

St Bartholomew's School Governing Board

October 2016

Ian Peddie

Chair of Governors & Member of the Academy Trust

Foundation Nominated

Current Term of Office 11.11.2012 – 10.11.2016



I have been closely involved with St Bart's since 1995, joining the Parents' Association when my eldest daughter started in Year Seven. After three years chairing the PA, I joined the Governing Body as a parent governor in 2000. I was elected Chair of Governors in 2011, when we were making our transition to Academy status – with the additional freedoms and responsibilities that brought. One of my main objectives as Chair has been evaluating and developing our approach to governance at St Bart's to match and support this new status.

I am a civil engineer, with most of my career spent in the planning and management of major infrastructure projects, such as Hong Kong's Mass Transit Railway and the high speed rail link from London to the Continent. With nearly a decade spent in Hong Kong, I take a special interest in supporting St Bart's developing links with China. My professional experience was put to the test in helping deliver the new state of the art school which now sets a firm foundation for the education of future generations of St Bart's students.

Jeanette Clifford

Vice-chair of Governors & Member of the Academy Trust

Foundation Nominated

Chair of the Governors' People & Performance Committee

Current Term of Office: 2.2.2016 – 1.2.2020



I could see St Bart's was a remarkable place on my family's first ever visit here – at a year six open day – and have been proud to be a governor here for nine years. Our three children – Aidan, Brendan and Caitlin – know they are lucky to have been educated at St Bart's and will retain a special affection for it all their lives. I am Vice-chair of Governors, Safeguarding Governor, chair the 'People and Performance' committee and sit on the West Berkshire Schools Forum as an academies representative. I was previously chair of governors at Robert Sandilands School in Speen. I am a trustee of the St Bartholomew's Charitable Foundation.

I bring experience from the spheres of business and education. For many years I worked in the railway industry, in the freight and passenger businesses, railway safety and headquarters roles. I have an MBA and an MSc in Risk, Crisis and Disaster Management. I am a FE teacher and have taught Marketing and Business from entry to post-graduate levels and, latterly, was in teacher training. I am a trustee of The Makaton Charity.

Jeanette also sits on the Governors' Learning & Achievement and Co-ordinating Committees and is St Bart's Safeguarding Governor.

Steve Foyle

Foundation Nominated Governor & Member of the Academy Trust

Chair of the Governors' Learning Resources Committee

Current Term of Office: 1.1.2014 – 31.12.2017

I am a chartered chemical engineer with over 30 years' experience in the nuclear industry. During this time I have undertaken a wide variety of roles in production, research and development, nuclear plant design, marketing and sales, engineering consultancy, project development and nuclear policy in central government. I have lived and worked in several parts of the UK and have been fortunate in travelling widely overseas on business.

I have been a governor at St Bart's since 2001, my main aim being to ensure that the school offers a broad and high standard curriculum.

Steve is the Health & Safety Governor for St Bart's and also sits on the Governors' Audit & Finance and Co-ordinating Committees.

Karen Sadler

Parent Governor & Member of the Academy Trust

Chair of the Governors' Learning & Achievement Committee

Current Term of Office: 19.11.2013 – 18.11.2017, Member from 13.10.2016

Following my Economics degree, I enjoyed many years in marketing roles in GE Capital and Debenhams, that gave me experience in all aspects of planning and data-driven marketing. 14 years ago, I established my own consultancy business in the increasingly important arena of data protection, supporting clients across many sectors, such as More Than, The Post Office, Virgin, Nuffield Health, London Business School, and more. This evolving career path has allowed me to gain experience across strategy and planning, data and insight, communications, financial and marketing management, training, auditing and compliance.

My husband, Richard, and I have lived in Newbury for over 20 years and have two children at St Bart's who are very proud of all aspects of their school. I joined the Governing Body as a Parent Governor at the end of 2013 and am particularly keen to actively contribute to all aspects of school life so that every student can get the very best out of their school experience, while also taking a positive part in Newbury community.

Karen is also a member of the Governors' Audit & Finance and Teaching & Learning Committees.

Jonathan Taylor

Appointed Governor & Member of the Academy Trust

Chair of the Governors' Teaching & Learning Committee

Current Term of Office: 2.5.2016 – 1.5.2020

Working in public and community service, active as a school governor both at St Bartholomew's School and as formerly as a Chair of Governors of a Federated Infant and Junior School locally, I am a past-Chairman and current committee member of West Berkshire Governors' Forum. Additionally, I chair independent panels for several Unitary Authorities to consider appeals over School Admissions and against School Exclusions. Formerly, I served as a non-executive director and Audit Committee Chair of Newbury and Community, (and latterly Berkshire West), NHS Primary Care Trust; I now sit as an independent Lay Panel

Chairman for Mental Health Act Managers' Hearings for Berkshire Healthcare and other providers. For the Diocese of Winchester, I am an elected member of the Winchester Diocesan Synod, Lay Chairman of Whitchurch Deanery and contribute to the work of the wider Church.

