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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](mailto: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)*

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|  | <p>Mrs Tracy Maley</p> <p><u>Attendance:</u><br/>(year to Dec 2017)<br/>FGB: 100%<br/>Resources:<br/>100%</p> <p>(since Nov 2017)<br/>Policy: 100%</p> | <p><u>Committees:</u><br/>Resources<br/>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)*

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|  | <p>Isla Ferguson</p> | <p><u>Committees:</u><br/>Resources</p>        | <p><i>Elected February 2018</i></p> |
|  |                      | <p><u>Responsibilities include:</u><br/>IT</p> |                                     |

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*Local Education Authority (LEA) (1) Appointed by Dorset County Council*

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|  A portrait of Mrs Elizabeth Sims, a woman with glasses, wearing a blue patterned jacket and a dark scarf, smiling in a classroom setting. | <p>Mrs<br/>Elizabeth<br/>Sims</p> <p><u>Attendance:</u><br/>(year to Dec<br/>2017)<br/>FGB: 67%</p> | <p><u>Responsibilities include:</u></p> <p>Year 2 Class<br/>Admissions<br/>Exclusions<br/>Numeracy<br/>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*

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|   | <p><b>Mr Ewan Brown</b></p> <p><u>Attendance:</u><br/>(year to Dec 2017)<br/>FGB: 50%<br/>Resources: 40%</p>  | <p><b><u>Committee:</u></b><br/>Vice Chair of Resources</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Responsibilities include:</u></b><br/>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><b>Mrs Carol Wee</b></p> <p><u>Attendance:</u><br/>(year to Dec 2017)<br/>FGB: 100%<br/>Resources: 100%</p> <p>(since Nov 2017) Policy: 100%</p> | <p><b><i>Co-Chair of Governors</i></b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Committees:</u></b><br/>Chair of Resources Policy</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Responsibilities include:</u></b><br/>Reception Class<br/>Safeguarding<br/>Numeracy<br/>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*

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|  <p><b>The Reverend Lydia Cook</b><br/>(Ex-officio)</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i><br/>(year to Dec 2017)<br/>FGB: 100%</p> <p>(since Nov 2017) Policy: 100%</p> | <p><b>Co-Chair of Governors</b></p> <p><u>Committee:</u><br/>Chair of Policy</p> <p><u>Responsibilities:</u><br/>Year 4 Class<br/>Head Performance<br/>Spiritual Development/<br/>RE<br/>Staff Dismissal</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><b>Mrs Lynne Crighton</b></p> <p><i>Attendance:</i><br/>(since Sept 2017)<br/>FGB: 100%</p> <p>(since Nov 2017) Policy: 100%</p>                       | <p><u>Committee:</u><br/>Policy</p>  | <p><i>Having recently moved to Child Okeford, my husband and I are grateful for the warm welcome we have received from the village and the congregation of St Nicholas and enjoy being part of this lively community. After a career in secondary education, as a history teacher and latterly a head teacher, I am only too aware of the vital impact primary education has on a child's life chances. During the course of the last academic year I was fortunate enough to be accepted as an adult helper at St Nicholas C of E School, assisting year 6 pupils in their literacy development. I have been impressed by the ethos of the school, the behaviour of the children and the dedication of the staff and am now pleased to have the opportunity to support the school further as a member of the Board of Governors.</i></p> |

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|  | <p>Mrs<br/>Carrie<br/>Lewis</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i><br/>(year to Dec<br/>2017)<br/>FGB: 83%</p> | <p><b><i>Vice-Chair of Governors</i></b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Responsibilities include:</u></b><br/>Year 5/6 Class<br/>Exclusions<br/>Literacy<br/>Special Educational<br/>Needs</p> | <p><i>Whilst I was teaching briefly as a volunteer in South Sudan, I was impressed by how the church supported its young people. It made me think about what I could do here, in Child Okeford, where I have been lucky enough to live with my family for the past fifteen years. As a result, I became a Foundation Governor in October 2013. I am committed to supporting the ethos of the school and, as an English teacher, to improving literacy. I already know St Nicholas well as my son is a former pupil. I valued then, as I do now, the excellent education he received and the dedication and professionalism of the staff.</i></p> |
|   | <p>Mrs Katie<br/>Morton</p>   | <p><i>Appointed January 2018</i></p>   |  |

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|   | <p>Mrs<br/>Lauren<br/>Radburn</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i><br/>(year to Dec<br/>2017)<br/>FGB: 100%</p> <p>(Sept – Dec<br/>2017)<br/>Resources: 50%</p> | <p><u>Committee:</u><br/>Resources</p> <hr/> <p><u>Responsibilities:</u><br/>Year 3<br/>Literacy<br/>RE</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>Mrs<br/>Sammy<br/>Upton</p>   | <p><i>Appointed January 2018</i></p>  | <p><i>I have lived in Child Okeford for over fourteen years and enjoy being active in several community activities and events. I have directed a number of community plays, including nativities and pantomines which have involved pupils from the school. The warm welcome given to me by the staff and pupils, my observations of the interactions between staff and pupils, and the confident help shown to me by pupils whilst we were finding a space in which to rehearse, led me to see the school’s aims in practice and a desire to play an active role in education again, since my retirement four years ago. I have been an assistant headteacher in a secondary school, a National Strategy consultant and more latterly, the Headteacher of Poole’s Virtual School for Children in Care. I am now delighted to be a Foundation Governor and to have this opportunity to work with the school and it’s Christian values and through its values and vision to achieve recognition as excellent and outstanding.</i></p> |

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*Associate Members (attendance rights only and no voting rights)*

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