

Governor Bios

Glenn Smith

I have been a church-appointed governor for over 14 years, and all four of my children have, or are currently, pupils at St Francis. As a management consultant, I bring my expertise in finance and management to support the school's leadership in the smooth running of the school. I currently chair the Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee, and during my time as a governor have been involved in the interviewing of two headteachers and represented the governors during the construction of the extension.

Norman Gage

I became involved with the school after I retired full time a few years back, starting as a Volunteer helping the KS2 children with their reading, which I find very rewarding. I was then persuaded to take up a Governors role, by the then Head, Joy Farrell, which I accepted, with a little hesitancy, but glad I did. I am now the link Governor for, amongst other roles, Safeguarding and Children's Wellbeing

Linda Pope

I have been teaching since 1970 and currently work as a Specialist Tutor and Mentor for University students with DSA. I previously taught for 30 years in primary school education. As a practising Christian being a Governor at St Francis is a real privilege and I am committed to supporting the valuable work of the school in any way I can.

Dr Tosin Lagoke

I am a Senior Lecturer in Strategy at Oxford Brookes University Business School. In addition to teaching undergraduate students and supervising postgraduate students, I specialise in developing strategies and advising businesses on start-up and innovative practices.

Lin Mitchell

My name is Lin Mitchell and I am pleased to say I'm a Grandparent Governor at St Francis School. Occasionally I drop my grandchildren off or pick them up and I enjoy chatting with other grandparents or grandmothers. I have a background in special education and am now thoroughly enjoying retirement. My interests include Pilates, swimming and reading.

Beth Read

I am a parent of St Francis children, both past and present, and serve as a Foundation Governor. My Christian faith and work as fundraising manager at Bible Society are important factors in my governorship and I am committed to overseeing the Christian ethos of the school.

Lewis Prosser

I recently became a Parent Governor in September 2022 and looking forward to supporting the school in the coming years. Both my children currently attend St Francis and I'm passionate about personal development and academia. I have worked in Financial Services for 18 years and now work closely with the University of Gloucestershire Business School which has a passion on the financial education within primary and secondary schools.