Parent Governor in the latter part of 2025. My interest in the role stems from my parental desire for a school environment where every child truly matters and is supported to fulfil their potential. My wife and I have two children currently attending the school, and we are passionate about its values and committed to upholding its ethos.

With a professional background in commissioning services for local authorities, I am keen to support the school's leadership in aligning educational aspirations and outcomes with its mission statement. As the saying goes, "No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care." My vision for this role combines my professional experience and personal values to help ensure our school continues to be a haven of love, nurture, and growth where every child thrives.

Anthony Omotayo - Foundation Governor



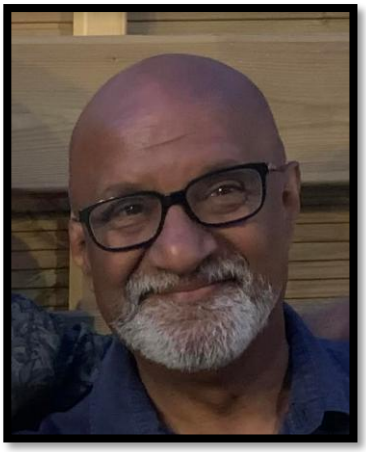
I was appointed as a Foundation Governor of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in 2018. I am a family man and a father of two girls and three boys. Although, I no longer have a child in the school, I am glad to say that all my children attended the school and have fond memories of their time there.

I work in the Information and Technology space as a Software Architect. Having originally graduated with a BSc in Chemistry, I decided to pursue an IT career with a Master's degree (MSc) in Computer Science which has turned out to be one of my smartest moves ever. I have worked as a Consultant with large and small companies in the UK and abroad, helping to develop IT solutions that is economical, robust and flexible to meet the needs of businesses in the short and long term. I hope to bring this experience to my role as a governor of the school with commitment and dedication.

I enjoy playing Tennis and Badminton when I'm not at the stadium watching my favourite team playing football. I am also a Knight of St Columba and regularly attend the affiliated school church - St Mary of the Crays.

It has been an honour to continue to contribute to the development and welfare of the school in my capacity as a governor.

Dexter Pereira - Foundation Governor



At the end of 2022, I retired from a career in Forestry and consider myself to be one of the lucky people to have travelled to many parts of the world studying forest and ensuring that forest management rules were being adhered to. Countries included British Columbia (Canada), South America (Chile, Argentina and Southern Brazil), Scandinavia, the Baltic States, Europe (Central and Eastern, including Belarus).

Prior to that, I was in shipping specialising in Marine and Contract law.

Having been invited to join the Governing Board of St Josephs and seen the high standards of education being achieved with an emphasis on Catholicism. I am pleased to be part of a group of people endeavouring to maintain these high levels.

Amanda Truss – Head of School



In September 2021, I was lucky enough to become the Head of School at St Joseph's. I joined the school in September 2011 when I became the Deputy Headteacher (and Year 4 class teacher). I started my teaching career in September 1996 and have been fortunate to teach every year group at some point in my career. This has enabled me to experience and appreciate our pupils' learning journey from the Early Years right up to Key Stage 2. I am highly committed to my vocation and firmly appreciate the Gospel values that are central to our Catholic school community.

Grainne Tylee – Staff Governor



I was elected Staff Governor in 2024. I joined the school in 2020 as Music Lead and have since expanded my responsibilities to include leading Religion and Collective Worship.

I bring over sixteen years of teaching experience from St Fidelis to this role, including significant leadership in the area of Religion and across various other curricular subjects. I believe my in-depth knowledge of the curriculum and our students will be invaluable in effectively implementing the principles of Catholic Social Teaching within our school.

I am deeply committed to fostering strong connections between our school, parish, and home communities.