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Full List of the St Mary's
Governing Body:

Chair of Governors	Mrs Anne Camm
Vice Chair/Foundation Governor	Mrs Alison Warner
Foundation Governor	Mr David Clark
Foundation / Parent	Dr Duncan Payne
Foundation Governor (Vicar)	Revd Canon Dr Matthew Rhodes

Staff Governors:

Executive Headteacher	Mrs Karole Sargent
Head of School	Miss Karen Miller
Staff Representative (Teacher)	Mrs Michelle Grant



What do our Governors do?

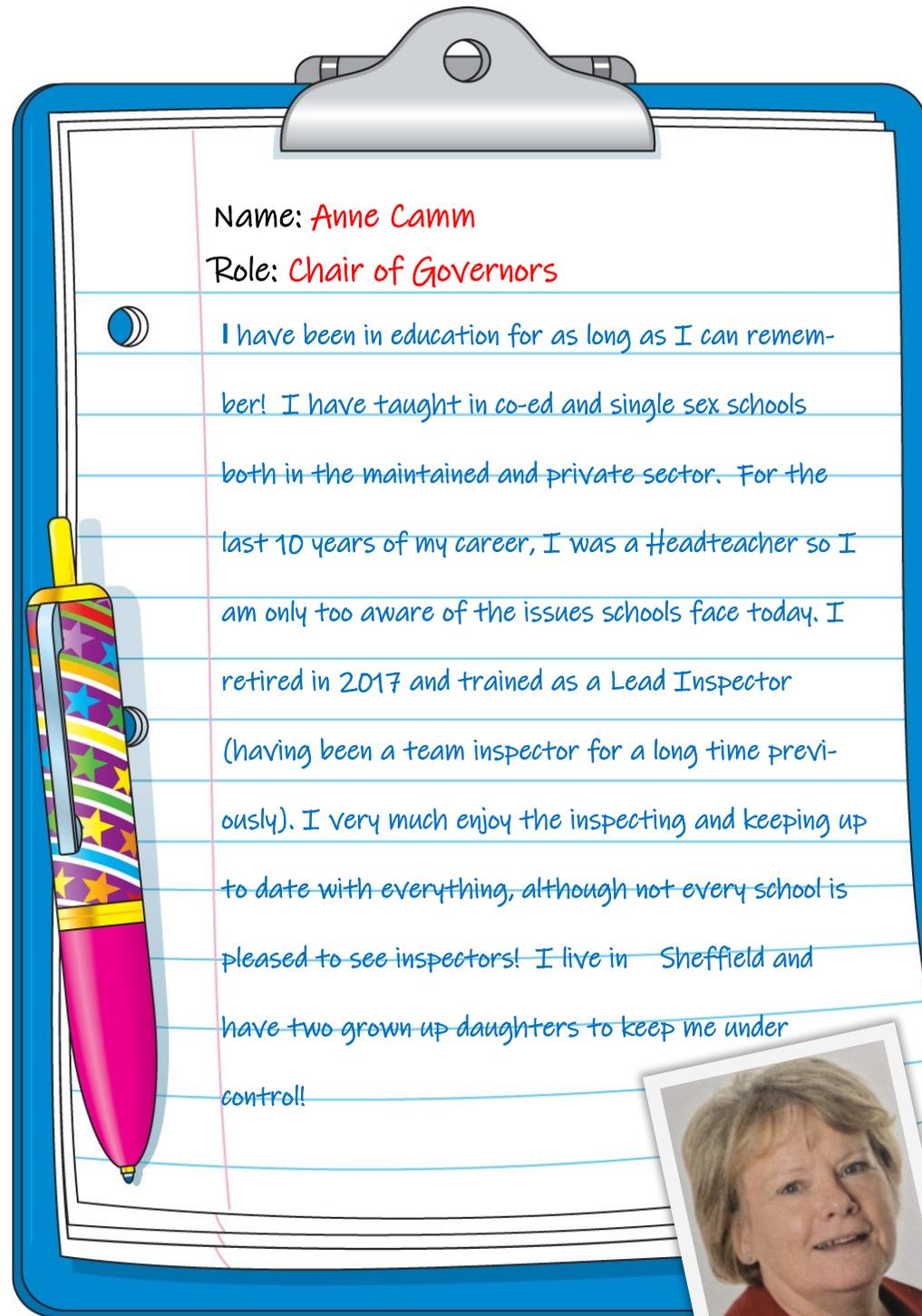
St Mary's Governors are a dedicated & hard-working group of individuals who seek to improve the life of the school in order that every single child can reach their full potential!

As such, they have responsibility for raising school standards through their three key roles: setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability and acting as a critical friend to the Executive Head teacher & Head of School.

St Mary's Governors also act as their own admissions authority due to having the status of a Voluntary Aided school. This is where the Governors set the admissions policy, makes admissions decisions and defend admissions appeals.

The Governors are also responsible for managing the budget which covers salaries, running costs, maintenance and equipment. As a result they decide on how many and what types of staff to employ, which equipment to upgrade or replace & what the priorities are for implementing new strategies and initiatives. In addition, they also have a role in monitoring the school's progress, and in setting annual targets for the school's performance.

