

THE GOVERNOR

SAINT CHARLES | CATHOLIC PRIMARY | MEASHAM

My Governor Role

I am a Foundation Governor

Background

I was an Anglican minister for twenty years until 1994, when I became a Catholic. I was ordained as a Catholic priest in 1998 and worked as a Catholic chaplain to HMP Boston Hall and HMP Sudbury for many years.

I became parish priest of St Wilfrid of York, Coalville, in 2009 where I had my first experience as a governor at St Clare's School.

I moved to Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby with St Charles, Measham in, and joined the governing body of St Charles School almost immediately.

I am one of a small number of married Catholic priests in this country: all of us were previously clergy of other churches. My wife and I have 2 children: one is head of Maths in a large comprehensive near Milton Keynes and the other is a Catholic priest in Luton.

Aims

I take particular interest in the Catholic life of the school and Religious Education. The website of the Bishops of England and Wales says: "Historically Catholic education has flourished in England and Wales. It continues to do so today and will continue to act as a beacon and provider of good practice and authentic education." If I can do even a little to help that be so, I will feel that my time as governor has been worthwhile.



Father Colin

I have been a school governor for almost seven years, two and half of them at St Charles. I love visiting our school. It is one of the happiest parts of my ministry. I always feel welcome as I come through the school door, and am greeted with smiles from staff and children alike. The children seem to have a natural reverence when we celebrate Mass and other liturgies in small groups and with the whole school. It is a joy and a privilege to lead them in prayer and worship.

Meetings are hard work! It is difficult to grasp all the detail that is required of governing bodies. I am grateful to be part of a team of very able people who are generous with their time and committed to our school. Together we ensure that the work of scrutiny and support entrusted to the governors is carried out effectively, and I am convinced that our school will go from strength to strength.

