

### **Mary Kucharska (Chair)**

Mary Kucharska has been a Foundation Governor since 2018. Mary has a child who is in Year 3 and another in EYFS.

Mary is a sustainability consultant with specific interests in resource efficiency and project management. Aside from that, Mary is an active proponent of wellness and mental health at work.

Mary wanted to be a governor to help the school to develop and work towards a bright future for each child.



### **Danny Sullivan**

Danny is a primary teacher by training and was subsequently a primary headteacher, primary schools adviser to Bishop Crispian Hollis and Director of Education for the Diocese of Oxford. Danny has published in the field of children's RE and in children's spirituality.

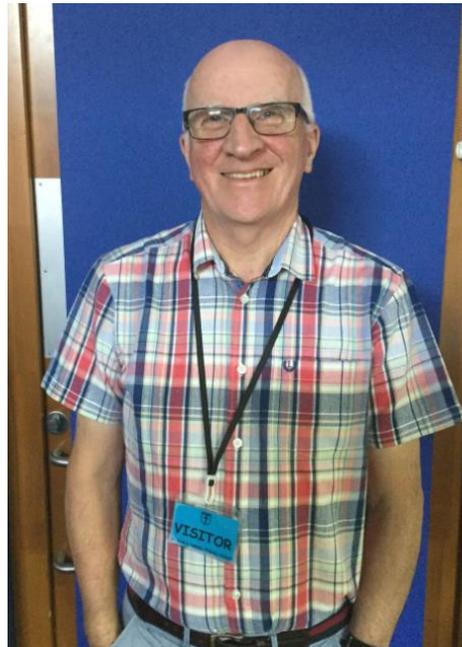
Danny has served as a Hampshire magistrate in both the family and criminal courts.

Danny was Chair of the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission for England and Wales from 2012 to 2016 overseeing national procedures and guidelines and being the spokesperson for the Church on matters of safeguarding and abuse.

Danny is a member of the STEP Academy Trust which has 13 schools. The Trust works specifically with failing schools to turn them around and give children the best possible education which is their right. Danny was its chair until 2015.

Currently Danny does some advisory work for the Department for Education supporting Academy Trusts with effective governance and financial administration.

Danny has a grandson who attends the school.



### ***Fr Dominic Adezia***

Fr Dominic was born into a Muslim family of eight, of which he lost a brother, a sister and his father. He trained in Nigeria and was ordained for the diocese of Lokoja. After his ordination he served in his diocese as the Chancellor/the Bishop's Secretary and the co-editor of the diocesan newspaper.

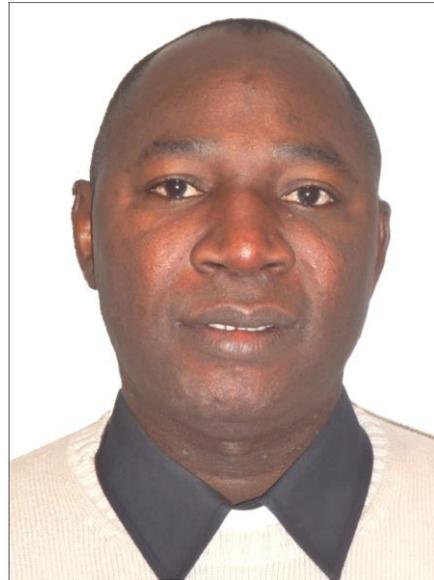
After a few years, he went over to Rome to study communication at the Gregorian University while living at the English College (Sherwin House). As a student in Rome, he spent his holidays in parishes in Preston, Parbold, Wimbledon, Warwickshire and North London

After his studies he was asked to continue with research. He came to England and was offered a scholarship by the diocese of Portsmouth. He did his research in Sociology at Surrey University, Guildford. While doing his studies, he served as the parish priest of St Swithun's Yateley. Mid-way, he took on the responsibility of St. Thomas More, Hartley Wintney. He later served as the Parish priest of Blessed Huge Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

At the completion of his studies, he returned to Nigeria to take on the appointment of a Training Director of Lux Terra Leadership Foundation. He served as the Coordinator and Director of the Psycho-Spiritual Institute, Nairobi, Kenya. He taught at the Albertine Institute, Fayit- Fadan Kagoma, Kaduna, Veritas University Abuja and at the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation.

At some point he also served as Chaplain to the Knights, Catholic Lawyers, Prisons and Journalists.

Fr Dominic enjoys reading, teaching, traveling, cooking his own meals, walking and outdoor games. He loves dogs and would love to engage in gardening.



### ***Debbie Froud (Parent governor)***

Debbie works as a part time Clinical Development Consultant for Eli Lilly and Company which is based in Basingstoke, not too far from the school. She has three boys, with one still at St Bede's. She will admit that she has little time for hobbies as she spends most of her time 'being a taxi' and driving her boys to football tournaments, athletics meets and parties! However, she loves horse-riding and has recently taken up pilates.

