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St Nicholas Church of England
Voluntary Aided Primary School

Child Okeford

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

THE GOVERNORS

2018-19

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 May 2018) 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>Mr Steve Cottrell</p> <p><i>Interim Appointment September 2018</i></p>	<p><u>Committees:</u> Resources Policy</p>	
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Staff (1) (Elected by Staff)

	<p>Mrs Isla Ferguson</p> <p><i>Attendance: (since Jan 2018) FGB: 40% Resources: 100%</i></p>	<p><u>Committees:</u> Resources</p> <p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> IT</p>	<p><i>I am very happy to have been elected as the staff governor. When I was appointed at St Nicholas, my specialism was IT, so I am pleased to now be the governor responsible for IT – to find out how far things have moved on! At present I teach year 3/4, but I have taught across both key stages at St Nicholas. My particular interests are Modern Foreign Languages (I speak French, Spanish and German) and RE. I am a member of Dorset SACRE, which gives me an insight into new developments and thinking in the teaching of RE. I also particularly enjoy outdoor education and run our occasional Forest skills club, as well as taking responsibility for the development of the outdoor area.</i></p>
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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 scarf, smiling in a classroom setting.	<p>Mrs Elizabeth Sims</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (year to July 2018) FGB: 50%</p>	<p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Year 2 Class Admissions Exclusions Numeracy</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><i>Picture to be supplied</i></p>	<p>Mrs Tanya Mason-Flynn</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> Appointed Nov 2018</p>		<p><i>I currently have 2 children at the school (with 1 starting school next year). My previous experience was as a teacher (PGCE qualified) in Spain. Myself, along with 3 others from my church established the Ark Christian School, where we delivered the British curriculum for children from 3-14 years within a Christian environment. I specialised in KS2, but was also deputy and acting head during my time there.</i></p> <p><i>I have been a Christian since in my 20's, and was baptised in the chilly waters of Fuengirola in January when we were living in Spain. Since relocating back to the UK 5 years ago, we have regularly attended church and now find our church home down in Poole at Sunnyhill.</i></p> <p><i>My degree background is in Human Resources and I am currently the chair of the PTFA.</i></p>
	<p>Mrs Carol Wee</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (year to July 2018) FGB: 100% <i>Resources:</i> 100%</p> <p>(since Nov 2017) <i>Policy:</i> 100%</p>	<p>Co-Chair of Governors</p> <hr/> <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>The Reverend Lydia Cook (<i>Ex-officio</i>)</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (year to July 2018) FGB: 88%</p> <p>(since Nov 2017) <i>Policy:</i> 100%</p>		<p>Responsibilities: Spiritual Development/ RE Staff Dismissal Modern Foreign Languages</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>Mrs Lynne Crighton</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (since Sept 2017) FGB: 83%</p> <p>(since Nov 2017) <i>Policy:</i> 100%</p>		<p>Committee: Chair of Policy Committee</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>
		<p>Responsibilities: Year 1 Class After School Clubs Head Performance</p>	

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	<p>Mrs Carrie Lewis</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (year to July 2018) FGB: 75%</p>	<p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Year 5/6 Class Exclusions Literacy Special Educational 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 Morton</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (since March 2018) FGB: 25%</p> <p>(since June 2018) Resources: 100%</p>	<p><u>Committee:</u> Resources</p> <hr/> <p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Year 4 Science</p>	<p><i>My background is in the museum and heritage sector: I initially worked as an archaeologist for three years after graduating, followed by almost a decade at Poole Museum, where I worked as a curator. Alongside my curatorial duties I did a lot of community outreach work, sometimes working alongside the Learning Manager with primary and secondary schools. I also used to love helping out with the Young Archaeologists' Club. For the last three years, since the birth of my second child, I have been a full time Mum. I am already a member of the PTFA committee and am delighted to become a Foundation Governor. Since my son joined the school in 2016 I have been so impressed by the school community as a whole and I feel proud to be a part of it. I have always been particularly struck by the confidence, friendliness and helpfulness of the pupils I encounter whenever I visit the school.</i></p>

	<p>Mrs Lauren Radburn</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (year to July 2018) FGB: 100%</p> <p>(since Sept 2017) Resources: 75%</p>	<p><u>Committee:</u> Resources</p> <hr/> <p><u>Responsibilities:</u> Year 3 Literacy RE Health and Safety</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 Sammy Upton</p> <p><i>Attendance:</i> (since March 2018) FGB: 100%</p> <p>(since June 2018) Resources: 100%</p>	<p><u>Committee:</u> Resources Policy</p> <hr/> <p><u>Responsibilities:</u> Safeguarding Science Special Educational Needs</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)

Mrs Sarah Salisbury	<i>Appointed July 2018</i>
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