

Governor Pen Portraits

Steven Donohue: Trust Appointed Governor Term of office: 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2024

Steven Donohue joined Wiltshire local authority as an advisory teacher specialising in English as an Additional Language (EAL) in 2007, and now runs the council's Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service, a service that provided direct support to learners of EAL and children from Traveller heritages in Wiltshire schools and provides schools with advice on inclusion and provision. In his previous career he taught English and Maths in secondary phase in the West Midlands, worked as an intervention manager, literacy coordinator and gifted and talented lead, was a participant in the then Dept for Children, Schools and Families Supporting Boys' Achievement project and also managed Early Help services for East Wiltshire. He also speaks Turkish, increasingly badly.

Kirsten Harwood: Trust Appointed Governor and Safeguarding Governor Term of office: 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2024

Since joining Wiltshire Council over twenty years ago, I have worked extensively in the field of Inclusion and special educational needs and disability (SEND). My specific roles have centred on behaviour and attendance in promoting Inclusive Practice across the field of education. My current role has a particular focus on safeguarding within the area of alternative provision which supports positive access to young people's learning and their wider development. Throughout my time with Wiltshire Council I have utilised my knowledge and expertise in supporting schools and education leaders to adopt a best practice approach in meeting their statutory obligations in these areas.

Mary Lilley: Foundation Governor Term of office: 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2024

Mary has been on the governing body at St Martin's School for more than 40 years. She is a regular visitor to the school, showing an interest in the school community, as well as attending meetings and being committed to raising standards. Mary provides an important link between the school and the wider community. 'Mrs Lilley' is known to many local families, as she taught hundreds of children at the school over 30 years. She was a respected teacher, engaging children with her enthusiasm for maths, stories and challenge. She continues this work now with her three grandchildren. Sharing her passion for music, as well as her knowledge of liturgy, Mary has led collective worship through song since she retired. As church warden, she regularly welcomes the school to St Martin's Parish Church for services. She is also keen for classes to visit and children have learned part of the RE curriculum by exploring the church building or viewing the stations of the cross.

Barbara Lovibond: Foundation Governor Term of office: 17/01/23 to 16/01/2027

Following my retirements as a Head of English in 2021, I was keen to use the skills and experience gained from a lengthy teaching career by becoming a school governor. An avid reader, I have always been passionate about promoting the benefits of embedding Reading for Pleasure in the culture of school life. In my spare time I also enjoy the arts and have recently become a trustee of the Arts Society Sarum. I am a committee member and project manager for the Milford Area Preservation Group, an active local community group. In that capacity, I have organised a group of volunteers to create a woodland and wildlife haven in Milford Hollow, which is close to the school. I have also helped to organise fundraising events and regularly take part in litter picks. St. Martin's lies at the heart of this community, and I am excited about being part of the school's future. Clare King: Staff Governor Term of Office: 06/01/2022 to 11/06/2023

Mike Oldham: Foundation Governor & Chair of Governors Term of office: 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2024

I have been a Foundation Governor and Chair at St Martin's since September 2020 and it continues to be a privilege to be involved in this way. I am now retired from a career in the Royal Air Force where I gained a wide range of leadership and management experience and an interest in the development of individuals, teams and organisations. At St Martin's we are able to focus on all three of these in order for the pupils and staff to flourish in themselves and in community. I am particularly keen that we offer a broad and accessible education to all our pupils and that we inspire both current and future learning.

Debbie Williams: Co-opted Governor Term of office: 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2024

I have worked within Children's Services Finance at Wiltshire Council for over 17 years, specialising in schools and high needs funding. My role currently involves supporting and advising schools on funding streams and through the budget planning and monitoring process, particularly focussing on schools forecasting deficit budgets. Outside of my Local Authority post, I have also held the roles of Chair of a Parent Teacher Association at a primary school and Trustee of a local youth organisation.