



**St Mary's Catholic First School**  
**Academic Year 2024/2025**  
**Local Governing Committee Membership & Register of Pecuniary and Other Interests**  
**(attendance covering the 2023/24 academic year)**

**The Chair of Governors is Nicola Vaughan. The Vice Chair is John McArdle. They are elected annually from amongst the Foundation Governors. Information correct as of 28 November 2024**

**The Chair can be contacted via the school office or via [governance@bwcet.com](mailto:governance@bwcet.com)**

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Full Name	Category of Governor & Appointed by	Date of Appointment	End of Term of Office	Date stepped down (if applicable)	Attendance at LGC meetings (2022/23)	Relevant Business & Pecuniary Interests (2023/24)	Roles/links to sub committees/ monitoring links (2023/24)
Sarah Oakes	Headteacher St Mary's First/ Ex Officio	01/09/2022			4/4	None	Admissions, RE Working Group
John McArdle	Foundation/ Appointed by the Diocese	03/12/2020	02/12/2024		3/4	Governor at St Joseph's Middle School Hexham	Vice Chair, Maths, Finance
Anne Dunn	Foundation/ Appointed by the Diocese	03/12/2020	02/12/2024		4/4	Governor at St Joseph's Middle School Hexham	LAC, SEND
Nicola Vaughan	Foundation/ Appointed by the Diocese	15/12/2020	14/12/2024		4/4	None	Chair, Admissions, HT PM, PHSE, RE Working Group, Safeguarding
Father Jeff Dodds	Foundation/ Appointed by the Diocese	11/10/2021	10/10/2025		4/4	Governor at St Joseph's Middle School Hexham	RE Working Group Admissions
Tomas Neeson	Foundation/ Appointed by the Diocese	26/02/2018	16/10/2026	(gap Feb 22- Oct 22)	2/4	None	HT PM Admissions, H&S

Alison Hagon	Foundation/ Appointed by the Diocese	12/01/2024	11/01/2028		2/2	None	None
Rachel Baird	Staff/ Elected by Staff	18/10/2023	17/10/2027		3/3	None	None
Shirla Marshall	Parent/ Elected by Parents	28/11/2024	27/11/2028		0/0	None	None
<b>Governors who have left in the last 12 months (2023/24)</b>							
Mark Dotchin	Foundation/ Appointed by the Diocese			29/01/2024			
Jen Ballantyne	Parent/ Elected by Parents			19/07/2024			