

Reverend Steve Gold – Chair of Local Governing Body — ex officio foundation governor
(appointed by foundation by virtue of the office they hold)

Appointed: 1 September 2018



Steve lives and works in Houlton and seeks to help build community across all parts of the emerging Houlton development. As a key part of this, he takes a close and active role in building relationships with the staff, parents and children at St Gabriel's.

Mrs Bryony Garner – Staff governor — elected by school staff

Appointed: 1 November 2018



Bryony is one of the Assistant Head teachers at the school leading on Maths and line managing a team of staff. Before joining the team at St Gabriel's, she was Assistant Head teacher at a large primary school in Wiltshire. She has previously taught in a number of schools in Wiltshire and Oxfordshire across the primary age range.

Mr Michael van den Berg – appointed by Governing Body

Appointed: 17 December 2020



Michael is a Senior Development Manager for Urban&Civic delivering new communities at Middlebeck, Newark and at Houlton. This includes schools and nurseries with new and existing Governor Boards. He is passionate about developing great spaces for young people and ensuring they get the best start in life. Michael is a first time Governor and a father to two young boys. He is keen to ensure that St Gabriel's provides a nurturing environment and encompassing curriculum as it grows over the coming years.

Dr Rex Pogson – appointed by Academy Members

Appointed: 1 September 2018



Rex brings a wealth of experience to the role as a previous head teacher of Lawrence Sheriff Grammar School in Rugby from 1985-98, then he spent 8 years as Director of the Warwickshire Arts Zone , a project designed to stimulate creativity and curricular innovation in schools at all age-groups across the county. He has volunteered his services to the DBE in a variety of roles.

Mrs Georgina Newton – appointed by foundation body or sponsor

Appointed: 16 July 2019



Georgina has had roles in teaching and leadership in primary, secondary, further education and University settings in the UK and in Germany. She is an Associate Professor of Education and is a Founding Fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching. On Sundays she works with the children in the crèche at her Church. She is passionate about teaching, learning and teacher wellbeing, seeking to help schools and teachers to be as happy and fulfilled as possible. She and her husband have two grown up sons and a dog, who loves the walkways around Houlton.

Mr Brendan Mitchell – Parent Governor—appointed by foundation/trust

Appointed: 1 November 2018



Brendan has two daughters at the school and is a development surveyor for an international health and fitness company. He is passionate about supporting the school and helping to guide it in its formative years as it puts down roots as a cornerstone of the Houlton community, whilst helping to set the tone for a well-rounded, holistic approach to learning and curriculum design.

Mrs Funmilayo Ikuomola – appointed by foundation body or sponsor

Appointed: 7 October 2021



Funmi has a great passion for children, with a desire to see them achieve their maximum potential, reach their goals and fulfil God’s purpose for their lives. Funmi has been working with children for over 25years in her church Sunday school and after school club. She has two children in the school, and is a nurse by profession. As a foundation governor, Funmi is keen to support the school to ensure the children continue to grow in confidence and thrive in an environment conducive to academic excellence.

Mr Andrew Taylor – Staff Governor—ex-officio by virtue of office as Headteacher

Appointed: 1 September 2018



In post as St Gabriel’s inaugural headteacher since the school opened in September 2018, Andrew is passionate about seeing the outworking of St Gabriel’s vision statement—communicating love; inspiring our community to flourish.

Mr Andrew Gray – Parent Governor—appointed by foundation/trust

Appointed: 1 November 2018



Andrew has two children at the school and works as a consultant for Deloitte. He has experience in advising Corporate Boards and has been a school governor before. He is committed to working with his fellow governors to establish St Gabriel’s as a place which develops the whole child—not just academically. He and his family are part of New Life Church in Rugby.