Debbie applied to be a parent governor as she has a vested interest in ensuring the school continues to provide the children with an excellent standard of education. She aspires to challenge and support each and every child academically, as well as to support their development into caring, compassionate and thoughtful adults.



### ***Dilini De Silva (Parent governor)***

Dilini has been a parent governor since March 2018. She is originally from Sri Lanka and has lived in the UK for the past 13 years. Dilini's background is in finance and she has worked in the banking/retail and financial services industries. Dilini and her husband have a daughter who attends St Bede's. She is a Link-Governor for the Admissions and Resources Committees. Dilini wanted to be part of the governing body because it gave her the opportunity to be involved, assist and help provide all students of the School with the best possible start and foundation for a happy and healthy life ahead.



***Maria Alexandra Nunes Costa (Vice-Chair)***

Alex is a Strategic Feasibility Senior Manager for clinical development studies. She transitioned from Academia to the Pharmaceutical industry 10 years ago, following a PhD in Cardiovascular Disease and a Postdoctoral position in Nutrition and Immunology. Within her career came experience managing teams, being responsible for recruiting, training and performance management. These roles included being accountable for planning, finance and budgets as well as implementing processes and training.

At the centre of her life is her wonderful family, husband and two daughters, both of whom attend the school.

Alex is delighted to volunteer her time as a school governor to work with the school's governing body enabling and bridging communication between the community and the school. She is happy to support the school and community to allow every child to achieve their spiritual, personal and academic potential and grow to be an engaged member within our community. In such a rich, ethnically and culturally diverse school, Alex feels that it is important that children feel a sense of belonging and responsibility towards their surrounding community.



***Catherine Campbell (Foundation Governor)***

Catherine has been a Governor at St Bede's for quite a while. She does not have any children but, as a parishioner of Holy Ghost parish for almost 30 years, she is very concerned that we give the Catholic children in our area the best possible start to their education.

Her background is in finance and she currently chairs the Finance and Resources Committee at St Bede's school. She says that she feels very privileged to have been involved in such a wonderful school and proud of the significant progress made over recent years; in particular the increase in size to two form entry and developing the buildings and resources to meet the increased capacity. She is looking forward to working with the management team and



governors to develop the school further over the coming years.

***Caroline Hartgill (Foundation Governor)***

Caroline works for an international IT company based in Basingstoke. She is a Chartered Marketer and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing, and was previously a regional board member and chair of the CIM Hampshire & IOW branch.

She has been a Governor for three years and has two children who both attend St. Bede's. She wants every child to know they are unique and special, discover their talents, strive to do their best and make a difference in the world (in the knowledge that even the smallest of acts are important); and for St Bede's to do its absolute best for each child in order for him/her to reach his/her full potential as a primary school child before they leave to start secondary school.



***Steve Lake (Foundation Governor)***

Steve is an Accountant with over 40 years' experience in Finance & Business roles. For the last 20 years, he worked for a global Higher Education publisher, most recently as Head of Accounting and Business Services. He has managed teams within the UK and overseas and, in recent years, worked closely with the HR team on Pay and Benefits. Steve took early retirement at Christmas 2019.

Steve is married to Cinty, who has taught at both St Anne's and St Bede's schools. They have 5 children who have all been through Catholic Education in Basingstoke and 2 grandchildren, one of whom attends St Bede's. Steve was a Parent Governor of St Anne's in the late 1990's.



Steve loves music and runs the Cecilia Sound Youth Band, based out of St Joseph's church. During Covid, he's been helping record music for, as well as run, the live streamed Masses at St Joseph's. He's also played in various local 'pub and club' over the years.

Steve strongly believes in the importance of the Catholic ethos which is at the core of our

schools. Steve believes that education is about helping our young people to reach their full potential, not just academically, but spiritually, socially and emotionally and that we should strive to prepare our children to play full and active roles in society and to recognise and foster the good in others.

***Felix Obadaki (Foundation Governor)***

Felix is a CIPD certified HR professional and has had a long career as an HR consultant and project manager. He became a governor in early 2021 in line with his passion for developing the 'next generation' through education and opportunities.

Felix is currently a member of BACCA – (Basingstoke, African Caribbean Association) and also a member of St Bede's Catholic Church Basingstoke core group (Parish pastoral council). On an annual basis, he delivers training to youth enrolled in the Prince's Trust – all in line with his belief that children should be supported on the journey to achieving their potential in life.

He has two children currently studying at St Bede's and feels privileged to have his children's early years wholesomely nourished by the school: spiritually, academically and in extracurricular activities.



