

St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas RC VA Primary School

Appointments	Type	Start Date	End Date
Mr Timothy Dillon	Co-opted	15/10/2020	14/10/2024
Miss Denise Brunskill	Foundation	05/11/2020	04/11/2024
Mrs Mary Kearney	Foundation	16/10/2020	15/10/2024
Mrs Sarah Meikle	Foundation	07/10/2020	06/10/2024
Dr Hannah Rosa	Foundation	23/10/2020	22/10/2024
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
Mr David Jones	Parent	20/04/2021	19/04/2025
Mr Gordon Makepeace	Parent	22/11/2020	21/11/2024
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 James Craig</i>	<i>Observer</i>	<i>15/10/2020</i>	

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

Establishment	Required	Appointees	Vacancies
Co-opted	1	1	0
Foundation	8	6	2
Headteacher	1	1	0
Local Authority	1	1	0
Parent	2	2	0
Staff	1	1	0
Totals	14	12	2

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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).