



Bapchild and Tonge Church of England (Aided) Primary School and Nursery

Governor Profiles

Name	Roles	Profile
Susannah Butcher	Chair of Governors DBE Governor	I am delighted to have the opportunity to step into the role as Chair of Governors; a role my mother held many years ago. In addition, I will continue to sit on the Resources Committee, to have responsibility for Maths and Early Years and to remain involved in the SIAMS working party. Having retired from my job as a Teaching Assistant at Bapchild, I have returned as a regular volunteer helper in the Early Years class. Before working at the school, we lived overseas and I was the housekeeper at the British School in Riyadh! Prior to that I spent 13 years with the Royal Bank of Scotland where my last role was as branch manager in Ealing, hence my role on the Resources Committee. Many members of my family including my mother, my two children, my sisters and I were all pupils at Bapchild. I have been a long-serving member of the FOBS committee and have organised a number of successful fund-raising events. Whilst working at Bapchild I initiated the “Eco Warriors” project and helped them to start a variety of eco-friendly activities in the school and village. I live locally and I have a long and happy history with the school, church and Bapchild village where I grew up. I will continue to work to ensure that every child has the opportunity to fulfil their potential and to take away happy memories of their time at Bapchild School.

Joanna Apps	Vice Chair of Governors Chair of Pastoral Committee Member of Resources Committee Member of Standards and Curriculum Committee DBE Governor	I grew up in Murston, moving away when I married aged 20, we moved back to Sittingbourne in 2013 shortly after starting our family to be closer to grandparents. Both our children attend Bapchild & Tonge school. I am currently employed by Swale Borough Council as a Resilience Officer, covering Emergency Planning, Business Continuity and the Safety Advisory Group for Events in Swale. I became a Foundation Governor at the school in 2018 and currently chair the Pastoral Committee. I am an Authorised Lay Minister in the Parish of Murston, Bapchild & Tonge, with responsibility for some of our Family and Children's Worship. I lead monthly Messy Church sessions at the school and in Murston Church. I run Godly Play sessions with children in school and in St Laurence Church. On Sunday's you'll find me at church, sometimes leading Family Worship at Bapchild. I love being with the children, sat on the floor with them, engaged in a story, listening to their wondering questions, it's a wonderful place to be. We can learn as much from them as they do from us. I believe that every child is full of potential, every child deserves to be loved and encouraged to flourish. I love the family environment of our school and believe that the Christian ethos and values being taught help contribute to this. Being a Governor allows me to see first hand how much the staff do for our children and the impact this has on them and their families.
Paul Willis	Chair of Resources Committee Member of Standards and Curriculum Committee PCC Governor	I am currently a PCC Foundation Governor, although I started off as a Parent Governor over twenty years ago, when my son was at the school and my wife joined the staff as a TA, a job she continued until she retired. Both enjoyed their time at the school, a trend I would hope to keep for all subsequent pupils and staff. I have a background initially in Finance, and latterly in IT before retiring several years ago from Kent Police. I have always enjoyed being a Governor as it gives a fascinating insight into the way a school is run, and equally I hope in return I can benefit the school by putting my skill set to good use in the Governing body as the chair of the resources committee.

		As a person who lives in the village it is rewarding to be able to put something back into the local community, especially since the school has broadened to include nursery provision and can now offer even more.
Revd Simon Young	Member of Standards and Curriculum Committee Member of Pastoral Committee DBE Governor	It is my great privilege to serve as Chaplain in Mission to the school as well Governor. This gives me opportunity to see every aspect of school life and - more importantly - to get to know everyone from children to parents, and from teachers to lunchtime supervisors. I was ordained priest in 2015 and before that worked for ten years as a primary school teacher so I know a little about how schools work. My passion is to see children grow in mind, body and spirit - with confidence in who they are in relation to God and to one another. I am a great believer in allowing children to explore and develop the power of their imaginations.
Neely Church	Member of Pastoral Committee (Awaiting approval as DBE Governor)	I have strong ties to Bapchild having attended the school myself as a child. I now live in the village with my own family and my children have followed in my footsteps. I have spent my career working with children and families. Initially in the youth detention sector before taking a position with the local council where I spent over 10 years supporting families with issues preventing regular school attendance. I now work at one of the local secondary schools, aiding the senior leadership team in data collection and analysis and examinations. It is this understanding and experience that I bring to the governing body. I have happy memories of my time as a child at the school and I enjoy seeing my children have similar experiences. I am grateful for the values that the school work tirelessly to instil in all the children and families who come through the gates.
Rebecca Ainslie-Malik	Member of Pastoral Committee Parent Governor	My family and I moved from London to Sittingbourne in December 2020. The schools core values and ethos attracted our family to the school, and we were delighted when all three boys were welcomed with open arms. I have previously worked in both the investment and insurance industries. For the latter, I collaborated with multiple teams and presented reports to our company's regulatory body. I hold undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Mathematics where I represented my peers on the maths council and helped to organise and run open days for prospective students. I also tutored undergraduate students. Since becoming a mother I have spoken at parliament to improve maternity and postpartum services. I held meetings with hospital leadership teams and MPs from deprived areas, which led to

		policy changes and new initiatives. I am still actively involved in regular reviews and audits of those changes. I am a qualified trampoline coach and ran a club for many years. I initiated, and hosted regional and national competitions which still run to this day. I successfully applied for grants and funding to facilitate this, which also allowed the club to run free sessions to children of disadvantaged backgrounds. Other duties included thorough health and safety assessments, maintenance of equipment, and developing inter club relations. I look forward to working more closely with the school and having the opportunity to give back to the school community.
Christian Kelly	Headteacher Member of Pastoral Committee Member of Resources Committee Member of Standards and Curriculum Committee	I feel very fortunate to lead this wonderful school and see on a daily basis how our children flourish and learn with the support of our committed staff, parents and wider community. I have held a number of teaching and leadership posts in a number of different settings including a Lead Teacher in a Pupil Referral Unit, a Deputy Head in a large urban Primary School, for Kent County Council running a big Extended Service Project and as a Phase Leader in Germany in a MOD school. I feel my role on the Governing Body is to provide answers to many of the questions that other Governors pose but equally guide, support and hold to account them as Governors.
Adam Smiley	Associate Governor Deputy Headteacher Member of Resources Committee Member of Standards and Curriculum Committee	I have been teaching locally for over 19 years and have been a dedicated member of the team at Bapchild and Tonge since 2017. I have the challenging and fulfilling roles of being the Deputy Headteacher in charge of the maths, curriculum and pedagogy as well as being a class teacher in Year 6. Being a member of the governing body adds a new dimension to my role as Deputy Headteacher and creates further opportunities for me to make a difference. I enjoy and thrive on the challenges that come with every aspect of school life and I am passionate about high quality education and each and every child reaching their full potential.
Hannah Smith	Associate Governor Assistant Headteacher Member of Resources Committee Member of Standards and Curriculum Committee	I joined Bapchild & Tonge Primary School in 2011 as a newly qualified teacher. During my time here I have involved myself in all aspects of the Bapchild community and I undertake my role as associate Governor with pride and passion. Throughout my time at Bapchild I have held the position of English lead, Maths lead and, more recently, have taken on the role of Assistant Head with responsibility for Early Years. I am extremely proud of the journey we have been on so far to build our early years provision to include a school based nursery, which has widened our Bapchild family to include the youngest members of our

		community. I have a real dedication to this role and I am excited and committed to delivering the best possible foundations for lifelong learning for our children at Bapchild & Tonge.
--	--	---