

#### **THE GOVERNORS**

#### 2019-20

## St Nicholas Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

**Child Okeford** 

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

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 and the 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 as vacancies do occur from time to time.

**The Governors** (all governors serve a four-year term)

## **School Governors**

Head (1) (Ex-Officio)

Ms Jill Watson	See School website homepage: https://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk/
Appointment April 2019 <u>Attendance:</u> FGB: 100%	

Staff (1) (Elected by Staff)

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	Mrs Sarah Salisbury	See School website homepage: <a href="https://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk/">https://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk/</a>
	Appointment November 2019 <u>Attendance:</u> FGB: 100%	

Local Education Authority (LA) (1) Appointed by Dorset Council

Attendance: (year to Nov

2019) FGB: 29%



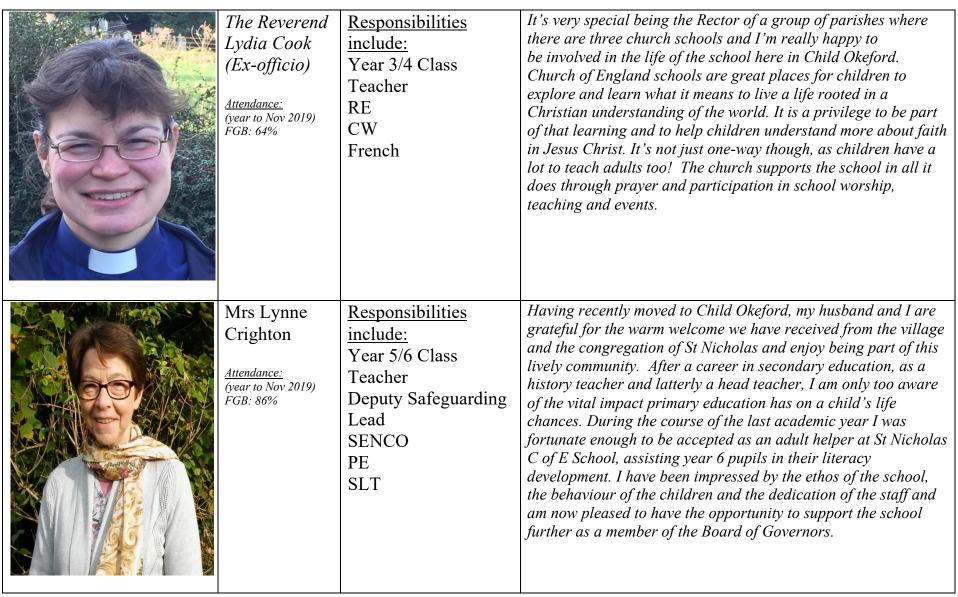
# Mrs Responsibilities include: Elizabeth Admissions Sims Exclusions

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".

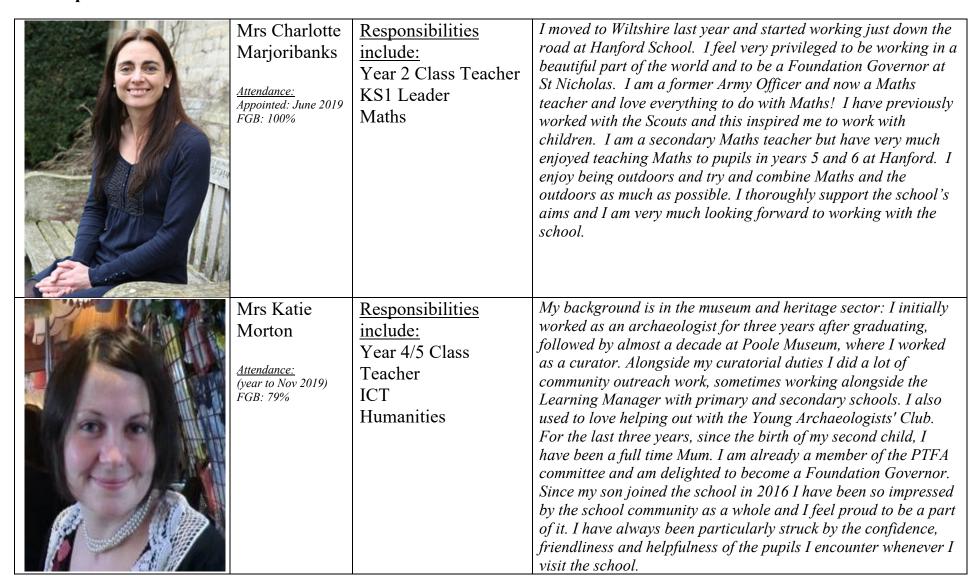
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	Mrs Tanya Mason- Flynn Attendance: (year to Nov 2019) FGB: 75%	Vice Chair of Governors  Responsibilities include: Year 1 Class Teacher Music PSHE	I currently have 2 children at the school (with 1 starting school next year). My previous experience 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 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.  My degree background is in Human Resources and I am currently the chair of the PTFA.
	Mr Christopher Taylor Attendance: Appointed October 2019 FGB: 100%	Responsibilities include: Year 1 Class Teacher Science DT	I am keen to contribute in any way I can to the St Nicholas board of governors. I believe education is even more important now than it has ever been both from an individual and a country level perspective. There is so much information around now that it is critical that we give our children both a lifelong love of learning and enough knowledge to be able to sift and assess all this data as to what is more likely to be true and what less so. In addition the internet and social media has exploded and we need to equip them with the social skills and confidence to successfully navigate this maze of interactions without harm to themselves or others. From a country perspective in the new more global world we will only compete successfully if we can educate our children effectively to operate in this environment and contribute their skills.

## Foundation (7) Appointed by the Diocese of Salisbury



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Mrs Lauren Radburn  Attendance: (year to Nov 2019) FGB: 86%	Responsibilities include: Reception Class Teacher Early Years Foundation Stage coordinator Art Literacy and Phonics	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.
Mrs Sammy Upton  Attendance: (year to Nov 2019): FGB: 71%	Responsibilities include: Headteacher Assessment Safeguarding Lead	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 its Christian values and through its values.

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Associate Members (attendance rights only and no voting rights)					