

Jennifer Ryan (Foundation Governor)



I joined the governing body in December 2022 as a Foundation Governor.

My association with the school began when I attended Convent of the Cross with my three sisters as a boarder as my father was away with the Navy. I continued this association when three of my children attended Oaklands between 2000 and 2005.

I retired from full-time History teaching in 2014 and becoming a governor had always been part of my forward planning and Oaklands seemed the obvious choice given my connection to the school.

As a supply teacher I have taught in many schools and the value of a Catholic education has always shone through.

What do I do?

As a Foundation Governor I attend the meetings of the Local Governing Body, the Ethos and Strategy committee and the Teaching and Learning sub-committee. The aim is to ensure that the school is being true to its mission as well as providing a high standard of teaching and learning in which children from all backgrounds matter. To ensure that pupils are treated with the utmost respect and sensitivity.

I also have specific responsibility for the Modern Foreign Languages department and will work with staff to ensure that it meets the aspiration of the mission statement in all respects.

What is the best thing about Oaklands Catholic School?

A sense of commitment to the Catholic doctrine and the prioritising of both the spiritual and academic needs of each and every pupil in its care.

A strong sense of family gives the pupils a sense of security and confidence which can enable them to achieve their potential and prepare for life after school.