



Dr. Richard Bullock – Chair of Governors

I have lived in Nottinghamshire all my life- the last forty years in Scarrington – and feel proud and privileged to chair the Local Governing Board of Archbishop Cranmer School.

After obtaining a degree in History from Oxford University I worked in the coal industry for four years before studying in Liverpool to become a Solicitor, eventually becoming Head of Legal Practice at a large national law firm. When, after over forty years, I retired from practice I researched for and obtained a PhD degree from Nottingham Trent University.



I am passionate about the power of education to transform and fulfil lives. I have chaired governing boards of every level of educational institutions from primary and secondary schools up to and including a university, believing I should help make opportunities which benefited me available to other generations.

As a practising Christian I worship regularly in the various local churches of the Cranmer Group, the Salvation Army and other denominations. In my leisure time I follow my interests in Brass Bands, the theatre and reading as widely as possible.

Sarah Rowe – Vice Chair

I have been involved with Archbishop, either as a parent or governor, for over 14 years. I was initially a Parent Governor but with the last of my children leaving Archbishop in the summer of 2023, I moved to being a Foundation Governor. This enabled me to continue my involvement in a school that gave all three of my children the best, not only, in respect of their education but also with regards to what it means to be part of a strong and supportive community.



I have lived in Nottinghamshire since 1994 when I came here to study Law and German at University. I am a lawyer by trade and hold the position of Partner and Head of Social Housing at a national Law Firm. This means I have a keen interest in the proper management of the school to enable it to meet its wider legal and other obligations as well as its educational ones.

We must never take for granted what a wonderful school we have. The staff rise to every challenge that comes their way and are absolutely dedicated to providing every child the best possible start in life. I am proud to be able to play a small part in supporting them and the school.

Rev. Tim Chambers – Foundation Governor

Hi everyone. I'm the Reverend Tim Chambers, and I've been a Foundation Governor of Archbishop Cranmer since my family and I moved to the village in mid-2020, when I became Vicar of the Cranmer Group of Churches - Aslockton, Hawksworth, Orston, Scarrington, Thoroton and Whatton. I have first-hand experience of the school as parent of Esther, with Benjy also following in his sister's footsteps, and so see directly the depth and breadth of education in the fullest sense of the word, that Archbishop Cranmer gives to its pupils.

With my wife, Clare (our Cranmer Group Children and Families Worker), I'm a frequent visitor to the school, regularly leading assemblies, and hosting with Clare and a wonderful volunteer team, our



monthly 'Cranmer Connect' after-school super-informal church service. I also have the privilege of welcoming into our church buildings, children, and often their parents and carers too, for the rites of passage of school life: Joiners', Leavers', Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, Easter, and so on - and also Connect Plus Youth Group for past Archbishop Cranmer pupils. I love having this depth of involvement with the pupils and staff, and am passionate about seeing the richness of Archbishop Cranmer's Christian ethos and values at the heart of school life, and central to the development of every child. I'm the Link Governor (perhaps unsurprisingly!) for Religious Education, and also for Modern Foreign Languages - before I was ordained in the Church of England, I worked in business, with several years living overseas, and so try to bring some of my love of languages, and financial experience, to my governor's role. I'm always very happy to speak with you about any aspect of school life on which I may be able to help - you're most welcome to 'collar' me at the school gate; call at Aslockton Vicarage; or stop me for a chat whilst I'm walking our Labrador, Ella, in the village or across the fields.

Ann Rowen – Foundation Governor

I have lived most of my life in Nottingham having moved here from Staffordshire when I was in primary school .

On leaving school I worked in the theatre for several years. I love all sports and when my children started school I became a Swimming Teacher and Tennis Coach.

I have two grown up children and two dogs. I moved into Scarrington a few years ago and am now the Church Warden of our lovely village Church St John of Beverley.

Working with my husband I accrued valuable experience in managing and maintaining commercial properties and the running of a positively administered business. I have, over many years, been actively engaged in several county charitable activities

I was delighted to be asked to become a Foundation Governor at Archbishop Cranmer in 2024. The school impressed me from my very first visit and continues to impress me in all aspects. I hope my past experience will be helpful and supportive to the Local Governing Body and to the fully committed members of the school staff

James Whitehurst - Foundation Governor

I joined the Governing Board in June 2022 and serve as Chair of the Finance and Operations Committee. I have four children, one of whom has recently finished Year 6 at Archbishop School and two who currently attend the school. I therefore have a strong personal interest in the continuing development of the school and its pupils.



I have been a Chartered Accountant for nearly 20 years and have a particular interest in how the school's funds are used to support high quality education, pupil wellbeing and staff wellbeing.

