

**Foundation Governor
Chair of Governors:**



Mr M Ronan

I was Deputy Headteacher at St Thomas More for 18 years. When I retired I was invited to become a Foundation Governor. I accepted the invitation and have been a governor for 13 years. I am now in my third year as Chair of Governors.

**Foundation Governor
Vice Chair of
Governors:
Post 16 Governor:
Performance
Management Link
Governor:**



Mrs F Stevenson

I was first elected as Parent Governor in September 2004 and served 2 terms until 2012. I was then appointed as a Foundation Governor in September 2012 and am currently Vice Chair. I became a governor at St Thomas More when my three children were attending, as I felt I wanted to give something back. I am Assistant Headteacher at Star of the Sea Primary School so coming from a primary background I wanted to gain more of an insight into education at this level.

I very much enjoy being a governor and consider it to be a very valuable and worthwhile role.

**Foundation Governor
Raising Achievement:**



Mrs S Bolton

I have been a Governor at St Thomas More Academy for over 5 years, initially as Parent Governor and now in the role of a Foundation Governor. I wanted to be a school Governor because it is important to me to support my local community and I felt a good way to do this was to use my skills, knowledge and background to support the school in which my children attended (age 17,15 and 7). I am passionate about education and I take pride in my role at STM ensuring the committees I sit on I have the ability to add value towards. I currently attend the staffing, Teaching and Learning and Audit and Finance committees. I also have a responsibility(s) as a link governor for Raising Achievement for students at the school. I work at Newcastle University as an educator



**Foundation Governor
RE Link Governor:
Vulnerable Student
Link Governor (inc
PP, LAC, Young
Carers):
Performance
Management Link
Governor:**



Mr C Finlay

working with students from all schools and faculties where I design, teach and assess on a range of modules which focus on employability.

I was Assistant Head Teacher at St. Thomas More from its establishment in 1988 until I retired. I was delighted and honoured to be invited to be a Foundation Governor. My children attended STM and, now, my grandchildren are part of the school, so I have a current interest in its progress as well as a historical attachment.

My role as a Foundation Governor is to ensure that the school supports families by providing an excellent education, offering opportunities for their children to develop and grow in their Faith and helping them discover and encourage in their children the talents which they will take into the adult world. I have seen generations of STM students making a difference in the world, strengthened by the ethos and outlook they experienced in our Catholic school. I hope to continue to play a small part in seeing that they continue to do so.

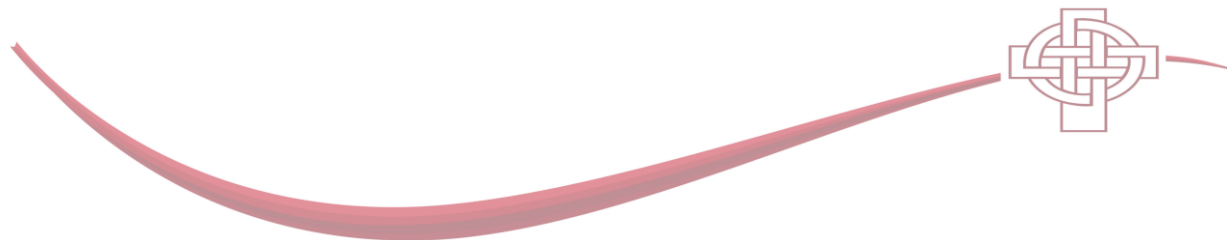
I was elected as a Parent Governor in July 2012. I wanted to be a school governor so that I could know more about the school community and to enrich the STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) aspects of the school.

During my time as a governor my three children have attended the school. I have really enjoyed bringing a different perspective to the governors team and enjoy making a difference to the amazing young people we have at St Thomas More RC Academy. In my day job, I am head of innovation at Northumbrian Water.

**Foundation Governor
Raising Aspirations
(inc. IAG and STEM)
Governor:**



Dr A Macoscar



**Parent Governor:
Attendance Governor:**



Mrs L Carr

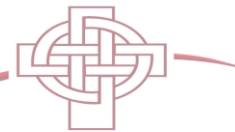
I was gratefully elected as a Parent Governor in November 2018. I wanted to become a school governor to support St Thomas More in giving the students the best education, guidance, encouragement and confidence to enable them to make good choices for their future. My job as a legal adviser for Her Majesties Courts and Tribunals Service helps me do this as my main objectives are to ensure that law, procedures and rules are adhered, and that everyone is treated with respect, fairness and without bias. I currently attend the Ethos and Safeguarding Committee.

