

# St Katherine's School

## Governors



### **Helen Argo – Vice Chair**

Helen has worked in animation production for over 20 years and is an Executive Producer at Aardman Animations. She lives in Pill with her family and since joining the governing body at St Katherine's in 2014 continues to enjoy the challenges of understanding and contributing to school governance.



### **Glen Davies**

Glen is a retired bank manager with experience of finance, project /change management and risk. Glen is a volunteer director at a local Credit Union and is a father of two children, who attended schools in Portishead, he joined the governors in October 2014. He is our link governor for Safeguarding and Pupil Premium.



### **Noel Doran**

Noel has worked in education since 2004 which has seen him holistically support students in Young Offenders Institutions, Pupil Referral Units, Post -16 Colleges and within Boarding Schools. Noel has supported students from a wide range of backgrounds and has experience of dealing with and finding solutions to ensuring a student completes and enjoys their education.



### **Dan Dupont Lopez**

Dan is a product manager at an independent public body, who work to improve pupil outcomes and close the disadvantage gap by supporting teachers to teach, and enabling pupils to access a high-quality curriculum. He leads a cross-functional team who support teachers to create high quality curriculum resources, working closely with teachers to understand their needs. Dan has a background of working and volunteering in the youth sector, including previous experience as a trustee for a local youth charity with a safeguarding specialism. He is passionate about ensuring that all pupils can have access to a high quality education.



### **Sarah Earle**

Sarah has two children attending St Katherine's. She has worked in education for over 20 years, previously as a primary school teacher and now as a teacher educator at Bath Spa University. She has a PhD in assessment and leads primary science professional development activities for teachers across the UK. She is also a Fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching and the Chair of the West of England Association for Science Education. Sarah has a strong belief in the power of education to open doors for our children and is looking forward to supporting the school.



### **William Harding – Chair**

A former Trustee of a Multi-Academy Trust {MAT}, William currently serves as a member of North Somerset Strategic School Forum and the Cathedral School Trust Finance & Resources Committee. Until his recent retirement he held responsibility for the strategic and operational HR work of a large Unitary Authority. William is a political science graduate with a post-doctorate diploma in management and has held a number of different roles in people management. He is also a chartered member of the Institute of Personnel and Development. He has a remarkable 30 years of service as a governor much of which has been at St Katherine's School where his two children studied.



### **Alison Mackenzie-Andrieux**

Alison qualified as a social worker nearly 30 years ago and has worked in a variety of settings since then including street work projects, with Young Carers, in Fostering services and more recently in Adoption services. Alison lives in Bristol and has two children who attend St Katharine's. Alison is interested in how schools support children who have adverse childhood experiences to enjoy education and achieve their potential.



### **Caroline Smallwood**

Caroline has worked with young people and their families for over 20 years; most of this time has been spent as a Primary School Teacher. She is passionate about inclusion and is keen to ensure all of our young people are given the right support to be able to thrive in school and beyond. She is particularly interested in neurodiversity and young people's physical and mental wellbeing and she keeps up to date with the current research in these areas. Caroline enjoys working as part of a team and is always ready to learn. Caroline finds her governor role a rewarding experience and she values the opportunity to contribute to the continued success of St Katherine's School.



### **Cassie Weeks**

Cassie has worked as a secondary maths teacher for the past 16 years. She is currently the maths co-ordinator at a Pupil Referral Unit working with students who have been permanently excluded from their mainstream school. She is passionate about all young people receiving an education that is suited to them within a nurturing environment that allows them to achieve their full potential. She grew up in the local area and attended St Katherine's when she was younger. Cassie now lives in Shirehampton with her family and currently has one child attending St Katherine's. She spends the weekends at the sidelines of football pitches watching her children who play for their local teams.



### **Chrissy Weidner**

With a background in languages, communications and community development, Chrissy has worked with charities and non-profits in the UK and overseas. More recently, she has focused on projects closer to home, leading community engagement projects in and around Pill, including youth voice initiatives and nature-based activities with St Katherine's students.

Raised locally and now living in the village with her family, Chrissy has one child at St Katherine's and another at the local primary and is closely involved in community life. Guided by principles of care, sustainability and collaboration, she looks forward to help the school community thrive as a governor.



### **Justin Humphreys - Headteacher**



### **Alex Sugden - Staff Governor**