Jonathan also sits on the Governors' Audit & Finance, Co-ordinating and People & Performance Committees.

Keith Astill

Foundation Nominated Governor

Current Term of Office: 10.2.2013 – 9.2.2017



Keith is an HR professional with experience operating at board level in HR and general management roles. His corporate background covers executive responsibility in UK financial services groups and leadership of major change and merger integration programmes.

Keith has an MBA from Henley Management College and is a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development. He is married to Helen, has two grown up children who attended St Bartholomew's, and lives in Newbury where he has been a school governor since 2001.

Keith is a member of the Governors' Learning & Achievement and People & Performance Committees.

Alexandra Barlow

Parent Governor

Current Term of Office: 23.5.2016 – 22.5.2020

Having grown up in Newbury and attended St Bart's, I am very proud of the school and of the traditions and values that it continues to maintain. Our eldest daughter started in Year 7 in September 2015 and is just embarking on her St Bart's journey and we have two further daughters who will follow. My husband and I have been incredibly impressed by all we have seen at St Bart's and look forward to a long standing relationship with the school.

I am the Alumnae Relations Manager within the Development Office at Downe House in Cold Ash, I am involved in development, fundraising, marketing, publications, web development, data protection & CRM management. Furthermore, I have a sound understanding of pastoral care through my role as an academic tutor to nine Year 10 girls.

I am very much looking forward to starting my role of Parent Governor and hope to add value to the excellent work that is currently being carried out through the staff and children at the school.

Alexandra is a member of the Teaching & Learning Committee.

Rajan Bhandari

Parent Governor

Vice-chair of the Teaching & Learning Committee

Current Term of Office: 23.5.2016 – 22.5.2020



Rajan was originally elected as a Parent Governor in May 2012, and re-elected in May 2016. In addition to his role on the Governors' Teaching & Learning Committee, he is a member also of the Governors' Learning and Achievement and Audit & Finance Committees and is the Special Educational Needs Link Governor.

Derek Brown

Foundation Nominated Governor

Current Term of Office: 12.10.2014 – 11.10.2018



I attended St Bartholomew's back in the 1950's when it was a boys only grammar school, with a complement of roughly 600 pupils, eighty of whom were boarders. I enjoyed involving myself in School activities and ended my days at the School as Evers House Prefect, Captain of Rugby and CCF Under Officer.

I have always been proud of the School, and when my own children attended the School I joined the Old Newburians' Association (ONA) Management Committee. Following two years as ONA President, I was voted onto the School's Governing Body as a Foundation Governor, representing the ONA. On behalf of the ONA I am pleased that, despite being a "School for the Future", St Bart's proudly embraces its heritage and maintains many of its traditions.

My career path took me into motor engineering and, apart from several years training at Vauxhall Motors in Luton, I have remained in the Newbury area, working until 1990 as Managing Director of The Family Motor Dealership. For the past twenty years I have been involved in Property Management, looking after several commercial and residential sites.

I am a member of the Governors' Learning Resources and Teaching & Learning Committees and I am proud to be the Link Governor to the Humanities Faculty.

Catie Colston

Co-opted Governor

Current Term of Office: 1.10.2016 – 30.9.2020

Catie has recently joined St Bart's Governing Board and is a member of the Learning & Achievement Committee.

Richard Deal

Appointed Governor

Chair of the Governors' Audit & Finance Committee

Current Term of Office: 1.5.2013 – 30.4.2017



I am a chartered surveyor, having qualified originally in Bristol. I moved to Newbury in 1981 to work in what was then Dreweatt Watson & Barton, dealing with commercial property. I started Deal Varney in 1989 specializing in commercial property, dealing with landlord and tenant matters, lettings, sales and valuation under the guidelines of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. I am surveyor to a number of charitable concerns where property knowledge is of benefit.

I have lived in Newbury for many years; our children went to St Bart's and onto university. Whilst they were at school, I was chair of the Parents' Association and enjoyed a close relationship with the School, many parents and the teaching staff.

My interests include rugby, music and a lifetime project of trying to learn the Italian language.

Richard is also a member of the Governors' Learning Resources Committee.

Marc Edens

Staff Governor

Current Term of Office: 26.3.2015 – 25.3.2019

Marc is a Staff Governor and is a member of the Governors' Learning & Achievement Committee.

Kate Lefever

Appointed Governor

Current Term of Office: 1.10.2016 – 30.9.2020

Kate has recently joined St Bart's Governing Board and is a member of the People & Performance Committee.

