Meet the Governors



Linsley de la Hunt – I have been Chair of Governors since 2016 and a governor at Christ Church Primary for many years. I am a retired NHS hospital consultant and enjoy working as a volunteer in school every Monday.



Allan Marks – I am the parish priest of Christ Church and have been Vice Chair of Governors since 2009. I am originally from Yorkshire but really love Newcastle, especially Christ Church Primary School.



Brenda Garbutt – I have been involved with education for 37 years. I work at Christ Church in school administration one day a week and have been an associate governor for several years.



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Ada Kennedy – My association with Christ Church Primary goes back a long way as I was a pupil here and then a member of staff. I have been a governor at Christ Church Primary for many years and volunteer in school every Thursday.

Anthony Kirkbride – I have been a local authority governor at Christ Church Primary since 2012. I am currently a serving police officer and previously worked in the outdoor adventure sector overseas. I am passionate about young people and feel privileged to work alongside such a dedicated team at Christ Church and assist with the development of pupils at the school.



Joana Marafao – I have been a parent governor since 2018. My son has attended the school since we arrived in England in 2015. With a background in business administration I am now a mindfulness teacher and dedicate my time to spreading that skill amongst children.











Keith Reader – I worked in primary schools for 25 years, followed by eight years working for Safeguarding Children Services. Christ Church Primary School will always be special to me as I was head teacher here from 1998 until 2003.

Katy Shipman – I am a parent governor, having a son and a daughter who attend the school. Before taking a career break to have my children, I was a secondary school geography teacher so I am very much used to life in schools.

Christopher Wardale – I am a retired vicar, professional glass designer and have a long experience of being a school governor. I have been governor at Christ Church Primary since 2019.



Timothy Wigglesworth – I moved to Newcastle in 2007 with my work as a barrister. I am a churchwarden at St. Nicholas Cathedral and was asked to be a governor at Christ Church Primary in January 2019, which I was delighted to accept.