



## **Hans Daems Chair of Governors**

Born in Belgium, I moved with my family to the UK from The Netherlands in early 2008 after having been recruited by Hitachi Europe in Maidenhead as Head of Public Affairs. Being able to continue a catholic education for our three children was very important when moving to the UK, our family were delighted to have been given such a very warm welcome to St Mary's. This helped a lot to our very swift integration through the school and the parish. We no longer have any children at the school as they have moved onto secondary school. I was very honoured to have been asked to join the Governing Body of St Mary's in 2010 as Foundation Governor and I have since become the Chair. It is a real joy to be able to support Mrs Barry and the rest of St Mary's wonderful team on the school's exciting journey 'towards outstanding'. I am very grateful for the excellent support given by my colleagues in the Governing Body.