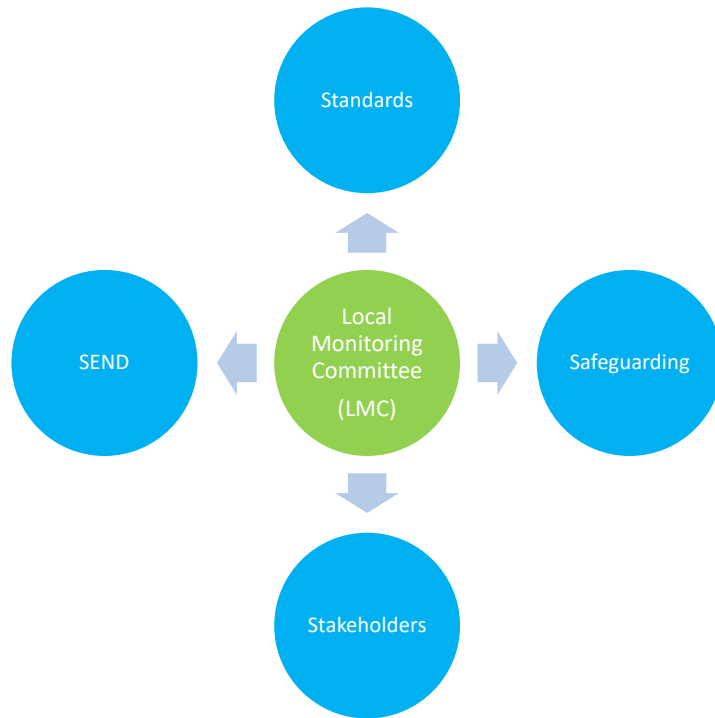


Each academy within Truro and Penwith Academy Trust (TPAT) has a Local Monitoring Committee (previously known as a Local Governing Body) who are responsible for the oversight of some aspects of each academy in accordance with TPAT's Scheme of Delegated Authority.



Members of the Local Monitoring Committee are supporters of the school and often described as “critical friends”. When they come into school, it is to learn and not to judge.

The history of school governance is rooted in the belief that good education is not just a matter for educationalists and that it must be balanced with the views, opinions and experiences of people who exist outside of the classroom.

Everyone on the Local Monitoring Committee will have a mixture of skills, and a good committee will have a broad mixture of different skills and qualities.



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Terry Binns

Both my children attended Alverton and I have always felt very supportive of the school. I think the children have a wonderful opportunity to meet and become a part of a larger community. I believe they should be nurtured at school and their experiences should be fun and encourage enquiry. My work has been predominantly within the Creative Arts sector, particularly photography, film and music. I enjoy learning about different cultures and languages; and I love being in the 'great outdoors'.



Maili Buckingham

Both of my children have been through Alverton School. I manage the finances for a local business and have experience in financial and data analysis. After many years in FOAS I enjoy contributing as part of the Local Monitoring Committee.



Amy Clemens

I have been a teacher for 19 years and 16 of these have been spent at Alverton School. I grew up in Penzance and have almost always lived here, spending a few years in Cheltenham and London in between. I am married with three children,, two of whom are still at Alverton. I love spending long days on the beach, sea swimming and exploring our local area. I am the PSHE Lead and feel passionate about teaching our children about the importance of looking after their mental and physical health and wellbeing.



Anna George

Chair

I am a solicitor and mother of four who has been part of the Alverton School community for several years. Having moved from London, I have enjoyed being part of the Alverton School team and hope to continue to help the school go from strength to strength.



Nanette Newton-Hinge

In 2004 my eldest daughter started at Alverton's nursery and since then I have been part of the school community. I joined the governing body in 2011 and enjoy supporting and helping the school and I endeavour to use my skills as an Interior architect and project manager to assist the leadership team. I have lived all over the world but chose to return to Cornwall to raise my children.

Claire O'Rourke

I have been a teacher since 1991, working for fourteen years in special schools, specialising in teaching children with profound and multiple learning difficulties. I then moved into mainstream education and started teaching at Alverton, loving the new challenges this presented me with and the chance to work in such a supportive and positive environment. I have recently left full-time teaching and am very happy to still be involved with the school. I am married with three children, love being outdoors and start most days with a swim off Battery Rocks.



Scott Randall

Born and bred in Penzance, and with two children at Alverton School, I am keen to help with the development of the school in any way I can. 27 years experience of the ups and downs in the public sector will no doubt come in handy. I also like a quiz!



Tim Rowland

I was born and raised in Penwith but I moved away to go to University. I met my wife while studying Physiotherapy in Cardiff. We lived and worked in Wales for a few years before moving down to Cornwall over 10 years ago. I have two sons who attend Alverton and Woodlands. They keep me pretty busy but in my spare time I like playing tennis and sea swimming.



Nichola Smith

Headteacher

This is my second headship; previously I was Head at Sennen School for five years and loved every minute of it. Before relocating to Cornwall with my family, I helped lead a large two form entry primary school in Margate in Kent, where I worked for seventeen years. I absolutely love my job and feel privileged to be able to do it. As well as a real passion for developing teaching and learning, I believe that building relationships with children and their families is key to a successful education. I always put the children at the heart of everything I do because I believe they deserve the absolute best.



Linda Upton

Having grown up in West Penwith, I moved away and then returned 12 years later with my husband and two young daughters. We have now lived in the area for almost a quarter of a century. I have long and varied connections with Alverton School going back more years than I care to remember! I am former pupil, a parent (my two daughters, now in their twenties, went to Alverton) and a former governor. I have always enjoyed supporting and helping the school in any way I can. I have been a freelance journalist working for The Guardian for over 20 years and worked as an associate lecturer at Falmouth University. I am also a lay inspector for the Care Quality Commission.



Rebecca Wilkes

Vice Chair

I am now retired after working for thirty seven years for a local bank. During that time, I undertook a variety of roles including frontline service roles and as a Business Banking Manager. I also volunteered as a Princes Trust Business Advisor to young people. My final role for many years was assistant to the Local Director for the South West Group.

