



## **Maria Sumner Foundation Governor**

My name is Maria Sumner and I am a foundation governor at St. Mary's. I joined the governing body as a parent governor in October 2013. The foundation governor role focuses on ensuring that the Catholic character of the school is preserved and developed, leading to the provision of excellent education and a nurturing Catholic community for all pupils. I'm a mother of one daughter, currently in Y3. I am the chairperson of the teaching and learning committee and part of the performance data taskforce, dedicated to ensuring that the governors are actively reviewing the teaching, learning and accomplishments of all our pupils. In my professional life I'm a communications specialist within the pharmaceutical and associated technology industry, with 17+ years of experience in the fields of internal and external communication, PR and Marketing.