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St Nicholas Church of England
Voluntary Aided Primary School

Child Okeford

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

THE GOVERNORS

2019-20

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)

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School Governors

Head (1) (Ex-Officio)


	<p>Ms Jill Watson</p> <p><i>Appointment April 2019 <u>Attendance:</u> FGB: 100%</i></p>	<p>See School website homepage: https://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk/</p>
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Staff (1) (Elected by Staff)

	<p>Mrs Sarah Salisbury</p> <p><i>Appointment November 2019 <u>Attendance:</u> FGB: 100%</i></p>	<p>See School website homepage: https://www.childokeford.dorset.sch.uk/</p>
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Local Education Authority (LA) (1) Appointed by Dorset Council

 A portrait photograph of Mrs Elizabeth Sims, a woman with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a blue patterned jacket over a dark patterned scarf. She is smiling and sitting at a desk in what appears to be a classroom or office setting with bookshelves and educational posters in the background.	<p>Mrs Elizabeth Sims</p> <p><u>Attendance:</u> (year to Nov 2019) FGB: 29%</p>	<p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Admissions Exclusions</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>Mrs Tanya Mason-Flynn</p> <p><i>Attendance: (year to Nov 2019) FGB: 75%</i></p>	<p>Vice Chair of Governors</p> <p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Year 1 Class Teacher Music PSHE</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>Mr Christopher Taylor</p> <p><i>Attendance: Appointed October 2019 FGB: 100%</i></p>	<p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Year 1 Class Teacher Science DT</p>	<p><i>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.</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 Nov 2019) FGB: 64%</i></p>	<p><u>Responsibilities</u> <u>include:</u> Year 3/4 Class Teacher RE CW French</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><i>Mrs Lynne Crighton</i></p> <p><i>Attendance: (year to Nov 2019) FGB: 86%</i></p>	<p><u>Responsibilities</u> <u>include:</u> Year 5/6 Class Teacher Deputy Safeguarding Lead SENCO PE SLT</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>Mrs Charlotte Marjoribanks</p> <p><u>Attendance:</u> Appointed: June 2019 FGB: 100%</p>	<p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Year 2 Class Teacher KS1 Leader Maths</p>	<p><i>I moved to Wiltshire last year and started working just down the road at Hanford School. I feel very privileged to be working in a beautiful part of the world and to be a Foundation Governor at St Nicholas. I am a former Army Officer and now a Maths teacher and love everything to do with Maths! I have previously worked with the Scouts and this inspired me to work with children. I am a secondary Maths teacher but have very much enjoyed teaching Maths to pupils in years 5 and 6 at Hanford. I enjoy being outdoors and try and combine Maths and the outdoors as much as possible. I thoroughly support the school's aims and I am very much looking forward to working with the school.</i></p>
	<p>Mrs Katie Morton</p> <p><u>Attendance:</u> (year to Nov 2019) FGB: 79%</p>	<p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Year 4/5 Class Teacher ICT Humanities</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><u>Attendance:</u> (year to Nov 2019) FGB: 86%</p>	<p>Chair of Governors</p> <p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Reception Class Teacher Early Years Foundation Stage coordinator Art 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. 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><u>Attendance:</u> (year to Nov 2019): FGB: 71%</p>	<p><u>Responsibilities include:</u> Headteacher Assessment Safeguarding Lead</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 its Christian values and through its values.</i></p>

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Associate Members (attendance rights only and no voting rights)

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