Cape Cornwall & St Ives

Combined Local Monitoring Committee Members

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Members	
Mrs Rachel Thomas Chair	Rachel was brought up in Cornwall, moving to Sennen in 1995 when she married a local farmer. Rachel has over 15 years of governance experience, being a parent governor at St Buryan Academy for 7 years and then a parent governor at Cape Cornwall School in 2013. Rachel has been Chair of Finance & Premises and then Chair of Governors at Cape. Rachel's two children successfully completed their secondary education at Cape Cornwall School and moved on to further studies. In her spare time, Rachel enjoys Pilates, Yoga, Swimming, Cycling and singing with a local choir.
Mr Simon Horner Headteacher	Simon is a Governor in his role as Headteacher at St Ives School. He has worked as a head within Truro and Penwith Academy Trust since September 2020, joining St Ives School as headteacher in September 2022. His teaching career has spanned six schools across Cornwall, starting out as a maths teacher in Newquay and spanning roles in subject leadership and senior leadership in the intervening years. Simon is passionate about Cornish communities and providing an education that enables young people to see the limitless possibilities that the world has to offer. Outside of school, Simon loves the outdoors and is a keen sportsman, particularly enjoying surfing and being in the sea, alongside his two children.
Mrs Monika Betson Committee Member	Monika has recently retired as a retired Private Client Lawyer and has over 20 years' experience as a senior Justice of the Peace both in Criminal Courts and Family Courts. Before returning to Cornwall earlier this year, she was a Diocesan appointed Governor at a Church of England aided Primary School in Sussex for over 12 years with responsibilities for Finance, Appeals, Safeguarding and Health and Safety. Monika is also on the Board of a charitable organisation in Sussex providing housing for 28 elderly people helping them to live an independent life. Monika is passionate about supporting children, whatever age and ability, with their education and for them to achieve good outcomes in their future.

Ms Cuedda Proudfoot- Taylor Staff (St Ives)	Cuedda has been teaching for almost thirty years and is a passionate advocate of the profession and all that teachers do to inspire young people in their learning journeys. Cuedda's experience includes teaching English and English Literature across all three Key Stages, being a Head of English and Head of Creative Arts Faculty and leading and managing whole-school initiatives such as Literacy and Gifted & Talented. Cuedda's role as Teacher Governor means that she is able to act as a conduit for teachers' views at Governing Board meetings and share whole- school perspectives with colleagues in their daily work. In her eighth year of teaching at St Ives, Cuedda enjoys debating and
Mrs Rhiannon Raitt Parent (Cape)	developing creative writing with students. Rhiannon believes children should receive an active and engaging education, as well as being nurtured throughout their development to take on greater challenges. Rhiannon has three sons, two of whom attend Cape Cornwall with the
	eldest having moved up to Penwith College after completing his GCSE's at Cape. Rhiannon was previously a Governor at Cape Cornwall and St. Ives and looks forward to extending that to supporting all three secondary schools.
Mrs Lia Musto- Shinton Committee Member	Lia is a parent of two children in St. Ives School, living locally to the school with a pet cocker spaniel. Through her own and her children's experience of the school Lia brings a parental viewpoint on the school and its day to day and strategic management. Lia is a senior corporate governance lawyer for Cornwall Council advising
	on all things governance to ensure sound and lawful decision making. Lia has worked as a local government lawyer since 2000 having practised in the following areas of law: local government, adult social care and health, public health, safeguarding and data protection/GDPR.

Mrs Vicky Pring Parent (St Ives)	Vicky has both of her children at St Ives School. She was educated locally and then gained her degree and PGCE in Secondary Education at Leeds University. Vicky moved back to Hayle and has now worked in Further Education for the past 20 years. With sport as her main area of interest Vicky believes in the physical, mental and social wellbeing of students. Vicky has been heavily involved in teaching online and also home schooling
	and is aware of the need to support young individuals back into the school and the educational environment.
Miss Karen Rushton Committee Member	Karen was a pupil of St Ives School and her daughter is following in her footsteps.
	Karen's career started in Dentistry in 1987 and spanned 33 years. During this time, I achieved my ILM qualifications in Leadership and Management and class myself as a competent, passionate Business Manager.
	In 2020 Karen had a career change to Primary Care General Practice and for 3 years managed a local Doctors Surgery.
	Karen is now semi-retired and enjoys working part time practising exclusively in employee welfare and staff management.
	Karen's primary interest is to support the Health and Welfare inclusion of pupils.
	Outside of work Karen enjoys walking, especially with her miniature schnauzer Olive. Yoga and cycling are her other pastimes and she is also studying Foundation in Ministry.
Mrs Sanchia Pascoe TPAT Local Governance Officer	Sanchia is delighted to have been appointed as the Local Governance Officer for the Governing Board. She is also the Governance Officer for four other local schools.
	With a background working as a Cornwall Library Service Manager and more recently in education administration Sanchia also has 15 years experience as a primary school governor herself.
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