Since joining the Governing Board, I have enjoyed getting to know the excellent team at the school. I have been impressed by their dedication, professionalism and commitment to supporting pupils in a challenging and ever changing educational environment.

I am always happy to engage with parents and carers about any issues or questions they may have. Please feel free to speak to me at school events, or at drop off and pick up.

Lorraine Wilkinson - Staff Governor

I will probably be familiar to many parents, having worked at the school for the last 16 years. My daughter came here when she was in year 6, and my grandson is currently in year 4. I am very keen to support Mrs Stevens in maintaining the high standards in both education, welfare and care to which the school has become very well known for. As one of the Elsa's, I have a particular interest in the children's mental health and wellbeing.

It is an honour and a privilege to work in a place that has such a kind, warm and welcoming environment. I am very happy to play my part in keeping it this way.

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Amy Taylor – Foundation governor

Hello, I am Amy Taylor and have served on the Governing Body since 2014. I live locally and have two children who came to the school and are now well into their secondary school education. Initially I was elected to join the Governing Body as a parent governor and now I am a foundation governor representing the Diocesan Board of Education.



I feel very privileged to support our school and it's something I really enjoy. Over the last 9 years I have had a few roles including chair. Currently I support the school in particular with safeguarding and special educational needs (SEND) for both of which I am the Designated Governor. I work as a community paediatrician and so I can help school using my professional expertise. I also have some lived experience of SEND, which means I can help to support school and parents in a personal way too.

Whilst I am no longer regularly collecting children in the playground, I hope you might see me in school or walking my dog in the village. I am always very happy to have a chat or if you have some specific issues you would like to raise with me, please contact the school office.

Tom Fisher – Parent governor

Hi I'm Tom and I have recently been appointed as a parent governor at the wonderful Archbishop Cranmer Primary Academy. I have two daughters at the school, Poppy in year 2 (soon to be year 3) and Sophia in year 1 (2) so have a vested interest in the schools ongoing success.

I'm from a local farming family having grown up on our family arable farm at Newton which my brother now runs. We grow combinable crops as well as sugar beet and potatoes. I still help out from time to time and especially enjoy harvest time.

I obtained a BSc Hons degree in Business from Imperial College London back in 2003 before completing a MSc in Rural Land Estate Management at the Royal Agricultural College in 2005. I then spent 14 years specialising in residential property within the rural property sector. In 2019 I moved to Nottingham City Council to head up their program to buy back 500 social houses to add back into the councils residential property portfolio.

In 2022 I had a complete change of direction and started a glamping, camping and events venue on the family farm. I have now built this into a successful business which allows me the flexibility to spend more time with my two girls. I have also finally found a job that doesn't feel like work!

Gina Cresswell – Foundation Governor

I am Gina Cresswell and I live in Aslockton. I have been a Foundation Governor for 10 years and I have a long association with our amazing school as it was the school where I started my own teaching career 46 years ago.

My husband was in the RAF and so we were constantly on the move. This gave me ample opportunities to teach in many different schools around the country and even in a British Forces school in Germany. When my husband was posted to RAF Cranwell this allowed us to move back to Aslockton and our two children were lucky enough to benefit from being able to attend Archbishop Cranmer School.



Most of my teaching career has been within Key Stage 1 and this is where I hope I can add support to our already amazing teachers. I am very much a country girl at heart and embrace the way that our school is such an integral part of our local community.

I am very proud to sit on the Governing Body of our school and to be able to work alongside the fantastic headteacher and teaching staff at Archbishop Cranmer Academy.

Linda Blackburn – Foundation Governor

I grew up in Nottinghamshire and after having lived in Shropshire and Leicestershire, where I raised my own family, I have returned to the county and have lived in Scarrington for over 4 years.

After studying Economics at York University, I worked in the food industry as a commercial buyer. Following a break to have my children (3 grown up ones – 2 boys living in New Zealand and a daughter in Nottingham) I began working as a teaching assistant at my local primary school, which led to my studying for a PGCE in Primary Education. Ranging from Year 1 to Year 6, but primarily Year 4, I taught for around 18 years in this setting. I led P.E. and my favourite responsibility – residential trips to the Peak District. I was also responsible for Risk Assessments and it was here I trained as a Forest School Leader and developed that ethos within the school and offsite.

I began volunteering at Archbishop Cranmer and have loved being able to support children and the dedicated staff in some small way, through giving time and experience.

It has been an honour to be invited to serve as a school governor. I continue to have a great interest in education for all and strive to be a supportive member of this outstanding school. I hope that my experience will add an educational aspect to the team.

