



# St Day And Carharrack Community School

Ignite the spark... Fire the desire

## The Governing Body

### Helen Collinge

*Chair of Governors*

**Helen took on the role of Chair of Governors in July 2018 having worked closely with St Day and Carharrack school as a partner in the Redruth Learning Group Trust.**

Helen has served on several Governing Bodies including that of a large secondary school. Helen has been Headteacher at Treleigh CP School since 2008 and has undertaken school improvement work on behalf of the Local Authority in a number of schools. She also mentors new Headteachers and supports them through the professional qualification process. Along with holding the Chair position, Helen sits on the Curriculum and Standards Committee and focuses on attendance and safeguarding for the governing body.

Helen is married with three children and lives on an Organic farm on the outskirts of Bodmin. She loves singing and all things musical and is still waiting for her big break in the world of Opera!

### Sally Miners

*Vice Chair of Governors*

**Sally has been teaching in Cornwall since 1989, when she joined Helston secondary school as a Newly Qualified Teacher, teaching Maths and PE.**

Sally has gained experience across a number of different responsibilities since, namely: Second in PE, Head of year 7 and transition, Faculty lead for pastoral care. She has held several Assistant Headteacher positions, with responsibility for safeguarding and behaviour, curriculum and timetable, inclusion and SENCO. She has also served as staff governor for 16 years.

Five years ago Sally joined Redruth school as Deputy Head and her responsibilities cover the curriculum, timetable, tracking and assessment. She line manages all subject leads along with the SENCO tasked with ensuring consistency of standards and outcomes for students. Sally sits on the Resources Committee and oversees Pupil Premium for the governing body.

Outside work Sally enjoys raising her four children and spending as much time outside as possible, walking the dog and tending 7 ducks!

### Terri Jenkin

**Terri has carried out the role of parent governor since 2015. She has lived in St. Day her whole life and attended the school as a child. Terri volunteered in her daughter's class, listening to the children read which prompted Terri to put herself forward for a parent governor position to enable her to contribute further to the school.**

Terri studied Mathematics at university and has also recently gained a diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools. She has worked as a retail manager and as a teaching assistant, and understands the workings of a classroom environment. These skills aid Terri in her role of overseeing Maths within the school and Chairing the Curriculum and Standards Committee. Terri is currently very happy to be a stay at home mum of 3 girls.

### Catherine Gajardo

**Catherine was born in Penzance and attended St Hilary and Mounts Bay Schools and Penwith College. After A-levels, she worked in the back office of a bank for 10 years, where she held positions of Health & Safety and First Aid officer alongside her day-to-day Secretarial and investment duties. After receiving redundancy, travelling around the world and taking various temporary jobs, she became self-employed over 10 years ago. She runs her own successful painting & decorating business. Being self-employed means she is self-motivated and can be flexible to help out when needed.**

Having been a committee member at the pre-school for 2+ years, it felt like natural progression to become a governor once her son started at the school. Catherine monitors science on behalf of the governing body.

Her hobbies include riding, driving and training her horses and is currently Secretary of the local carriage driving club. She has her own field where her horses are kept, along with chickens and some fruit trees. Catherine enjoys walking, cycling, camping/ caravanning, car maintenance, baking, knitting and taking her vintage vehicles to rallies.

### Lora Newman

**Lora is a parent of two children at the school, which led to her interest in governance. Lora has been a parent governor since 2017 and monitors PSHE, wellbeing, behaviour, PE and Sports Premium.**

Lora brings experience and skills from being a youth worker in different projects (anti-racism, anti-bullying and mental health). She has supported young people, their families and their schools to support their growth, mentally as well as physically, along with educational development whilst at school.

Lora mostly grew up in Cornwall and then headed off to Cardiff to study. She eagerly came back to find work, build a family and has gone back to studying as a Wellbeing Practitioner. Lora enjoys most outdoor activities and currently has an eager interest in sustainability. She looks forward to meeting you and welcoming you to St. Day and Carharrack Community School.

### Sara Sanders

**Sara is a parent to two girls; one in Key Stage 2 and one who now attends Redruth School, having finished her primary education at the school. Sara has been a governor since September 2017 and holds a particular interest in improving the quality of education that children receive at the school, notably in reading and literacy.**

Sara is educated to masters level and works in the NHS as a quality and governance nurse. She has extensive experience of offering challenge to leaders as well as monitoring systems to improve outcomes. These are all skills which transfer from health to education with relative ease. Sara uses these skills to Chair the Resources Committee and to monitor literacy and RE.

When Sara is not travelling upcountry for work she can be found paddle boarding around Falmouth, exploring our fantastic county with the family or with her head in a book!

### Ann Butcher

**Ann is a governor who represents the Community in St Day. She lives close to the school and can often be seen working in the garden and chatting to parents and children getting their breath back after struggling up School Hill!**

Ann has always been impressed by the behaviour of the children and sees how much of a credit to the school they are. Ann was asked to be a governor in 2016 because of her constant contact with the school. She has always been a great believer that state education should be the best option for everyone and it should offer the best opportunities for children to succeed in a complex world. Ann monitors the effectiveness of the Early Years' and foundation subjects provision.

Ann has worked as a Graphic Designer all her life, and latterly has become a priest in the Church of England (unpaid), working in local parishes as part of a large team. She has also worked as a gardener for older people, although, for the past few years has enjoyed living happily on her pension and contributing to the local community.

### Alex Hicks

**Alex holds a background in Hospitality Management. Having initially spent 10+ years managing a range of Hotels & Restaurants, Alex has spent the past 4 years working in a national role within a global organisation, with over 400+ restaurants and 700+ hotels, supporting the senior leadership team with strategic solutions, systems and initiatives.**

Alex joins the governing body as a co-opted governor. He is new to school governance and is looking to use his transferrable skills to support a local school to deliver its priorities and achieve its objectives.

Alex has 2 primary age children. He enjoys cycling, exploring the Cornish countryside (and of course, beaches!), camping and generally enjoying life with the family and Springer Spaniel.

### James Beer

**James was born in Truro where he attended Bosvigo Primary School followed by Truro School. After gaining his degree at Sussex University in Theology James completed his teacher training at Bishop Otter College and settled into his teaching career in Hertfordshire. He remained there for 40 years, his final teaching position being Assistant Head for approximately 10 years. James retired in 2010 but spent an additional year mentoring students with behavioural or learning difficulties.**

James returned home to Cornwall in 2014. Along with his wife, he joined St Pauls Church at Chacewater where he has undertaken the role of secretary of the PCC. He is a member of the 'Open the Book' team, regularly visiting Chacewater Primary School and has recently become the co-ordinator of the St Day speed watch initiative.

James is very pleased to have the opportunity to draw on his life and career experiences and give something back to the local community. He looks forward to being able to make a positive and useful contribution to the furtherance of the school life and wellbeing.

