



## Askel Veur

One interesting aspect of the conversation of many schools into academies in the Diocese of Truro is the new partnerships of church schools working alongside community schools in multi academy trusts (MATs). So that we can continue to look after the interests of the Foundations which originally established these church schools, the Diocese is involved in the governance of every MAT that has a church school within it, and this function is carried out by Askel Veur which is the Diocesan Academy Trust set up in 2011 by the Board of Education to do this work on its behalf. Askel Veur also handles applications to the diocese from church schools hoping to convert to academies, and can be called on in cases where Multi Academy Trusts want to merge or need support.

What all that means in practice is that there are now thousands of children and young people across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly in whose education the Diocese is able to have a voice. Please pray that God will guide us, and all those who work alongside us in the governance and leadership of our schools, to use this influence to show His generous love to all those we come into contact with and to put the children at the heart of everything we do.

Here's a very brief pen picture of the Askel Veur Trustees, who are appointed by the Bishop of Truro and the Board of Education and who are all experienced Governors, Trustees and Members in Cornwall:

**Sue Brownlow** (Chair); was the former director of the Combined Universities in Cornwall partnership.

**Katie Fitzsimmons**; is the Diocesan Director of Education.

**Mark Lees**; is a Chair of Trust Board, Chair of Governors, Ofsted inspector and School Improvement Consultant.

**Tanya Ovendon-Hope**; is Professor of Education and strategic lead for Marjon University Cornwall.

**Victoria Hatton**; is a Senior Associate at Browne Jacobson where she advises schools and colleges on academy and trust school conversions and providing education law advice.

**Richard Lawrence**; is a Head teacher and Deputy CEO of a local MAT.

**Janet Hudson**; was a Social worker for many years specialising in psychiatric and Learning disabilities social work in different areas of the country.

**Sonia Blanford**; is a Professor, an author and expert on social mobility. She is also the Founder and CEO of the national charity Achievement for All 3As.

**Nicola Bray**; is a Head teacher of a local school and is the DBE observer on Askel Veur.

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