

## ALL SAINTS LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

### OUR GOVERNORS

#### **James Smyth – Chair, Performance Management**

##### **Term: Sep 2024 -**

James lives in Kings Stag with his wife and daughter after returning from a period in France running his own agricultural engineering company. He has been an engineer all his working life and has worked in aviation, petrochemicals, agriculture and the marine sector. This has involved working and living in many locations around the UK and abroad. He currently works for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) as Technical Training Manager responsible for ensuring all volunteers and staff have the necessary skills to operate and maintain lifeboats, associated plant, and equipment throughout the UK and Ireland.

This passion for supporting the development of people translates directly into the role of a school governor and ensuring children are given the best possible opportunities available and schools are supported to do so.

During his free time James enjoys time with his family, pets, gardening and DIY.

##### **No Business Interests of**

**Governor or Immediate Family: Sept 2025**



#### **Emma Coleman – Vice Chair, Staffing Structure, Sports Premium, History, Geography & Computing**

##### **Term : November 2024**

Originally from London Emma moved to the South West in 2010 and lives with her husband, son and very rambunctious puppy Olive in the village of Longburton. Her son Henry can currently be found thriving as a happy pupil in the reception class at All Saints.

Emma is an HR professional with a background in recruitment within the professional services industry. Emma's current role sees her work with senior leaders on a range of HR and people projects including remote working and learning, diversity, inclusion and women in leadership - expertise she is excited to add to the existing experience and skillset of the governing board.

She looks forward to working with the governors to ensure that the school continues to provide high-quality education and opportunities for all of the children at All Saints.

In her spare time, Emma enjoys spending time with her family exploring the countryside, renovating their house and more often than not she can be found with her head firmly stuck in a book.

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#### **Wendy Taylor - Welfare & Mental Health, EYFS, PP, Maths, Art, DT**

##### **Term: September 2025**

Wendy's main interests in life are her family and education. She started teaching in The West Midlands, quickly followed by two years as a volunteer teacher in Kenya. This is where she learnt the value of having an education and how poverty not only ruins individual lives but also society. Wendy's teaching career moved to West London, Germany and America. Her husband Mike and daughters Kate and Hannah all enjoy many sports and cooking. Wendy claims 'I am so lucky to have been welcomed into All Saints Community'.

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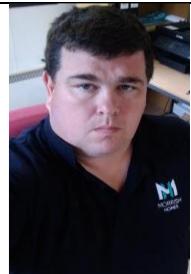
#### **Dean Gardner – Premises, H&S & Security**

##### **Term: September 2025**

Dean lives in Bishops Caundle with his wife Katie, two daughters and Ace the dog. He has worked in the construction industry all his working life, firstly as a Carpenter, and more recently over the last few years Site Manager for major house building company. Through his work in the Construction sector Dean has been involved in new build products, extensions and restorations, along with the health and safety and procedural regulations. In his spare time he may get to enjoy his hobby of remote controlled tanks,

trucks and off road vehicles, when not having to go to horse events with his pony mad wife and kids.

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**Sarah Wicks – SEND, Data and Assessment, Music & MFL**

**Term: September 2024**

Sarah grew up in the leafy suburbs of North-West London with passions for reading and horses. She gained a BEd in Primary and Middle School Education and began her 30 year teaching career in the London Borough of Barnet. In 1993, she moved to Dorset, firstly supply-teaching in the many primary schools around Blandford Forum and then spending 22 years at Knighton House School. Here she fulfilled her childhood dreams of becoming Head of a country boarding school with ponies and keeping goats, chickens and white doves! Having retired, she continues to promote reading as a Library Assistant at Blandford Library. Sarah believes passionately in the development of reading skills as crucial to learning and the building of children's confidence as key to progress.

Sarah lives in Durweston with her photographer husband, Alan, and their 2 cats. She loves wildlife, the countryside, gardening and history. In her spare time, she volunteers for the National Trust at Hardy's Cottage and, of course, she continues to indulge her passion for books!

