John O'Brennan, Chair of Governors

Date of appointment: 1996



John has been a governor at St Anthony's for around 25 years. He has recently retired from West Sussex County Council where he was responsible for the school building Programme.

He lives in Chichester with his wife Carol and has two children and six grandchildren.

John passionately believes that all children deserve the very best education and is proud of the reputation of the school in preparing students so well for the day that they leave school ready to enter adult life.

The school motto is 'Learning Together' and this is the whole school ethos that makes St Anthony's the superb school that it continually is.

Jill Miller, Vice Chair of Governors

Date of Appointment: May 2011



Jill is retired. Previously she was employed by West Sussex Education Department for 27 years. For most of that time she worked in the Special Education Section managing the Casework teams and special needs budget. She has a wide experience of special needs legislation and funding. Jill enjoys being a governor at St. Anthony's School and feels proud to be part of such a successful team.

Chris Armstead, Staff Governor

Date of appointment: November 2018



Chris has been at St.Anthony's School since 2008. Previously to that he was at mainstream secondary school. Alongside his work at St.Anthony's he has been a Special Constable with Sussex Police since 2006.

Chris' main roles at St.Anthony's are as an Associate Humanities teacher and Cover Supervisor.

Chris is also the Staff and Health and Safety Representative for Unison.

Ruth Aspden, Co-opted Governor

Date of appointment: October 1999



Ruth is Deputy Head teacher at St Anthony's School. Ruth has been at St Anthony's for over 25 years. She originally started as a Junior Class teacher with responsibility for P.E. across the school. Ruth was promoted to Assistant Headteacher in 2006 where she had the responsibility of developing and the opening of the Primary Autism Department. She took this provision throughout the school and into the local Chichester College. Ruth became Deputy Head teacher in 2017 continuing her role as SENCO and outreach support for mainstream colleagues www.noviosupport.org She has extensive experience in Special Educational Needs, networking and supporting colleagues to deliver appropriate and exciting curriculums catering for holistic pupil needs.

Helen Ball, Head Teacher

Date of appointment: September 2012



Helen has been at St Anthony's since 1998 and Headteacher since September 2012. The school has continued to change and evolve over the years and she is very privileged to have been part of this journey and to work with an amazing staff team and wonderful children. When not working, Helen enjoys spending time with friends and family and you will often find her on a golf course trying to improve her handicap.

Charles Dixon, Co-opted Governor

Date of appointment: 1997



After obtaining a degree in Modern History from Oxford University Charles qualified as a chartered Accountant in London. After practicing in the city for several years he joined the consulting wing of a merchant bank as Finance director. The firm relocated it's administration operations to Chichester in 1967. He remained with the company through a series of transitions until 1997 when he retired from his role as Group Chief Financial Officer holding responsibility for Europe, Africa, Australasia and the Far East.

Charles is married with three sons and nine grandchildren.

Harriet O'Sullivan, Co-opted Governor

Date of appointment: September 2021



Harriet is a property lawyer and has worked in London for the past 15 years before coming to West Sussex in 2021 with her husband and three children.

Harriet has had a number of voluntary roles within education: as an assistant science teacher whilst an undergraduate, as a work mentor for year 11s in London and an assistant maths teacher at her local secondary school. Harriet looks forward to contributing her strategic and management experience to the governing body and being able to support the talented staff at St Anthony's as they make a meaningful difference to their pupils' lives.

Helena Willson-Maunders, Parent Governor

Date of appointment: January 2021



Helena is a clinical psychologist who works for an outreach service in Hampshire, primarily for young people on the autism spectrum. Previously she worked within a school in Surrey for young people with autism, and has also spent 4 years within CAMHS in the West Midlands developing a consultation service for school nurses and health visitors.

Helena also has a son at St. Anthony's School, and she is dedicated to supporting mental health within educational settings for children with additional needs.