



Meet The Governors

The Governing Body provides strategic leadership and accountability in school. We have three key functions: overseeing the financial performance of the school, hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction. As a Governing Body we are committed to providing the best learning opportunities and outcomes for all children in our school.

Each member of the Governing Body has specific responsibility for monitoring a particular school priority area, and reporting back to the Governing Body on a termly basis.

The Governing Body does not get involved in the day to day running of the school: this is the responsibility of Mrs Benson and her team of staff.

Cara Jenkins

My name is Cara Jenkins, and I am the Chair of Governors. I have been a Governor for more than 10 years and Chair for the last 5 and a half years. I started as a parent governor, and had two children who attended RSPS and who have now moved onto secondary school. I am now the Local Authority Governor. I have 20+ years' experience working in Human Resources, and I believe I have a wide range of skills that add value to our Governing Body. I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with Mrs Benson and her team, alongside my fellow governors to create an environment where all our children thrive.





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Nicola David

My name is Nicola David. I am the Vice Chair of Governors, and also the Finance Lead, having a professional background as an accountant. I have been a parent governor since 2018; one of my children has been all the way through the school and is now at secondary school, the other is still at the school. We have lived in Radford Semele for over 15 years and I am happy to have this opportunity to contribute towards making the school and the village a place for children to thrive.

Katie Benson

I am the Headteacher at Radford Semele CE Primary School and take the Head's role on the governing body. The governors and I provide the strategic direction for the school and work together to lead and manage all aspects of school life. The governors hold school leaders to account and ensure the school is performing to high educational standards in all areas.





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Faiyza Anwar

I am the Assistant Headteacher and Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo) at Radford Semele CE Primary School. I joined the school in 2008 and have been the staff governor since September 2016.

Ellie Conroy

I am the Assistant Headteacher at Radford Semele CE Primary School and lead on Curriculum and Assessment. I am part of the governing body as a Co-Opted Governor. I work together with the governing body to analyse school performance, teaching and learning and to develop our curriculum.





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Jenny Cross

My name is Jenny Cross and I joined the Governors in April 2023.

I am a secondary school PE teacher at a local school and have been teaching for 18 years now. Alongside my teaching role, I also am responsible for training and mentoring trainee teachers and those in the early stages of teaching. I have had one child go through Radford Semele Primary School, and now in year 7 at a secondary School. I also have a daughter currently attending in year 4.

I am hopeful I can offer some skills and assistance to help the school and the children, and feel honoured to take on this position.

Melissa Kinrade

My name is Melissa Kinrade and I became a parent Governor in April 2023.

My two boys are in year one & four & we are passionate & proud to be part of Radford school.

I currently work within HR in a sporting/performance environment and hope I can bring these skills into the role. I am on the school run most days so feel free to stop me for a chat or just to say hello.





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Katherine Pickford

My name is Katherine, and I am currently a Foundation Governor, this means I was appointed by the Coventry Diocese with a particular responsibility to help the school be the best Church of England school it can be by supporting staff in this area. I am also the link governor for Safeguarding, Health and Safety and R.E. I have been a governor for RSPS for quite a few years (since 2011) now and feel it is a privilege to serve in this capacity. My background is in Physiotherapy and hospital management but more recently I retrained and have been the Minister of Radford Semele Baptist Church.

Poppy Bambrough

My name is Poppy Bambrough and I became a parent governor in July 2024. I have two children in the school, in year 1 and year 3. I've lived in Radford since 2020 and love the community spirit. I'm a GP, and hope I can bring some relevant skills and knowledge to enhance the mental and physical health of the children at school.





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Simon Shepherd

My name is Simon Shepherd and I became a foundation governor in Summer 2023. As one of the foundation governors I support and help develop the school and its connections to our village church communities. We have two children at the school and have enjoyed living in Radford since 2010.

Dominic Hudson

I became a parent governor in October 2024, a year after our son joined the school, with our daughter following soon. Facilitating positive change in people, processes and policies is what motivates me, with particular interest in STEM subjects, coaching and psychological safety. Managing research projects, committees and staff wellbeing within the University of Birmingham will undoubtedly have some transferable skills for the role. However, my aim is to simply help Radford Semele nurture and protect a child's desire to interact with and learn from their environment. Communication is key, so if you ever fancy a chat then please don't hesitate to say hello

