

Governor Profiles 2018-2019

Ian Bratley

I have been a Foundation Governor at St Richard's since 2013 and my daughter completed her final year here in 2017. I work in the ICT industry and have a background in many aspects of business, which I have utilised in assisting the school to achieve their aims and aspirations, and I am also a regular parishioner and Sacristan at St Joachim's in Eastbourne. I am passionate about the school giving every child the best opportunity for their future career, personal development and spiritual well-being and have committed to continue my support for a further term of four years.

Glenn Clark

I am married with two grown up children and have been a teacher for 38 years. I have had the privilege of teaching at St Richard's for the last 20 years. My daughter and son both attended St Richard's, they loved it and I am very grateful for the start our wonderful school gave them. My main role as a Staff Governor is to help the Governing body understand all the data associated with modern school life. I am also the Governor for school trips and at the moment link with the MFL department.

Sarah Ellis

I am pleased to be appointed as the Local Authority Governor at St Richard's. Both of my daughters were pupils at the school and have gone on to university. Up until 2016 I was a police officer making frequent visits to the school in my role as Schools Liaison Officer. Due to my links with the school, I am aware of the good work done by the staff. I also know how much support staff gave to my daughters enabling them to achieve great GCSE results. In my role as governor I aim to support the school in maintaining its good status.

Simon Hamilton-Burns

I am the father of two children, one who left the school in 2018 and another who left in 2016. I was a Foundation Governor at St Mary Magdalene's primary school for 4 years. I am a Graduate Mechanical Engineer (BSc. Sussex U.) with over 35 years' experience in the IT industry during which I was European General Manager of a software company for 12 years. I am a qualified maths teacher and I have taught in East Sussex Secondary Schools for over ten years. I was elected to serve both the school and parents as a Parent Governor 2015 as I am committed to children's learning in the area and the high standards, both pastoral and educational, that St Richard's provides.

Alison Horan

I am a Foundation Governor and currently Chair of Governors. I have a grandchild at St Richard's and another at Sacred Heart in Hastings. I was previously Chair of Governors at a Catholic primary school elsewhere in East Sussex, where I completed the national Chair of Governors Leadership Development programme. Originally trained as a primary school teacher, I am now retired but worked for East Sussex County Council for many years as a manager within social care and in corporate policy and partnerships. I have an interest in education and am honoured to be involved in the Governance of St Richard's.

Richard Parker-Harding

I have been a Foundation Governor for 8 years. My two sons attended the school, the youngest leaving in 2015. I am a Parishioner at St Mary Star of the Sea, Hastings, where I have lived for almost 30 years. I work for Rother and Wealden Councils as a Senior Manager. I have expertise in financial management and health and safety.

Kay Parkin

I was pleased to be appointed as a Foundation Governor in February 2018, having been a former parent and now a grandparent to a pupil at the College. I serve on the Full Governing Body and as Chair of the Strategic Organisation Committee. Before I retired in 2016, I worked as the Head of Finance and Human Resources at a local non-maintained Special School for 18 years managing a large budget and providing HR for up to 300 staff. It is this knowledge that I hope will be useful to St Richard's.