

<b>Full Name:</b>	<b>Date of Appointment:</b>
The Reverend Anthony Bennett	September 2023
<b>Term of Office:</b>	<b>Date Stepped down:</b>
Ex Officio	N/A
<b>Appointed by (<i>which body</i>):</b>	<b>Attendance at meetings ( <i>last academic year</i>):</b>
York Diocesan Board of Education (as Incumbent of Egton)	50% 2024-2025
<b>Governor Category:</b>	<b>Other Educational Establishments Governed</b>
Foundation (Ex Officio)	None currently
<b>Committees served on:</b>	<b>Positions of Responsibility:</b>
	Foundation Governor; supporting collective worship and Christian ethos
<b>Business/Pecuniary Interests:</b>	<b>Relationships to other governors of members of school staff(<i>spouses, partners, relatives</i>):</b>
None declared	None
<b>Personal Blurb:</b> <p>I am the Interim Minister in the Church of England Benefice of Middle Esk Moor, which includes the parishes of Egton, Grosmont, Goathland, Glaisdale, and Lealholm. I live locally at The Vicarage in Egton and serve as an ex officio Foundation Governor at Egton CE VA Primary School, part of the St Hilda's Moorland Federation.</p> <p>I bring many years of experience in school governance, having served in both primary and secondary settings, including Church of England schools within academy trusts. Prior to beginning ordination training in 2017, I was designated as a National Leader of Governance (NLG) and served as the NLG Advocate for West Yorkshire. In that role, I supported governing boards across a wide range of contexts, advising on leadership development, accountability, and school improvement.</p> <p>I have previously supported schools with vision and ethos development, SIAMS preparation, and governance strengthening, and have a strong interest in how small schools can flourish through deeper partnerships with their local churches and communities.</p> <p>As a parish priest, I regularly lead collective worship, and I'm also interested in exploring how I might offer occasional support for RE and spirituality initiatives, as well as contribute where appropriate to the pastoral care of staff and pupils. I am passionate about the distinctive Christian character of our schools and the ways in which children can be nurtured in a loving, inclusive environment where faith, curiosity, and creativity are encouraged.</p> <p>My wider background includes leadership across charitable, educational, and church-based settings, with a strong emphasis on collaboration and sustainability in rural contexts. I believe our schools are at the heart of village life, and I count it a privilege to support the learning, wellbeing, and flourishing of every child and adult within the school community.</p>	