

St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas RC VA Primary School

Appointments	Type	Start Date	End Date
Fr Jonathan Rose	Foundation	06/09/2017	05/09/2021
Dr Tom Smulders	Foundation	29/09/2019	28/09/2023
Mrs Elaine White	Headteacher	01/09/2000	
Cllr Chris Buckley	Local Authority	04/07/2018	03/07/2022
Mrs Jane McWilliams	Parent	22/11/2016	21/11/2020
Miss Sarah Peart	Parent	30/11/2016	29/11/2020
Mrs Louise Gourley	Staff	18/09/2017	17/09/2021
<i>Ms Theresa Costello</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>	<i>20/03/2019</i>	<i>19/03/2023</i>
<i>Mr Nicholas Cowie</i>	<i>Observer</i>	<i>01/09/2020</i>	<i>31/08/2024</i>
<i>Mr Timothy Dillon</i>	<i>Observer</i>	<i>01/09/2020</i>	<i>31/08/2024</i>
<i>Mrs Louise Jokelson</i>	<i>Observer</i>	<i>01/09/2020</i>	<i>31/08/2024</i>
<i>Mrs Mary Keamey</i>	<i>Observer</i>	<i>01/09/2020</i>	<i>31/08/2024</i>
<i>Mrs Sarah Meikle</i>	<i>Observer</i>	<i>01/09/2020</i>	<i>31/08/2024</i>

Positions	Type
Mrs Louise Gourley	Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Sarah Meikle	Chair
Ms Theresa Costello	School Business Manager
Mr Timothy Dillon	Vice Chair

Establishment	Required	Appointees	Vacancies
Co-opted	1	0	1
Foundation	8	2	6
Headteacher	1	1	0
Local Authority	1	1	0
Parent	2	2	0
Staff	1	1	0
Totals	14	7	7

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Governing body regulations (maintained schools)

- Governors are appointed/elected as follows:
 - Co-opted - appointed by the governing body
 - Foundation - appointed by the Diocese
 - Local Authority - appointed by the governing body, following approval of the nomination from cabinet
 - Parent/Staff - elected by parents/staff respectively
- Governing bodies must have at least seven governors, including the Headteacher; one and only one Local Authority governor; one and only one Staff governor; at least two Parent governors; and for Voluntary Aided schools, there must be exactly two more Foundation governors than all other categories combined.
- The total number of Co-opted governors who are also eligible to be elected as Staff governors, when counted with the Staff governor and the Headteacher, must not exceed one third of the total membership of the governing body.
- The term of office for any governor shall be four years (unless otherwise stated in the Instrument of Government), save that this time limit shall not apply to any post which is held ex officio. Associate Members can be appointed for between one and four years. Parent governors may serve out their term of office when their child leaves the school, but Staff governors must resign when they leave the school.
- Associate Members and governors who are members of staff cannot be Chair or Vice-Chair. Associate Members also do not count towards a quorum and do not have voting rights for governing body meetings (but can be appointed with voting rights on committees).
- The governing body must hold at least three meetings in every school year, and the quorum for a meeting of the governing body and for any vote on any matter at such a meeting, is one half (rounded up to a whole number) of the membership of the governing body, i.e. the number of governors in post at the date of the meeting.
- Every question to be decided at a meeting of the governing body is to be determined by a majority of the votes of the governors present and voting on the question, and where there is an equal division of votes the Chair, or as the case may be, the person who is acting as Chair for the purposes of the meeting (provided that such person is a governor), will have a second or casting vote (the governing body may approve alternative arrangements for governors to participate or vote at meetings of the governing body including but not limited to by telephone or video conference).