St Catherine's

Specialists in Speech, Language and Communication Needs

School - College - Post 19

INFORMATION RELATING TO ST CATHERINE'S GOVERNORS/ TRUSTEES AS AT SEPTEMBER 2026

Background

St Catherine's is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee which runs a non-maintained residential special school and sixth form college for children and young people. We currently support students aged 9 to 19 with severe and lifelong speech, language and communication needs. St Catherine's also has a linked charity that runs a residential specialist post 16 institution for young adults aged 19 to 25.

Overview of governance

The charity currently has 13 trustees who also serve as governors of the school and college, alongside 2 governors. Details relating to the current trustee/governor board are set out below, together with information relating to trustees/governors who have resigned in the period since September 2025.

In the 2025-26 academic year, there were:

- three meetings of the Full Board;
- five meetings of the Children & Learning Committee, a sub-group of the Board;
- six meetings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, a sub-group of the Board; and
- three meetings of the Post 19 Committee, a sub-group of the Board.

The table gives trustees'/governors' attendance at trustee/governor meetings. Attendance figures are given separately for the Committee meetings and Full Board meetings, while attendance is calculated out of the maximum number of trustee/governor meetings a trustee/governor can attend. That is to say, if a trustee joins after the start of the school year, their attendance is calculated from that point onwards rather than from the start of the school year.

About St Catherine's trustees/governors 2025-2026

Please note that the members highlighted in red have now resigned from the Board.

**Attendance is only calculated from possible attendance eg from date elected.*

Name	Category	Service history	Committee service/role	Relevant roles or interests	Attendance at meetings*
Henry Blacksell	Appointed trustee & governor	Elected 22nd February 2024	Member of the Board and Member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee	Volunteer at Shalfleet Primary School	Finance and General Purposes – 4/6 Full Board – 2/3
Danny Carmichael	Trustee and governor	Elected 20th October 2023	Member of the Board, member of the Post 19 Committee and Children & Learning Committee	None	Children and Learning – 1/1 Full Board – 1/1 Post 19 - 1/1 (on sabbatical from 16th January 2026 to 1st September 2026)
Peter Elliott	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 6th November 2020 Re-elected 18th October 2024	Member of the Board, member of the Children & Learning Committee and Post 19 Committee	None	Children and Learning – 4/5 Full Board – 1/3 Post 19 – 2/3
Tony Flower	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 2007 Date last re-elected 18th October 2024	Member of the Board and member of the Finance & General Purposes Committee	None	Finance and General Purposes – 6/6 Full Board – 1/3
Martyn Heather	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 14th May 2021 Re-elected 7th March 2025	Member of the Board, Chair of the Children & Learning Committee and member of the Post 19 Committee	None	Children and Learning – 4/5 Full Board – 2/3 Post 19 – 2/3

Karl Hunter	Elected trustee & governor	Elected as parent governor 20th October 2023 Elected as Elected trustee & governor – 17th July 2026	Member of the Board and member of the Children and Learning Committee	None	Children and Learning – 5/5 Full Board – 3/3
Joe Norton-Jones	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 17th July 2026	Member of the Board and the Children and Learning Committee	Governor at Bembridge Primary School Senior Leader for Virtual School - Royal Borough of Greenwich	N/A
Katy Kidd	Staff Governor	Elected 8th March 2024	Member of the Board and member of Children and Learning Committee	None	Children and Learning – 6/6 Full Board – 3/3
Michael Loftus	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 11/11/22	Member of Board and Finance & General Purposes Committee	None	Finance and General Purposes – 4/6 Full Board – 3/3
John Metcalfe	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 3rd October 2023 Date last re-elected 7th March 2025 Elected Vice-Chair May 2021 (Re-election takes place at the first Full Board meeting each year)	Vice Chair of the Board and Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee	None	Finance and General – 5/6 Full Board – 1/3
Graham Pengelly	Elected trustee	Elected 1996	Chair of the Board.	None	Finance and General Purposes – 5/6

	& governor	Date last re-elected 18th October 2024 Elected Chair of the Board May 2021 (Re-election takes place at the first Full Board meeting each year) Date last re-elected 18th October 2024	Member of Post 19 and Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committees		Post 19 – 2/3 Full Board – 3/3
Mark Rhodes	Elected trustee & governor	Elected July 2022 Resigned 31st July 2026	Member of the Board and the Finance and General Purposes Committee	None	Finance and General Purposes – 4/6 Full Board 1/3
Roger Rickman	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 18th October 2024	Member of Board and the Children and Learning Committee	Governor – Gurnard Primary School	Children and Learning – 4/5 Full Board 3/3
Tania Robinson	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 6th March 2026	Member of Board and the Post 19 Committee		Full Board 1/1

Caroline Sheldon	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 6th March 2026	Member of the Board and the Children and Learning Committee		Full Board 1/1
Sarah Thompson	Governor (Principal)	Elected 23rd March 2020 – no re-election required as role is Principal	Member of the Board, Finance & General Purposes Committee, Children and Learning Committee and Post 19 Committee	Sister is a residential support worker at St Catherine's - Angela Wadmore	Post 19 – 2/3 Children and Learning – 6/6 Finance and General Purposes – 5/5 Full Board – 3/3