

St. Bede's Catholic Junior School

celebrates life and learning

GOVERNING BODY 2022 - 2023



Mr. Paul Owen – Chair of Governors

Chair of Finance/Resources Committee

Designated Governor for Child Protection, Safer

Recruitment and Safeguarding,

Safer Recruitment trained

I was born and educated in Widnes before going to University in Sheffield. My degree is in Electrical Engineering and I work for INEOS which is a chemical company.

I am very proud to be Chair of Governors at St. Bede's Catholic Junior School. I was previously Governor for mathematics which was also a role I thoroughly enjoyed. I have three children who have all attended St. Bede's so it is a pleasure to still be so involved with the school.



Mrs. Julie Rourke – Vice Chair of Governors

Vice Chair

Designated Governor for Religious Education

and Relationships and Sex Education and

Mental Health/Wellbeing: staff

Safer Recruitment Trained

I am delighted to serve on the Governing Body for St. Bede's Catholic Junior School. I work for the Archdiocese of Liverpool as a Primary Christian Education Advisor and Section 48 Inspector. Previously, I was a primary school teacher for many years at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School in Widnes.

I have always lived in Widnes, raised my family here and am a member of the parish of St. Wilfrid. Even though my role for the Archdiocese takes me far and wide, I feel it is important to serve, support and offer any guidance needed in my local parish and school communities. I was privileged when asked to be a part of an outstanding team at St. Bede's Junior School.

My interests are walking in the Lake District, particularly around Derwent Water and the Honister Pass. I love the theatre especially musicals, my favourite being Les Miserables which I have been fortunate enough to see twice.



Mrs. Gill Geoghegan – Staff

Designated Governor for Pupil Premium and Covid Catch Up

My name is Mrs. Geoghegan and I teach in Class 8. I am Subject Advisor for Humanities and I also help to make sure that all our school trips are carefully planned and safe for our children to take part in.

In 2009, I graduated from the University of Chester, after 4 years of study, with a degree in Primary Education. Since then I have worked at schools in Chester, and in other parts of Widnes, before teaching at St. Bede's permanently in 2011. I feel very lucky to be able to say that I work in such a wonderful school and I really can't imagine working anywhere else. The St. Bede's community feels like one big happy family!

Mr. Phillip Glover – Foundation

Designated Governor for Health and Safety



I was appointed by Liverpool Catholic Archdiocese as a Foundation Governor in September, 2016 and am looking forward to playing my part in bringing the fullness of life to everyone at St. Bede's.

I work for a Registered Social Landlord and it is my responsibility to ensure that all of the people who live in our homes are safe and warm. I know I will be able to help the school, where needed, in my special areas of responsibility.

I have three children, Beth and Charlotte, who attended St. Bede's and Daniel who is in Year 3. My family and work keep me pretty busy but I'm also a Family Catechesis for the Sacrament of Baptism in the parish.

My interests include making things (I have a degree in architecture and had a building business after university) and any spare time is spent trying to finish jobs in our home which I started nearly 10 years ago! I try to play football, squash or run once a week. This is as much to do with enjoyment and fitness as it is to allow me to eat good food and drink nice wine!



Mrs. Paula Talbot – Parent

Designated Governor for Children in Care and

Post Looked After and Mental

Health/Wellbeing: pupils

I am really enjoying my role as Governor at St. Bede's Catholic Junior School. I have two children – my eldest attended St. Bede's and my youngest child is in Year 5 so it is a real pleasure to be part of the Governing Body and support the work of the school. I really enjoy focusing on the wellbeing of the pupils and hearing about all the ways the school promotes and encourages health and wellbeing, particularly with respect to The Den and the nurture programme.



Mrs. Faith Tiernan – Headteacher

Designated Governor for Educational Visits and

Mental Health/Wellbeing: staff

My name is Mrs. Tiernan and I have the privilege of leading St. Bede's Catholic Junior School as the Headteacher. I have responsibility for the day to day running of the school along with developing and sharing our vision for the future.

I came into the profession to make a positive impact on children's learning, increase their desire to learn and enable them to become independent life-long learners. Throughout my career I have enjoyed working with colleagues to improve teaching and learning. I have a variety of knowledge and skills, which can be shared and further developed by working alongside others.

I studied at Liverpool Hope University as a mature student and achieved a First Class Honours BA in Theology with Qualified Teaching Status. I am passionate about religious education and am quoted to have said that I 'thoroughly enjoyed' completing the CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) whilst at university.

I am an experienced Key Stage 2 teacher, teaching in Year 6 for the majority of my career. I was English Subject Adviser and I was also the Assessment Co-ordinator for many years. I am confident in analysing data, developing school action plans and monitoring teaching and learning.



Mrs. Mary Wynne

*Designated Governor for Educational Visits and
Mental Health/Wellbeing: staff*

I taught in a local primary (St. Marie's) before moving to Brookfields Special School in 1986. I was there until 2011 when I retired.

I was a Foundation Governor in both St. Marie's and St. Joseph's for several years and then Teacher Governor in Brookfields for over 20 years. When I retired I was a community Governor at Brookfields for 4 years.

I have been involved in Scouting for all my adult life and am currently Cub Leader at St. Bede's and also Deputy County training Manager for Cheshire county Scouts. I also enjoy reading and baking.



Ms. Louise Davies

Governing Body

My name is Louise Davies, and this is my first role as a Parent Governor.

I have two children, one who is in Year 6 at St. Bede's and another who is 25! I studied at Liverpool Hope University and gained a degree in Information Technology and Drama & Theatre Studies (I am still known to tread the boards on the odd occasion!) I studied a PGCE in Information Technology at Edgehill University before embarking on my teaching career. I have been a high school teacher since 2005 and specialise in Computing and IT; I am also the Careers Leader at the school I have worked at for the past 10 years. Being Careers Leader is my passion as I believe that the development of the whole child is so important in terms of celebrating their achievements both in and out of education. I want all children to feel empowered and inspired to become whatever they want to be in the future, to fulfil all their hope and dreams, as well as becoming engaging citizens who can make a positive impact on society.

I am excited to be a part of the St. Bede's family and hope to make a positive contribution to the Governing Body.