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St Nicholas Church of England
Voluntary Aided Primary School

Child Okeford

...to be the best we can be...

THE GOVERNORS

2017-18

As we begin a new year we thought it would be a great idea to send you an introduction to the various governors of the school so you know who we are and what responsibilities we have at St Nicholas.

We are here to support the running of the school and be a critical friend to the Headteacher, Mrs Maley, and her staff.

We are all very proud of the school (rated 'Good' by OFSTED in May 2014) and the achievements of the children and are committed to working on improving the School in any way we can so the children get the best education and are emotionally and socially ready for the next step when they move up to secondary education.

If you are interested in joining the team please contact the Clerk to the Governing Body, Robert Wellen, on robertwellen@btinternet.com as vacancies do occur from time to time.

The Governors (all governors serve a four year term)

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School Governors

Head (1) (Ex-Officio)

	<p>Mrs Tracy Maley</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (year to July 2017) FGB: 100% <i>Resources:</i> 100% <i>School Development:</i> 100%</p>	<p><u>Committees:</u> Resources Policy</p>	<p><i>I am committed to working in partnership with the community to provide the highest quality education for the children at St Nicholas. I am responsible for the internal organisation and management of the school and advise on and ensure the implementation of the Governors’ Strategic Framework (The School Development Plan). My role includes formulating aims and objectives, policies and targets for the governing body to consider adopting. I report to the governing body on progress towards these targets at regular intervals throughout the year.</i></p>
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Staff (1) (Elected by Staff)

	<p>Mrs Coralie Sanders</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (year to July 2017) FGB: 100% <i>Resources:</i> 100% <i>School Development:</i> 50%</p>	<p><u>Committees:</u> Resources</p> <hr/> <p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> After School Clubs Community Cohesion Health & Safety Modern Foreign Languages</p>	<p><i>I have been a teacher at St Nicholas Cof E Primary School since 2006. I have been staff governor at the school since 2011. I am currently teaching in Key Stage Two, although I have also taught at the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One. I am literacy subject leader and art and design subject leader for the school.</i></p>
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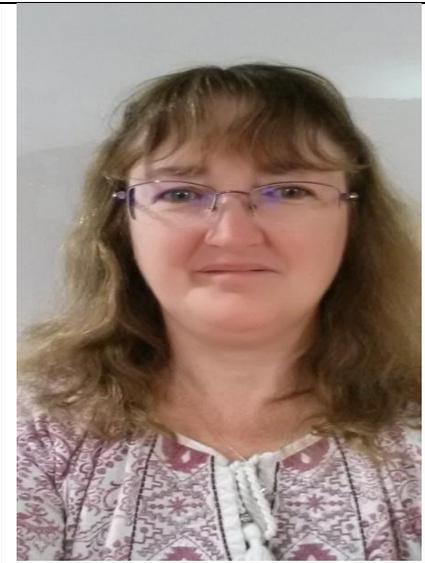
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Local Education Authority (LEA) (1) Appointed by Dorset County Council

 A portrait of Mrs Elizabeth Sims, a woman with glasses, wearing a blue patterned jacket and a dark patterned scarf, smiling at the camera. She is sitting at a desk in what appears to be a classroom or office setting.	<p>Mrs Elizabeth Sims</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (year to July 2017) FGB: 80% School Development: 100%</p>	<p>Vice Chair of Governors</p> <hr/> <p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Year 2 Class Admissions Exclusions Numeracy Safeguarding</p>	<p><i>I have been a governor at St Nicholas for 8 years during which time I have been and remain a parent at the school. Prior to having children I was a teacher at several primary and middle schools. I support the school's aim to provide "a high quality, ... broad and balanced, education in a caring and supportive environment".</i></p>
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Parent (2) Elected by Parents

