



BURY CE HIGH SCHOOL

Local Governing Body members at Bury CE High School

Liz Nicholls – LGB Chair



Liz Nicholls is a Trustee of The Bishop Fraser Trust. Liz is a retired CEO of a Multi Academy Trust and was previously Headteacher of two outstanding Church secondary schools. She has also served as an interim Headteacher of two schools in challenging circumstances.

Liz has degrees in French and German and a master's degree in educational leadership and management. She is passionate about educating young people in body, mind and spirit, thus enabling them to explore life in all its fullness and to make a positive contribution to society.

Liz is a Lay Canon in the Church of England and part of the leadership team in a large local Anglican Church. She has three grown up children who were educated at Canon Slade and have now flown the nest. In her spare time Liz enjoys the theatre, music and walking the hills of Lancashire.

Rev'd Julian Heaton

Julian is a Trustee at The Bishop Fraser Trust. Julian currently serves as the Rector of Bury Parish Church following a varied ministry in parishes, hospital chaplaincy, and the recruitment and selection of future clergy. Julian has also served as Rural Dean. Community involvement has been a key aspect of Julian's ministry, and he has been instrumental in the development of the Church of England's national framework for responding to domestic abuse. With a strong belief in the benefits of a good education, Julian has been involved in several schools as a governor, at both primary and secondary level, within church and local authority schools. He is currently a governor in a local primary and secondary school.



An avid reader, film and theatre goer, museum visitor and listener to podcasts, Julian also takes physical well-being seriously, hiking most of his off-days and visiting the gym frequently. Julian is married with two grown-up children.

Dr Suzanne Wrigley – Headteacher



Suzanne Wrigley is headteacher at Bury Church of England High School. She joined the school from Manchester Communication Academy, a thriving inner-city school where she led on curriculum design and implementation as part of the Quality of Education team. She benefited from high-quality professional development facilitated through work with the Manchester Research School. Outcomes for young people at the school were significantly above national average, and personal development was judged outstanding.

Suzanne is passionate about ensuring that all young people have access to an ambitious curriculum, underpinned by high-quality teaching and a firm belief that every student is capable of meeting high expectations for behaviour and attitudes. She is committed to creating an environment in which both students and staff can thrive.

In her spare time, Suzanne enjoys spending time with her family, walking the Wainwrights in the Lake District, as well as climbing and running.

Rebecca Rawsthorne

Rebecca has been a parent to two children at Bury Church since her eldest child started attending in 2017. Rebecca has had 3 children attend Bury Church, her youngest is currently in Year 8. Rebecca believes that all her children have thrived at Bury Church and the school has enabled them to reach their potential.

Rebecca has been in education since 2003 as a primary school teacher and has a passion for wanting to make a difference to children and young people. Throughout her career her biggest passion has been working with children and young people with special educational needs and empowering them to reach their full potential. Rebecca currently works for a local authority, supporting and advising schools on the best ways to meet the needs of children with SEND and remove the barriers to learning.



Rebecca enjoys walking, going to the gym and watching her eldest child play rugby.

Stephen Mawinney



As a father of four young people who all went to a Bishop Fraser Trust school, Stephen is passionate about the importance of education and making sure every child and young person is equipped with the tools to flourish in the modern world.

As a volunteer minister (Lay Reader) in two local Church of England parishes, he is also passionate in supporting schools built on Christian values that look to grow and nurture young people in body, mind and spirit.

Stephen has nearly twenty years' experience as a senior leader at the BBC and was part of the leadership team that created and developed BBC North in MediaCity, Salford Quays. His current position, Head of Journalism for BBC Sport, requires him to lead about 150 staff and manage a multi-million-pound budget, as well as providing editorial oversight of around-the-clock output that reaches tens of millions of people across the UK and throughout the world.

Stephen is also currently the Chair of Bolton Symphony Orchestra, one of the best amateur ensembles in the country. He is an advocate for the role both sport and music can play in helping young people to explore their creativity and learn the importance of teamwork and collaboration.

Karen Sudworth

Karen Sudworth was involved in the education of young people in Salford, St Helens, Cheshire East and Bolton for over 39 years. She was the Headteacher of Canon Slade School in Bolton until her retirement.

Karen's fundamental belief is that all young people deserve the right to realise their full potential and through support and encouragement from home and school can develop into responsible, healthy, compassionate and self-respecting adults.

Karen is a full and active member of Christ Church, Walmsley in Bolton and the Chair of Governors at a primary school within the Bishop Fraser Trust. She has two grown up sons and a granddaughter. When she is not spending time with her family, she enjoys cooking, Pilates and the theatre.



Joseph Spademan



Joseph brings extensive governance experience to our Local Governing Body, as a governor of local schools and as a member of the executive committee of Bury Governance Association.

Joseph leads a multi-disciplined animation team at an Agency in Manchester creating content for a variety of businesses and charities including the Bible Society, Sony Animation Pictures Kids and Booking.com.

The Christian distinctiveness of our school is very important to Joseph. Outside work, Joseph volunteers at a local Vineyard Church and oversees the Youth Ministry and aspects of AV / technology as an Assistant Pastor. He is undertaking leadership and theology training with Vineyard College.

As a parent of children attending our school, Joseph has a vested interest in ensuring that Bury Church continues to see improvements and that there is a clear focus on upholding the Christian character in a safe environment where all our children can flourish.

Mark Duffin – Staff Governor

Mark Duffin has been teaching Maths for 23 years and brings a wealth of educational experience to the governing body. He previously served as a school governor for over 15 years, demonstrating a long-standing commitment to supporting young people and school communities.

Outside of school, Mark is a proud father of two, grandfather to eight grandchildren, and great-grandfather. We are delighted to welcome Mark to the Governing Board and look forward to the experience and insight he will bring to the role.