James Maunders

Staff Governor

Current Term of Office: 26.3.2015 – 25.3.2019

James is a Staff Governor and is a member of the Governors' Learning Resources Committee.

Peter Norman

Parent Governor

Current Term of Office: 19.11.2013 – 18.11.2017



With a BA in Politics, I have had a varied career which started with Reinsurance in the City, then a stint as a Management Consultant where work included advising utility companies undergoing privatisation; went on to found a small corporate finance boutique regulated by the SFA advising on Mergers & Acquisitions, and raising finance for small technology companies; before co-founding WIN: a company that enabled corporations to communicate with customers and employees via messaging services (primarily text and picture messaging). My role was financial and strategic and I operated as the Commercial Director. Our clients included major broadcasters, newspaper groups, banks, utility companies and network operators. The company floated on AIM in 2004.

Today, I am a director of two small private companies, Isthmus Limited and South Hams Holiday Homes Ltd.

Peter is a member of the Governors' Learning Resources and Teaching & Learning Committees.

Nicky Ostinelli

Staff Governor

Current Term of Office: 18.9.2016 – 17.9.2020

I went to the College of St Mark and St John in Plymouth for four years where I was awarded a Secondary BEd (Hons) Degree in Physical Education. I then taught PE in two inner city schools in Plymouth. Following this, I relocated and I have worked at St Bart's for coming up to ten years.

I have been very lucky to have been given Teacher and Learning Responsibility during my time at the School. I was a Personal Development Programme Leader for year, then moved onto Deputy Director of Sport and I am currently Director of Sport. I have held this post for the last 6 years. This involves me being a Head of Department, leading 9 PE staff, overseeing the PE curriculum, girls' fixtures, GCSE PE and running the PE Department on a day to day basis.

I really love working at the school and I am now enjoying contributing to the school in a different way by being a teacher governor.

Nicky is a member of the Governors' Teaching & Learning and Learning Resources Committees.

Patricia Ray

Co-opted Governor

Current Term of Office: 23.5.2016 – 22.5.2020



Patricia was a Parent Governor at St Bart's for 8 years before becoming a Co-opted Governor in 2016. I am the Governor link for Careers and PE. I was also a Governor at Enborne Primary School from 2001 - 2011 leaving as Vice-chair. I stepped down as the Chair of the Parents' Association in 2012, having completed fourteen years on the PA. I am also a trustee of the St Bart's School Charitable Foundation and an ex-pupil of Newbury County Girls' Grammar School, I am a member of the Old Newburians' Association.

In the far distant past I worked for British Rail HQ in London (PR, Passenger Marketing and finally Freight), and later in Sales at Reed Corrugated Cases in Thatcham. Since becoming a mother 25 years ago I have worked part-time freelance in the Fitness Industry, immersed myself in my family and done a little bit of housework!

Patricia is a member of the Governors' Learning Resources and Learning & Achievement Committees.

Gareth Scourfield

Parent Governor

Current Term of Office: 23.5.2016 – 22.5.2020

Gareth has recently been elected as a Parent Governor at St Bart's and is a member of the Learning Resources Committee.

Campbell Smith

Appointed Governor

Current Term of Office: 1.10.2016 – 30.9.2020

Campbell has recently joined St Bart's Governing Board and is a member of the Teaching & Learning Committee.

Bruce Steiner

Appointed Governor

Finance Governor and Vice-chair of the Audit & Finance Committee

Current Term of Office: 1.5.2013 – 30.4.2017



Bruce is St Bart's Finance Governor and also sits on the Governors' Learning & Achievement and Co-ordinating Committees.

Stephen Uden

Parent Governor & Member

Vice- chair of the Governors' Learning & Achievement Committee

Current Term of Office: 10.2.2014 – 9.2.2018

Resigned as Member of the Academy Trust: 13.10.2016



Following a long career in the IT industry, I have recently joined the Nationwide Building Society where I am Head of Corporate Citizenship. This means that I am responsible for Nationwide's staff volunteering, supporting local charities and working with young people through Nationwide's Education programme. I have worked in the field of Education for many years (including as Head of Education Relations for Microsoft); my proudest moment was getting computer science added to the curriculum.

As a governor, I have focussed on supporting the school around strategy & planning (which is unglamorous but very important) as well being link governor for the Science Faculties and the Sixth Form. I am a former student of St Bart's along with my brother and sister, my three children are current students and my wife teaches maths here. It's therefore a real honour to be a governor at a school that has formed such an important part of my life.

Stephen is also a member of the Governors' Audit & Finance Committee.

Recently Resigned Governors

Ahmad Bhatti

Parent Governor

Term of Office: 23.5.2012 – 22.5.2016