**Foundation Governor
Safeguarding
Governor:**



Mrs C Wright

I was appointed as a Foundation Governor in September 2016. (Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop to ensure that the Catholic Life of the school is at the heart of all we seek to do and achieve). I feel privileged to be appointed as a Foundation Governor. I have a very strong attachment to St. Thomas More Academy having been employed here for several years as School Counsellor/ Social Worker. My own two children attended St. Thomas More and have benefitted greatly from their formal education and the many enriching extra curricula opportunities that the school offers. I would like all our students to enjoy the same. I currently attend the Ethos and Safeguarding Committee and the Admissions and Pupil Disciplinary Committees as required. I have responsibility as Link Governor for Safeguarding and work closely with the Designated Safeguarding Leader to ensure that the school is fully compliant with all statutory responsibilities to keep our students safe. Although now retired I have never been busier, "Living life to the full"!!



**Staff Governor
Assistant
Safeguarding
Governor:**



Ms L Hagan

I was elected as Staff Governor in September 2013. I wanted to be a school governor because as a member of staff at St Thomas More I wanted to gain more insight into the wider life of the school and to offer my educational experience when necessary. I also have a keen interest in the progress and success of our school for both staff and students. I currently attend the Ethos and Safeguarding Committee which I really enjoy. I also have responsibility as the Assistant Link Governor for Safeguarding and it has been great to continue working with Christine Wright in this area. Together we have widened our knowledge considerably by undertaking visits to meet with staff. As a teacher and Head of Year I felt my experiences could be offered in the governance of the school and I have found it a very rewarding role over the last seven years.

**Governor
SEN/Single Equality
Governor:**



Ms C Langley

I was appointed as a Governor in September 2016. I wanted to be a school governor because I believe in supporting children to have a strong education to take them into adulthood. St Thomas More RC Academy is a school with a teaching and governance team focussed on the best for the child and it is a pleasure to be part of that team. I currently attend the pupil discipline committee. I also have a responsibility as a link governor for SEN/Single Equality. I am a serving police officer in Northumbria Police.

**Foundation Governor
Assistant SEN/Single
Equality Governor:**



Fr C Hughes

I was appointed as a Foundation Governor in 2015 and I have recently been re-appointed for a further four years. I became a governor through my role as a parish priest; I want to see St Thomas More Academy achieve as a school with its Catholic ethos being central to its life. I believe in a model of education that is not just about intellectual attainment but also about developing young people at every level of their humanity, so that they can flourish and embody the key Christian virtues of faith, hope and love in today's world.



**Staff Governor
Assistant Vulnerable
Student Link
Governor (inc PP,
LAC, Young Carers):**



Ms H Bell

I was elected as a Staff Governor in 1 September 2014. I wanted to be a school governor because I wanted to contribute more to the school I worked in and develop a greater understanding of how governance works. I currently attend the Admissions and Teaching and Learning Committees. I also have a responsibility as a link governor for Vulnerable Students. My job is as an English teacher at Saint Thomas More RC Academy where I have taught for the past ten years. I work across all key stages and teach on the A level Literature course. I also support our EAL students and run Culture Club where we raise the profile of the many languages spoken in our school.

**Foundation Governor
Health and Safety
Governor (in Trips and
Visits):**



Mr R Lowery

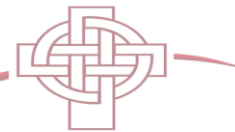
I was originally elected as a Parent Governor in 2010 and I was subsequently appointed as a Foundation Governor in 2014. I wanted to be a governor because I am a former student who benefited from a great education from a dedicated group of teachers and I wanted to do whatever I could in my own way to help today's students to have the same opportunities. I currently attend the Finance and Audit Committees and I am also a member of the Disciplinary Appeals Committee. I also have a responsibility as a link governor for the Health and Safety Group. My job is Chief Financial Officer of an aerospace manufacturing business based in County Durham.

**Foundation Governor
Performance
Management Link
Governor:**



Mrs R Anderson

I initially started out as an elected parent governor and have recently taken up the role of a foundation governor, currently having two children at the school. I chose Saint Thomas More for my children as I wanted a school that would not only provide excellent academic teaching but also focus on values important to me as a parent and offer a strong pastoral support system, the need for which I believe cannot be underestimated in the environment young people are growing up in today. Whilst my background is not education, I have worked as a sports coach for a number of years alongside my main day-to-day job as an HR manager, which has given me a valuable insight into the needs of young people.



