



Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Primary School

Governor Fact File

Name: Mary Doherty

Role: Foundation Governor

I became a Foundation Governor at Our Lady of Compassion in June 2019. I grew up on a farm in remote County Kerry and attended the Holy Cross College Kenmare. There, inspired with my mother's strong faith, I developed a wonderful love for the Holy Spirit knowing that I am never alone through the strength of my faith. I attended Cork University and like so many of my peers in the late 80's I was 'Exported' for employment opportunities. I commenced my teaching career in London where I met my husband who coaxed me to "Brummie – Land". I have been happily married to him for 30 years. We have been blessed with 3 daughters who are now making their own way in life all in the teaching profession. I have taught in many secondary Catholic schools holding various posts up to Vice – Principal. I have recently changed jobs to pursue my interest in Special Needs and to take life a tad easier. I am now Head of Humanities in a Special School for children aged 9 – 19 with Autism. I am loving it. I have always loved what The Friary has to offer and have belonged to the parish since 1992. I have enjoyed several volunteering opportunities there throughout the years. Our Lady of Compassion has a fantastic history and is broaching the challenges of all the changes in education thrown at all schools. I am proud and happy to support the head teacher and all the staff in the continuation of promoting the Catholic faith and a sound Catholic education that helps prepare all our youngsters to be secure, well rounded, confident adults contributing positively in their community later in life.

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