

St Thomas à Becket Church of England Federation

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Governor Biographies



Beth Morris
Foundation Governor



I have lived in East Sussex my whole life and trained as a Nurse at the University of Brighton, in 2002. I am mum to 3 girls, Emily and Erin who both attend Framfield and my eldest daughter who attends Bennetts Memorial Diocesan School in Tunbridge Wells. I have worked for our local NHS Foundation Trust for the past 22 years in both clinical and leadership roles.

I am an active member of the church community at the neighbouring parish of Holy Cross and currently sit on the PCC as well as support our children's work through Junior Church, our holiday clubs and Junior Choirs.

Church of England Primary Schools have been an enormous part of my life, through my own education and through my mother's 30 year teaching career at a neighbouring school, a role in which she has now retired.

I am thrilled to undertake the role as a Foundation Governor across the schools and hope that I will bring forward my own Christian values and ethos to the role.

November 2023

Claire Roberts
Headteacher (Framfield CEP School)



Since qualifying as primary school teacher in 1996 I have pursued my passion in supporting children, staff and schools develop. I work for East Sussex Local Authority and am an interim headteacher. I am deployed to schools where there is a need for leadership whilst governors secure future leadership. My time in schools is usually brief so it is a priority for me to get to know the children, staff, families and community as I support the school onwards to its future leadership structure. Whilst in a school I support the development of provision, policy and practice. I am an experienced governor and have recently stepped down as a chair of governors in a school near where I live.

Graham Sullivan
Headteacher at Blackboys



I am proud to be Headteacher of Blackboys School, beginning the role from September 2018.

I was educated at Hampton School in Middlesex, before spending 4 happy years earning a BA Primary Education with History (QTS) at King Alfred's College, Winchester (now the University of Winchester).

Following 3 formative years teaching Year 6 at Ticehurst Primary School, I began teaching at Blackboys in 2001, moving from Class teacher, to Key Stage Coordinator, to Deputy Headteacher, to Head of School before realising my ambition to become Headteacher.

The school has seen many exciting changes over this period and I continue to work hard in preparing the pupils to "Be the best they can be; Living Life in all its fullness (John 10:10)".

I am married to the lovely Hannah and have 2 daughters, Rosie and Rebecca who both attended Blackboys School. Away from the excitement of school I enjoy spending time with my family and have a near obsessive love of football, the beautiful game.

26 June 2023

James Vine (Rev.)
Foundation Governor (Vicar)