The Governors use a committee structure to undertake their monitoring and evaluation roles. Many aspects are covered such as: Strategic Direction, School Improvement Planning, Finance, Personnel, Health & Safety, Safeguarding, the Curriculum, Standards of Achievement, plus Parents & Pupils.



Name: *Anne Camm*

Role: *Chair of Governors*

I have been in education for as long as I can remember! I have taught in co-ed and single sex schools both in the maintained and private sector. For the last 10 years of my career, I was a Headteacher so I am only too aware of the issues schools face today. I retired in 2017 and trained as a Lead Inspector (having been a team inspector for a long time previously). I very much enjoy the inspecting and keeping up to date with everything, although not every school is pleased to see inspectors! I live in Sheffield and have two grown-up daughters to keep me under control!



Name: Alison Warner

Role: Vice Chair of Governors

I have spent 40 years in education in Nottingham and Sheffield and a further 7 years of my retirement, up to now, as a Governor in Sheffield schools. My teaching experience is in primary, secondary and further education, and as a Governor in maintained, federated schools and those that are academies.

I seek to be involved in the life of the school, and get to know some of the children and parents. I want the school to develop and achieve goals, however, I want to see the children have a broad education in which they develop their thirst for learning and enjoy school.

I have friends around the country who come to Sheffield on a regular basis, so I have become quite good at catering. Their reasons for coming include the countryside, around which, I too have always enjoyed walking in and when there is time left, I get out in my garden where my love is herba-ceous plants.



Name: Matthew Rhodes

Role: Foundation Governor

I have been a school governor for the last twenty years and have been living and working in Sheffield since 2018. I am Vicar of St John's Ranmoor and Area Dean of Hallam. I also help out at St Mary's Walkley which is how I have had the opportunity to be involved with the School.

I am married to Cathy, a retired obstetrician, who is now the Diocesan Environment Officer, and I have two grown up children.



Name: **Mr David Clark**

Role: **Foundation Governor**

Growing up in Cheltenham, Gloucester, I attended a Church of England primary school where the vicar ran the school Chess Club—a positive experience as I briefly topped the leader board! Secondary education at a local comprehensive ending in A levels brought me to Sheffield University where I studied for a Masters Degree in Chemistry.

After 6 years of working for the Church of England, mostly at Sheffield Cathedral, I went part time to study for a Masters Degree in Heritage Management, covering strategy, finance, marketing, etc.

In addition to this I am a member of the Church Council at St. Mary's, Walkley, where I oversee the website and church magazine, and bring insight from work at the Cathedral to building related matters.



Name: **Duncan Payne**

Role: **Foundation Parent Governor**

My educational life has been quite varied, attending three international schools in two African countries (where my parents worked as missionaries), as well as completing my secondary education in Suffolk.

University studies brought me to Sheffield where I studied for an undergraduate masters in Computer Science, followed by a PhD in Computational Biology. During my PhD years I had the opportunity to study for a semester in Germany and was able to pick up a fair bit of the German language.

I have really been able to see the benefits of a good education and wish, where possible, to encourage today's generation to fulfil their potential and look forward to a bright future.



Name: **Karen Miller**

Role: **Head of School**



As a classroom teacher, I loved working at St Mary's because it is an incredibly special school filled with wonderful families and staff and so, in 2019, I jumped at the chance to help lead the school in the role as the Head of School and as a member of the Governing Body.

I strongly believe that no matter their background, all children can achieve and can go on to do great things if they develop a love for learning and receive an outstanding education. It's this belief that makes me passionate about what we do here at St Mary's.

I live in Walkley with my family, cat and little puppy. I love interior design so in my spare time I can be found decorating or searching stores and car boot sales for hidden treasures.

Name: **Michelle Grant**

Role: **Staff Governor**



I am a Year 4 Teacher at St. Mary's and have been working at the school since September 2019. I have previous experience as a school governor at St. Catherine's Catholic Academy where I was Chair for four years seeing them through two Ofsted inspections, the last resulting in an Outstanding grading.

My enthusiasm for teaching comes from positive experiences in education and wanting to create an inclusive environment within school for all, no matter the circumstances. This is something I promote within my own classroom and wish to embrace across the entire St. Mary's community.

I live in north Sheffield and I am a mum of four children who are currently at Notre Dame High School and York St. John University. I am a Catholic and believe a Christian education can give one of the best starts in life as inclusivity is at the heart of belonging.

Name: **Karole Sargent**

Role: **Executive Headteacher**

I have been the Executive Headteacher of St Mary's as well as a governor here since April 2019. It's fantastic to be part of such a special school family & to be able to work with everyone to make things even better for our children.

I know from my own background how important education is & how creating a special spark for learning at a very young age can set someone on the right course for life - that's why I'm so happy to be working with everybody else to make things happen here at St Mary's!

I also have a lovely husband, a married daughter & cute little cairn terrier called Coco. In my spare time (not that I get a lot) I like to sew & make my own clothes as well as go to the theatre.



Finding out more...

If you would like to find out more about the Governing Body of St Mary's or have any comments about the information in this leaflet, then please contact the

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