

Richard Styles, Chair of Governors

Date of appointment: November 2022

Date of appointment as Chair of Governors: October 2023



Richard is retired. Richard previously worked in IT for 43 years in a number of Programme, Project, and Portfolio Management roles. Richard travelled extensively in these roles for Global Companies including JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and Zurich.

Richard was aware of the excellent work that everyone does at the school and is now enjoying the opportunity to be part of a team supporting this diverse provision.

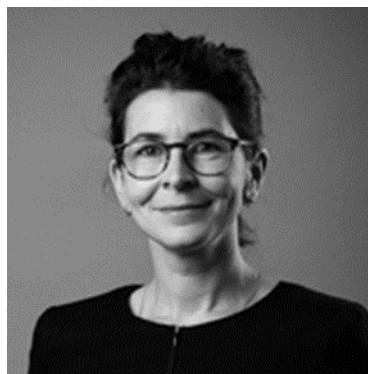
Richard is married to Sue Styles who teaches at St Anthony's, they have four children between them and three lovely Grandchildren.

Richard's hobbies are golf, football (Chelsea supporter), running, the gym, tennis and cooking.

Harriet O'Sullivan, Vice Chair of Governors

Date of appointment: September 2021

Date of appointment as Vice Chair of Governors: October 2023



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.

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 Headteacher 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 Headteacher 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.

Caroline Bucksey, Parent Governor

Date of appointment: December 2024



Caroline has worked for West Sussex County Council for over 14 years and has now taken a step back to be Mum and Foster Carer.

Caroline has a degree in Early Years Education from the University of Chichester. Caroline spent her younger years working in an Early years setting before moving on to managing the Children Centre in Chichester and then a management role within Early Help. Where she worked closely with Schools, Colleges and Alternative provisions to ensure Children, Parents and Carers had access to support at the earliest opportunity.

Caroline is a Trustee for a local Charity and is passionate about advocating for children and young people with SEND. Caroline's daughter has been at St Anthony's school since 2021 and is flourishing. Caroline looks forward to supporting the school in any way she can.

Jill Miller, Co-opted Governor

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.

John O'Brennan, Local Authority Governor

Date of appointment: 1996



John has been a governor at St Anthony's for nearly 30 years. He has recently retired from West Sussex County Council where he was responsible for the school building programme.

He lives in Felpham 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.

Stephen Robinson, Co-opted Governor

Date of appointment: January 2024



Stephen is a Business Manager at Legal & General Investment Management working from home. With over 30 years' experience in both Finance and IT working for O2, T Mobile, Friends Life and NTL. Stephen has worked on numerous change and regulatory compliance projects.

Stephen looks forward to contributing his experience in finance and policy setting to support the governing body and staff to deliver the best outcomes for all our children.

Stephen is also a full-time single dad of three children who all live at home. Two adult girls and a teenage son who studies at St Anthony's.

Stephen's hobbies are walking, gym, supporting youth football teams and learning golf.

Katherine Turner, Parent Governor

Date of appointment: February 2023



My son joined St Anthony's School in September 2021, and we were made to feel welcomed and supported from the start. On completion of my Health and Social Care, Open University Degree, I decided that it was the right time for me to play a part in the great work that this school does every day. As a position for parent governor became available, I felt it was the opportunity I needed to bring my enthusiasm, knowledge, and love for the school into good use. On top of this I also bring over 30 years' experience of working with the health and social care sector in various roles as well as 18 years parenting two children with SEND issues.