




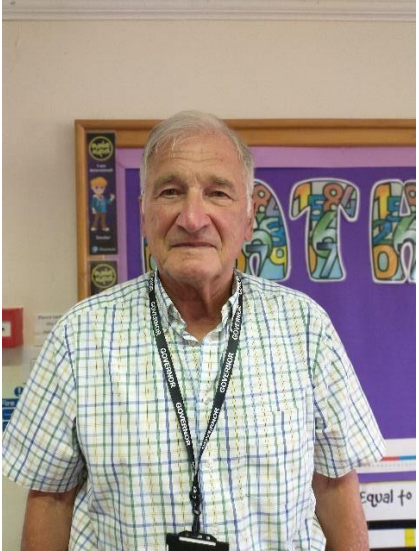
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**THE GOVERNORS 2022-2023**

Governor	Current term of office	Responsibilities	Background information
 <p>Lynne Crighton <i>Foundation</i> <b>Chair of Governors</b></p>	13.09.2021 to 12.09.2025	Head Teacher Performance management  SEND  PE  Collective Worship	<p><i>On moving to Child Okeford, my husband and I were grateful for the warm welcome we received from the village and the congregation of St Nicholas and we continue to enjoy being part of this lively community.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>Before becoming a Governor, 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 was impressed by the ethos of the school, the behaviour of the children and the dedication of the staff and am pleased to continue to support the school as a member of the Board of Governors.</i></p>


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<p>Lauren Radburn <i>Foundation</i> <b>Vice Chair of Governors</b></p> 	<p>07.10.2020 to 06.10.2024</p>	<p>Head Teacher Performance management</p> <p>Early Years Foundation Stage</p> <p>Literacy and Phonics</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. I am now a qualified midwife and work with families, mothers and babies at the very start of their journey in life.</i></p> <p><i>As a Foundation Governor I am committed to promoting links between St Nicholas Church and the school and I have actively encouraged young people's engagement with church life in my previous role as Messy Church leader. I have a son who has recently completed his seven years at St Nicholas and is now at secondary school and a daughter in Year 3, so I know how important it is both personally and to the wider community that St Nicholas school continues to thrive.</i></p> <p><i>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. This is ever more important in a post-Covid world, to help the children in our care catch-up following the interruptions to their schooling and socialisation, and become happy and confident learners with a thirst for knowledge.</i></p>

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<p>Sammy Upton <i>Foundation</i></p> 	<p>11.05.2022 to 10.05.2026</p>	<p>Head Teachers Performance Management</p> <p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Looked after Children</p> <p>Admissions</p>	<p><i>I have lived in Child Okeford for many 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.</i></p> <p><i>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. 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></p> <p><i>I am delighted to be a Foundation Governor and to have this opportunity to work with the school and its Christian values and through its values.</i></p>

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<p>Tim Harris <i>Foundation</i></p> 	<p>23.11.2020 to 22.11.2024</p>	<p>Modern Foreign Languages</p> <p>RE</p>	<p><i>I have lived in Child Okeford since 2017 when my wife and I returned from Northern Cyprus where we lived in retirement for 13 years. Prior to that I served in the Army for 28 years travelling around the world. As both my wife and I are Dorset born and bred, we decided to finally settle down in our home Country. Having found, purely by chance, a house in Child Okeford, we were made to feel so welcome by the village and the congregation of St Nicholas that we were delighted with our choice.</i></p> <p><i>Leadership and man management experience was gained during my time in the army together with being a golf club secretary for 8 years, both of which entailed planning, finance and management of 600 odd plus personnel. I feel that I am approachable, level headed, conscientious and reliable and able to think on my feet. With four Grandchildren, I believe in the importance of making these early years in a child's education the best they can be thus ensuring a good foundation for the years to come. This together with a good association with our local church St Nicholas will hopefully form the structure of how they will lead useful and productive lives in the future.</i></p> <p><i>I enjoy Cricket and Rugby, sadly watching not playing any more, belong to an active walking group and enjoy theatre and travel.</i></p>


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<p>Helen Burgess <i>Foundation</i></p> 	11.02.2022 to 10.02.2026	Humanities  Music	<p><i>I moved to Child Okeford in July 2020 and have immediately been impressed by the welcome from the village and the church family at St Nicholas'.</i></p> <p><i>I have been married to Jonathan for over 35 years and we love being active members of the community.</i></p> <p><i>I am a Chartered Surveyor and specialise in retail property. I am currently Group Property Director for WH Smith. Prior to this role, I was also a director with other international retail and hospitality businesses.</i></p> <p><i>I enjoy motivational speaking and mentoring colleagues. I am passionate about helping young people to develop and to be the best they can be. I am blessed to have been asked to become a Foundation Governor of the village school and hope to be able to share some of my passion for personal development with the staff and pupils of the school.</i></p> <p><i>My interests are fitness, gardening, family, friends and entertaining.</i></p>



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<p>Imogen Gater <i>Parent</i></p> 	<p>09.05.2022 to 08.05.2026</p>	<p>Mathematics</p> <p>Art and Design Technology</p> <p>Science</p>	<p><i>I have a vested interest in St Nicholas as by September 2022 two of my children will be attending. I am also a qualified teacher with a successful career of over a decade, having left teaching in December 2021 to care for my three young children. My passion for education and school improvement continues. I believe that all children, from all backgrounds, deserve a brilliant education. High aspirations, diverse opportunities and academic excellence were key to my own work and central to the education I want for my own children.</i></p> <p><i>I understand the pressures of working in a school environment, the financial constraints of school budgets and many other difficulties and challenges faced by teaching staff and school leaders. My experience has been as a classroom teacher, Head of Science and as a T&amp;L coach and mentor to other staff. I have worked closely with senior leadership and governors throughout my career.</i></p>


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Vacancy <i>Staff</i>			

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<p>Ms Jill Watson Ex-Officio</p> 	N/A	Headteacher of the School	<u>N/A</u>



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<p>Mrs Philippa Tandoh Parent</p> 	<p>14.11.2022 to 13.11.2022</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p><i>As a parent governor, I currently have one daughter who attends St Nicholas. I have another daughter who attends The Ark and I hope will join St Nicholas when she reaches school age. I am also currently Chairperson of Trustees for The Ark nursery. I work at a local senior school in a pastoral boarding matron role.</i></p> <p><i>As a child, I attended St Nicholas and have wonderful memories of the time I attended. During this time, my parents were also governors to the school. As a governor, I hope to further encourage St Nicholas to grow and flourish for pupils, parents and staff.</i></p>