



St Mary's Dover CEP School Governing Body Information (as at 19th December 2025)

The Governing Body of St Mary's Dover CEP School operates the 'circle model' and does not have Committees. The Instrument of Government specifies the following constitution (total 12 governors):

2 Parent Governors

1 Local Authority (LA) Governor

1 Staff Governor

1 headteacher

7 Foundation Governors (3 appointed by the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education, 3 appointed by the Parochial Church Council of the Parish in which the school is situated and the Principal Officiating Minister of the Parish – this post is ex-officio)

Name	Date of appointment	Term of office (4 years)	Appointed by	Relevant business and pecuniary interests ¹	Any material interests ²	Attendance over the last academic year (2024/2025)	Other governance roles
Revd Melissa Carter (Chair)	22/5/20	n/a	Ex-officio Diocese	Team Vicar in the Dover Town Team	<i>None declared</i>	4 of 5	Governor at Elms School; Governor at Guston CEP School
Bernie Mayall (Vice Chair)	7/7/22	6/7/26	Governors/LA	<i>None declared</i>	<i>None declared</i>	4 of 5	<i>None declared</i>
Helen Comfort (EHT)		n/a	Ex-officio Executive Head Teacher	<i>None declared</i>	<i>None declared</i>	5 of 5	Governor at Aycliffe CP School; Trustee of St Margaret's Nursery
Trish Simmons	1/9/25	31/8/29	PCC/Diocese	<i>None declared</i>	<i>None declared</i>	3 of 5	<i>None declared</i>
Revd Claire Coleman	9/1/25	8/1/29	Diocese	<i>None declared</i>	<i>None declared</i>	3 of 3	<i>None declared</i>

¹ As recorded in the register of interest

² Arising from relationships between governors or relationships between governors and school staff (including spouses, partners and close relatives)

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Kevin Musvipa	6/10/23	5/10/27	Parents	<i>None declared</i>	<i>None declared</i>	4 of 5	<i>None declared</i>
Kirk Hughes	4/11/24	3/11/28	Parents	<i>None declared</i>	<i>None declared</i>	1 of 4	<i>None declared</i>
Ian Fagg	11/11/25	10/11/29	Diocese	<i>None declared</i>	<i>None declared</i>	n/a	<i>None declared</i>
Michelle Harding	11/11/25	10/11/29	Diocese	<i>None declared</i>	<i>None declared</i>	n/a	<i>None declared</i>

n/a = not applicable

PAST GOVERNORS (in post during academic year 2024/2025)					
Name	Date of appointment	Term of office (4 years)	End of term	Appointed by	Attendance over the last academic year (2024/2025)
Abbie Miller	17/1/24	16/1/28	18/12/25	Staff	5 of 5
Nigel Simmons	1/6/21	31/5/25	22/7/25	PCC/Diocese	4 of 5
Lucy Hodkinson	14/5/24	13/5/28	4/12/24	Diocese	1 of 2