



St Catherine's

*Specialists in Speech, Language and
Communication Needs*
School - College - Post 19

INFORMATION RELATING TO ST CATHERINE'S GOVERNORS/ TRUSTEES 25-26 AS AT JANUARY 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 10 trustees who also serve as governors of the school and college, alongside 3 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 2024.

In the 2024-25 academic year, there were:

- three meetings of the Full Board;
- six meetings of the Children & Learning Committee, a sub-group of the Board;
- five 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 22/02/2024	Member of the Board and Member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee	Volunteer at Shalfleet Primary School	Finance and General Purposes – 5/5 Full Board – 3/3
Susan Churches	Appointed trustee & governor	Elected 17/11/2022 Resigned 3/10/24	Member of the Board and member of Post 19 Committee	Head of Student Services at Isle of Wight College	Post 19 – 1/2 Full Board – 0
Danny Carmichael (on sabbatical from 16 th January 2026)	Trustee and governor	Elected 20/10/2023	Member of the Board and member of the Post 19 Committee	None	Children and Learning – 3/6 Full Board – 3/3 Post 19 - 3/3 Finance and General Purposes – 5/5
Peter Elliott	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 6 th November 2020 Re-elected 18 th October 2024	Member of the Board and member of the Children & Learning Committee	None	Children and Learning – 6/6 Full Board – 3/3 Post 19 – 3/3
Tony Flower	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 2007 Date last re-elected 18 th October 2024	Member of the Board and member of the Finance & General Purposes Committee	None	Finance and General Purposes – 4/5 Full Board – 2/3
Martyn Heather	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 14 th May 2021 Re-elected 7 th March 2025	Member of the Board, member of the Children & Learning Committee and Chair of the Post 19 Committee	None	Children and Learning – 5/6 Full Board – 3/3 Post 19 – 2/3

Karl Hunter	Parent governor	Elected 20 th October 2023	Member of the Board and member of the Children and Learning Committee	None	Children and Learning – 6/6 Full Board – 2/3
Hayley Jarvis	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 14 th May 2021 Re-elected 7 th March 2025 Resigned July 2025	Member of the Board and member of the Children & Learning Committee	Teacher at MGS, Co-opted Governor - Medina House, Trustee - Parent Voice	Children and Learning – 5/6 Full Board – 3/3
Katy Kidd	Staff Governor	Elected 8 th March 2024	Member of the Board and member of Children and Learning Committee	None	Children and Learning – 6/6 Full Board – 3/3
Sarah Loftus	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 6th November 2020 Re-elected 18 th October 2024 Resigned August 2025	Member of Board and Chair of the Children & Learning Committee	Married to Michael Loftus	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	Married to Sarah Loftus	Finance and General Purposes – 5/5 Full Board – 3/3
John Metcalfe	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 3/10/13 Date last re-elected 2017 Re-elected May 2021 Elected Vice-Chair May 2021 (Re-election takes place at the first Full Board meeting each year)	Vice Chair of the Board and member of the Finance and General Purposes	None	Finance and General – 5/5 Full Board – 3/3

Graham Pengelly	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 1996 Elected Chair of the Board May 2021 (Re-election takes place at the first Full Board meeting each year) Date last re-elected 18 th October 2024	Chair of the Board. Member of Post 19 and Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committees	None	Finance and General Purposes – 5/5 Post 19 – 3/3 Full Board – 3/3
Mark Rhodes	Elected trustee & governor	Elected July 2022	Member of the Board and the Finance and General Purposes Committee	None	Finance and General Purposes – 3/5 Full Board 1/3
Roger Rickman	Elected trustee & governor	Elected 18 th October 2024	Member of Board and the Children and Learning Committee	Governor – Gurnard Primary School	Children and Learning – 5/5 Full Board 1/2
Sarah Thompson	Governor (Principal)	Elected 23 rd March 2020	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