



Local Governing Board membership 2020-21

Setting Strategy – Accountability – Financial Probity

Rachael Norman Chair of Governors



Rachael graduated from Manchester University with a BA Hons in History and she also has an MA in History and a Doctorate in Education from King's College, London. She started her career in education 20 years ago as a History teacher in a Lambeth school. Rachael brings a depth of knowledge of the education sector as a past Headteacher and a passion for best practice in driving school improvement, her main objective is to improve the quality of teaching and learning to secure aspirational outcomes for pupils of all abilities.

Elizabeth Fitzpatrick- Vice Chair of Governors



A Southwark Diocese nominated governor, Elizabeth's background in School Improvement brings to the governing board experience in educational oversight and scrutiny. Elizabeth is the Link governor for both English, and Values in Britain.

Mary-Jane Taylor



Mary-Jane has a background in Primary School teaching having taught in rural Wales to inner city schools. The last 16 years of her career was as a Head Teacher of a Merton Primary School. She has a special interest in the distinctive nature of Church of England Schools and Academies. Mary-Jane is the Safeguarding and SEND link governor.

Wyndham Plumptre



Wyndham is a management consultant at PwC LLP with a background in delivering commercial and operations based strategy in both the Public and an array of Private Sectors. Wyndham specifically has worked with clients in education helping to improve their commercial capability. At St Mark's he informs best practice in Academy financial oversight and scrutiny.

Rev Nigel Stone



As vicar of the linked St Mark's Church in Mitcham, Rev Nigel is our community link governor, often at the school for assemblies and takes an active interest in the pastoral welfare of the students. Nigel has served as a minister for churches in Wandsworth, Lambeth and Merton and has also spent 12 years involved in adult education and ministry training across Southwark Diocese

John Owen

John brings skills and experience in a wide range of corporate processes including business planning, finance, HR, H&S and risk from his role working in Parliament, supporting the Academy in dealing with challenges.

Taha Maniar

Taha has an audit background, and experienced in discussing and challenging senior members of the finance / operations teams of large organisations, skills that enable him to work with and if necessary, challenge the processes and plans undertaken by the school.

Hannah Fahey

As Interim Principal, Hannah shares with the LGB the current data and information concerning pupils with the other members of the LGB for accountability and probity.