**Term: September 2020 - September 2024**

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**Lucy Parrot - Ex officio, Worship**

**Term: September 2025**

Lucy lives in Glanvilles Wootton with her husband, Edwin, an agricultural engineer. She keeps busy helping with her 2 granddaughters aged almost 6 and 2, who live next door on the farm. She also does Edwin's book keeping and looks after her cows, sheep and other animals. She is the sole Warden at St. Mary's Church the Village. Her main hobby before Covid was ballroom and sequence dancing, with her husband and friends.

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**Harriet Wallace - Parent Communication and engagement, English (inc Phonics), Science, PE**

**Term: Nov 2024 onwards**

**Laura Watford - Community, Local Church Link, PSHE,**

**Term: Nov 2024 onwards**

Laura's love of the countryside brought her to Dorset where she lives with her husband, two daughters, dogs, cat, rabbits and chickens. Laura plays an active role in the community in various voluntary roles and is a member of the Bishops Caundle Church PCC and Village Hall Committee.

Laura grew up in London and was a professional dancer during her early career. She trained at Bird College Conservatoire for Dance and went on to gain her Level 4 Diploma in Dance Education. Her dance career took her around the world before she focused on her career as a dance teacher. She was a teacher at The Brit School for 10 years and ran her own dance school and performance company. During this time, she also gained her "Level 3 Diploma in supporting teaching and learning in schools."

After moving to Bishops Caundle in 2021, her youngest daughter attended the school and Laura spent a year working as a TA in Diamonds. Laura's strong dance and movement background led her to train as a certified Pilates Teacher. You can now find her in her home Pilates studio, teaching people of all ages to move better.



## Catherine Bray - Safeguarding & Website Compliance

### Term: Jan 2024 onwards

Catherine lives in Bishops Caundle with her husband, Matt, their two children, Fergus and Hattie, and their dogs, Millie and Mollie. She began her healthcare career by completing Adult Nurse training at Bournemouth University in 2013 and went on to work on a trauma orthopaedic ward after qualifying. Over the years, Catherine has held a variety of nursing roles, gaining extensive experience in patient care and community health.

Following the birth of her two children, Catherine pursued a postgraduate course at UWE University to become a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse. She now leads the FOREST Programme which is an enhanced parent programme in Somerset—an innovative initiative focused on early intervention and holistic family support. In her role, Catherine works collaboratively with health professionals, local services, and community partners to empower parents, strengthen family relationships, and promote emotional wellbeing.

Catherine is extremely passionate around Early Years and ensuring all families receive support and resources, and helping to improve outcomes for children, families and communities.

Outside of work, Catherine enjoys spending time with her family, Pilates, dog walks, and traveling'



## Nigel Roberts - Headteacher

### Term: Sept 2019 onwards

Nigel grew up in Bath where his love of sports (in particular rugby) began. He joined the Army as a young man and served in the Royal Signals - across the world - for 22 years. In this time he played rugby union for the Army and also for Roundhay and then Leeds in various National Leagues. On retiring from the Army, he completed his PGCE with the Borough of Poole SCITT. Since qualifying, Nigel has worked at schools in Poole and Blandford. He became Headteacher of All Saints in September 2019.

Nigel is married to Maria, they have two children William (Bill) and Henry, both of whom continue the families love of rugby. In his spare time, he enjoys walking his dogs, reading and completing (or at least trying to complete) crosswords. Nigel has also become a proficient taxi driver for his children.

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## Lisa Regan - Headteacher

### Term: Sept 2024

Lisa Regan has lived in Dorset for the majority of her life, except when training to be a teacher at The University of Plymouth, where she gained a BEd in primary teaching, with physical education as a specialism. It is here that she met her husband Gregory Regan, who is also a teacher and teaches at a special needs school for autism. Both are extremely sporty, and as a result are heavily involved with the local community, including their most recent tour to South Africa with a rugby and netball team. Teaching has always been a passion of Lisa's, and as a result, she thrives on giving her best and helping all the children she works with to be the best that they can be, reach their full potential and achieve their dreams. It is also this dedication that sees Lisa at the many PTA events as well as representing the staff on the Governing Body at All Saints. Lisa is the Deputy Headteacher at All Saints Primary School and is committed and passionate about making a real difference, to what she believes is a great school. In her spare time, she is found mostly playing netball, reading her much-loved books, playing with her family dogs or having family times with her nearest and dearest.

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## Chris Grant-Peterkin - Staff

### Term: Sept 2024