As an HR manager with 30 years experience in both public sector and private sector organisations, I have a wealth of experience in facilitating change management as well as more general experience associated with traditional HR functions such as reward management, employee relations and resourcing. This experience has proven beneficial in working with the Head teacher and the rest of the governing body as we strive to continually develop and improve the learning environment at Saint Thomas More, whilst managing the business and financial challenges of the academy. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a governor and having the opportunity to support the ongoing development of the school.

Parent Governor:



Mr D Campbell

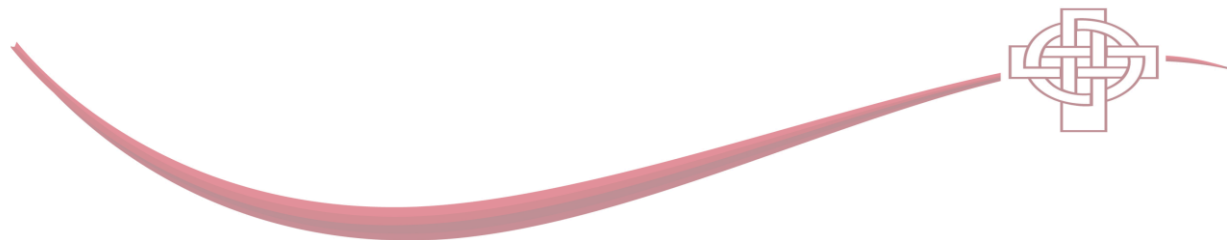
I was elected as a Parent Governor in September 2016. I wanted to be a school governor to be part of a team that has a really valuable job to do and to help make a difference to the development of young people in our area – plus having two boys in the school added further personal understanding, meaning and motivation. I currently attend the Finance, Premises, Health and Safety Committee and the Audit Committee. My job is as a Chief Pharmacist & Clinical Director at Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust where I am responsible for the strategic development of services and the management of a team of about 180 staff.

Foundation Governor:



Mr C Masiwa

I was first appointed a Foundation Governor in March 2015 and served my 4 year term. I was re-appointed for a further 4 years in March 2019 due to my active catholic participation within the 2 parishes where I normally attend Masses – St. Aidan’s and St. Cuthbert’s. I wanted to be a school governor because I am keen to see St. Thomas More promoting the Catholic ethos within all its students. My daughter was at St. Thomas More student until 2017; currently my son is at St. Thomas More as well. My last born daughter is looking forward to coming to St. Thomas More in 3 years’ time. I currently sit on the Audit and Finance sub-committees. I am a Business Systems ERP Implementation Consultant by profession.



Parent Governor:



Miss A Gibson

I was elected as Parent Governor in December 2018. I wanted to be a School Governor because I have a real passion for ensuring that all of our children are in receipt of receiving the best that education has to offer. I have an invested interest having worked in education for the last 17 years within North Tyneside, as well as having a daughter that currently attends this School. I wanted to become part of a Governing Body Team who are very child centred and open to challenge, support and innovation, to work together and continually strive to further improve our service to our Community. I currently attend the Teaching and Learning & Admissions Committees. I am the Head Teacher of Hadrian Park Primary School in Wallsend and absolutely love my role.

Parent Governor:



Mrs J Bloomfield

I was elected as a Parent Governor in November 2019. I wanted to be a school governor at St Thomas More Academy to actively support and help the school to continue to improve. I have 3 children; my eldest who attended St Thomas More Academy is now at University, my son is in year 9 and I hope that my youngest daughter will join the St Thomas More community in September 2020.

I currently attend the Ethos and Safeguarding committee and the Admissions Committee.

I have worked in the NHS for over 30 years originally as a clinician but for the past 25 years I have worked in different managerial roles and I have experience of working at Board Level. I currently work for NHS England and Improvement to commission specialised services across the North East, North Cumbria and Yorkshire. My job involves making sure that the services meet quality standards and represent good value for money. This means monitoring the overall performance of our providers, holding them to account, challenging them and supporting them to develop improvement plans if necessary, getting services to work together as networks, engaging with the public about how they would like new services to be provided, investigating complaints and serious incidents. I am also part of a national quality assurance team .

