



Meet the Governors

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
'Grow in Love'



JO FAULKNER is Chair of the Governing Body of Sacred Heart where she is proud to have served as a governor for two years! She also is a member of Richmond Schools Forum. Jo is passionate about giving young people the best start in life. She believes good governance is about providing a competent, informed and trusted foundation for the Headteacher and her team to educate, inspire and care for the pupils of Sacred Heart on their journey to becoming honourable and upstanding young adults of the future.

Jo also chairs the Governing Body of an East London primary school where she has served for seven years.



DR YIANNIS MAVROMMATIS is an Associate Professor and the Programme Director for the MSc Nutrition and Genetics at St Mary's University, London. He has extensive experience in Higher Education and he is a Senior Fellow to the Higher Education Academy. He has been a parent governor at Sacred Heart since May 2021 and he is the Chair of Quality of Education committee and a member of the Behaviour, Attitudes & Personal Development (BAPD) Committee.

His aspiration is to help our school maintain high education standards and support pupil wellbeing and development.



SAOIRSE DAVIS joined SH as a Foundation Governor in 2021. She had 3 children who attended the school and formerly worked in Information Technology.

As a Governor Saoirse actively monitors Safeguarding and tracks Health and Safety across the school.



MICHAEL SMITH was appointed as the Local Authority nominated governor in 2013 and is Chair of the Finance, Personnel & Premises Committee.

Michael is an IT, Finance and Project Management professional who has worked across Europe, USA and Australia. He has worked for a large pharmaceutical company for 20 years and previously was at a large management consultancy.



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BRENDA GREEN was appointed as Headteacher to Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School in September 2022. Prior to headship, she served for sixteen years in two other Catholic Primary Schools in Richmond Upon Thames.

Before coming to teaching, Brenda worked in the computer industry in training, service and business planning roles. She feels it is a huge privilege to be part of the Sacred Heart Community.



KATHERINE CONLON Katherine joined the Governing Board as a parent governor in 2021 and has since become a Foundation Governor. She serves on the Finance, Pay and Personnel committee and the Community and Catholic Life committee. She lives in Strawberry Hill with her husband and their two children and has been a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church since 2008.

Katherine is a media lawyer and works as General Counsel in a multinational media business.



RACHEL NGUYEN is the Staff Governor. She has worked at Sacred Heart since 2015. She is the Year 2 class teacher and English Lead.

In her role as Staff Governor, she contributes a professional perspective to the educational issues of concern and reports back to the staff on any relevant discussion points.



GREG PYTEL has been a Governor at Sacred Heart School since February 2020. He has been a parishioner at Sacred Heart Church in Teddington since 1990. He is married and has a daughter. Since 2014, Greg has been a civil servant, specialising in energy and regulatory economics.

Before 2014, since 1990, he had worked in the energy and ICT industries, and had also been a university researcher at Imperial College and the London School of Economics.

Greg is interested in supporting development of children's knowledge in STEM subjects, not only focusing on practically applying it in everyday life, but also reaching for the stars, to be scientists of the future.



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CLARE TAYLOR has been Deputy Headteacher at Sacred Heart since September 2015. She was previously a teacher Governor and is now an associate Governor of the school. Clare has specific roles and interests in the school, namely Safeguarding and Special Educational Needs; she is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENCo.



LUCY PEACOCK is the mother of three children all of whom attended Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School. Lucy was initially elected to role of Parent Governor and held this post for two 4 year terms before becoming a Foundation Governor in 2020. Lucy is currently Chairperson of the Behaviour, Attitudes and Personal Development Committee, sits on the Admissions Committee and is the school Wellbeing Governor. Lucy works as a mental health therapist in private practice as well as doing some work for a low cost counselling agency.

Lucy is passionate about mental health and wellbeing, and has been the school Safeguarding lead and SEND governor in the past. Lucy is proud to be on the Governing Body of a school who puts the wellbeing of pupils and staff at the forefront of everything it does. Lucy has strong interpersonal and administration skills and is highly motivated to work with the Governors to help Sacred Heart Primary School achieve its goals and ambitions within the school mission, vision and values.



JACOB PHILLIPS is Director of the Institute of Theology and Liberal Arts and an Associate Professor in Theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham. He sits on the QE sub-committee, and is particularly interested in Religious Education.