	<p>Mr Ewan Brown</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (Sept 2016- July 2017) <i>FGB:</i> 50% (Nov 2016- July 2017) <i>Resources:</i> 33%</p>	<p>Committee: Resources</p> <hr/> <p>Responsibilities include: Year 1 Class Science</p>	<p><i>Having grown up and spent all my school years in Dorset I moved away to go to University and later to Australia where I lived and worked for 5 years. Now back in Dorset I am happy to see my children attend the same rural type of schools through which I progressed. I consider myself lucky to have attended schools in the area, and probably benefited from the stability and scale that these offer. I feel a certain responsibility to at least try to help, and to be part of the system that can continue to provide this to children now. I work in Environmental Certification, serving the Forest and Timber industries. I believe in the importance of limiting the impact that we have on the environment. I also believe that education is the best tool that we have for constantly improving our understanding and respect for where we live, and the environment around us. I also have an active interest in health and fitness, and spend as much time as possible cycling, running, swimming and living life outdoors.</i></p>
	<p>Mrs Carol Wee</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (year to July 2017) <i>FGB:</i> 100% <i>Resources:</i> 100% <i>School Development:</i> 100%</p>	<p>Committees: Chair of Resources Policy</p> <hr/> <p>Responsibilities include: Reception Class Safeguarding Numeracy Staff Dismissal</p>	<p><i>As a Forces child I was educated abroad, returning to England for the first time to attend University where I graduated with a B.Sc. (Hons) in Mathematics. I then joined Lucas Aerospace and 25 years later I am still in the Aerospace Industry working as a Management Accountant. My son Finlay started in Reception Sept 2013 and I joined the PTFA as a way of getting actively involved with the school, meeting its teachers and also other parents. I have been hugely impressed with the friendliness, dedication and commitment of all the staff and other parents. I am totally committed to the ongoing success of the school and its endeavours to maximize the potential of each and every pupil.</i></p>

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Foundation (7) Appointed by the Diocese of Salisbury

	<p><i>The Reverend Lydia Cook (Ex-officio)</i></p> <p><i>Attendance: (year to July 2017) FGB: 100%</i></p>	<p>Chair of Governors</p> <hr/> <p><u>Committee:</u> Chair of Policy</p> <hr/> <p><u>Responsibilities:</u> Year 4 Class Head Performance Spiritual Development/ RE</p>	<p><i>It's very special being the Rector of a group of parishes where there are three church schools and I'm really happy to be involved in the life of the school here in Child Okeford. Church of England schools are great places for children to explore and learn what it means to live a life rooted in a Christian understanding of the world. It is a privilege to be part of that learning and to help children understand more about faith in Jesus Christ. It's not just one-way though, as children have a lot to teach adults too! The church supports the school in all it does through prayer and participation in school worship, teaching and events.</i></p>
	<p>Mr Richard Brace</p> <p><i>Attendance: (year to July 2017) FGB: 40% Resources: 25%</i></p>	<p><u>Committee:</u> Resources</p> <hr/> <p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Exclusions Staff Dismissal</p>	<p><i>I live in Child Okeford and have 2 children at the school. I have been a governor since 2009 and vice chair since 2011. I am very committed to the ambitions of the school and ensuring the Governors' responsibilities are fulfilled and have a particular interest in continually improving the attainment of the children. I enjoy amateur dramatics and have been involved in the school panto for the past 2 years. Apologies to any children whom I have upset as I have been the baddy!</i></p>

	<p>Mr Oliver Davis</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (year to July 2017) FGB: 80% Resources: 100% School Development: 25%</p>	<p><u>Committees:</u> Vice Chair of Resources</p>	<p><i>My wife Katy and I decided to send our young son Freddie to St. Nicholas for its academic emphasis and its overall pastoral care. The school atmosphere is always friendly and caring, striving to find what's best for the pupils. I joined the Governors in March 2014 as an associate member. My role has recently expanded having been selected to serve as a foundation governor. I come from a German - American background, growing up in Bavaria but attending an American high school run by the US armed forces. Professionally, I work as an equine veterinary surgeon running my own small practice. I am currently working on an MBA thesis. I am also "on note" as a non-ordained local preacher for the Methodist church.</i></p>
	<p>Mrs Carrie Lewis</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (year to July 2017) FGB: 80% School Development: 81%</p>	<p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Year 3 Class IT Science</p> <p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Year 5/6 Class Exclusions Literacy Special Educational Needs</p>	

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	<p>Mrs Lauren Radburn</p> <p><i>Attendance: (December 2016 to July 2017) FGB: 100% (March to July 2017) School Development: 50%</i></p>	<p><u>Committee:</u> Resources</p>	<p><i>I have lived in Child Okeford since 2007 and before starting a family I was Editor for a school book fair company, so I have seen more than my fair share of primary schools. As a Foundation Governor I am committed to promoting links between St Nicholas Church and the school and I actively encourage young people's engagement with church life in my role as Messy Church leader. I have a son in year 1 and a daughter who will join the school in 2019 so it's in the interests of my children, not just the wider community that St Nicholas school continues to thrive. I am passionate about preserving the ethos of a small rural school, while also supporting the management team and teachers to provide a curriculum that is rich with experiences so that all the pupils enjoy their time at the school and leave with high attainment and even higher aspirations.</i></p>
		<p><u>Responsibilities:</u> Literacy RE</p>	
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Associate Members (attendance rights only and no voting rights)

None at present			