

Pen Portraits – Governors, Pott Shrigley Church School

Sally Winstanley – Foundation governor, Chair

I live in Pott Shrigley; married to Gareth, we have two teenage children, three chickens and a Basset Hound.

Now retired from GMP, I volunteer at St. Christopher's, Pott Shrigley – amongst other things - as the Gift Aid and Giving Secretary but teenage influences led us to worship most Sundays at Poynton Christian Fellowship.

I have fond memories of being a pupil at Pott Shrigley School on home leave from Africa and our children also attended.

I was a governor at the school from 1999 to 2011.

My hobbies include tennis, golf, church bell ringing and walking.

Matthew Dean - LA governor, Vice Chair

I have taught in Cheshire secondary schools since 1995 and am currently Headteacher at Poynton High School.

Pott Shrigley is an important part of our local community and I am looking forward to supporting the next generation of children as they begin their educational journey. I have long recognised the vital importance of the work of primary schools in developing young people as learners and I hope that I can contribute to the continued success of that work at Pott Shrigley.

Audrey Bomford - Foundation governor

Having taught young children since my teenage years - firstly in Sunday School and Bible classes, and then as a Primary School teacher and Head in church schools - education based on Christian values has been part of my life for over sixty years. I married a teacher, had three children and then gained an Education Degree and a Diploma in Primary School Management. When I retired, I worked voluntarily for a Christian Charity providing and publishing resources for R.E and Worship in Stockport Schools, and also regularly visited and worked with staff and management at a large Primary School in Uganda. I was an Inspector for Church Schools in Chester Diocese and am a worshipper at St. Christopher's Church. Having grandchildren who span the school age range, and one who is a primary teacher, I am kept well up to date with education today. I enjoy playing the piano and sing with a festival choir. I love all aspects of gardening and am involved in local projects. Being a hands-on helper at my daughter's local firm means I am still a learner too!

Lisa Paton – Staff Governor

As a parent of two young children just embarking on their education I'm taking a keen interest in their school life so becoming a parent governor seemed a natural step.

A PR consultant to the wine industry by trade, I still work part time from home and hope that my marketing skills can spread the word about our unique and caring school. I'm also a fluent Spanish speaker and keen paddleboarder.

Since September 2020 I've taken on the school administrator which is very diverse and no two days are the same!

Victoria Bourner - Parent governor

I have a strong belief in giving children maximum opportunities to discover their full potential through education and extra curricular activities alike. I would support the school and the parents to listen impartially to concerns and feelings on vital matters raised by parents / carers. I have a good knowledge of SEN and the communication needed between parents / carers and the school. Also the support required to ensure SEN children thrive.

I would also like to help the school regain their 'Outstanding' status.

I have two children at Pott Shrigley Church School – one in year 6, one in year 1.

David Swales - Ex-Officio Foundation governor. Vicar St. Christopher's Church

I've been Vicar here since June, 2017. But I have been in a variety of parishes around the country since my ordination in 1984. I have always enjoyed being involved in local schools wherever I have worked, and the particularly close and fruitful relationship between church and school in Pott Shrigley is something which I really value. I do enjoy my regular involvement in the life of the school, especially leading Collective Worship, and it is great also to welcome many of our school community to church when they attend.

As a Voluntary Aided Church of England School, Christian Values should be at the heart of all that we do, and I appreciate the opportunity to be able to provide support both to the staff and to governors in seeking to ensure that this is so.

I'm married to Kim - like me, from Lancashire - and we have 3 grown-up children. I love being vicar of a wonderful church here, but my appointment here is part-time (60%) so I also enjoy being able to make the most of living in this lovely place, where I enjoy cycling, walking and DIY!

Alison Hamnett – Foundation governor

I have lived in Poynton for 41 years with my husband Phil. We have 3 grown up sons and 2 grandchildren (soon to be 3!) who all live locally.

Pott Shrigley Church School has been a huge part of my life for the last 30 years having been the school administrator until my retirement last year.

I very much want to continue to support this wonderful school and feel that I can offer this by being a governor. I hope that the knowledge I have gained from working at the school, my involvement with the Pott Shrigley community and my Christian values will help with the ongoing success of the school.

I enjoy family time, walking, gardening, crafts and learning to play the piano.