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**St Nicholas Church of England**  
**Voluntary Aided Primary School**

**Child Okeford**

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

**THE GOVERNORS**

**2019-2020**

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. All governors serve a four-year term and are appointed as follows;

*Parent (2) Elected by parents*


*Staff (1) Elected by staff*


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


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

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**Governor Information**


<b>Governor</b>	<b>Current term of office</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>	<b>Background information</b>
<p>Mrs Lauren Radburn <i>Foundation</i> <b>Chair of Governors</b></p> 	<p>07.10.2016 to 06.10.2020</p>	<p>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.</i></p> <p><i>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></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.</i></p>


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<p>Mrs Tanya Mason-Flynn  <i>Parent</i>  <b>Vice Chair of Governors</b></p> 	<p>01.11.2018 to            31.10.2022</p>	<p>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>

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<p><i>The Reverend Lydia Cook Foundation</i></p>  A portrait of The Reverend Lydia Cook, a woman with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a blue clerical shirt with a white collar. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery.	<p><i>Ex-officio</i></p>	<p>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.</i></p> <p><i>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>


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<p>Mrs Elizabeth Sims <i>Local Authority</i></p>  A portrait photograph of Mrs Elizabeth Sims, a woman with glasses, wearing a blue patterned jacket and a dark patterned scarf, smiling. She is sitting at a desk in what appears to be a classroom or office setting with educational posters on the wall behind her.	<p>12.07.2017 to 11.07.2021</p>	<p>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></p> <p><i>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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<p>Mrs Lynne Crighton <i>Foundation</i></p> 	<p>13.09.2017 to 12.09.2021</p>	<p>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.</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. 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></p> <p><i>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 Sammy Upton <i>Foundation</i></p> 	<p>22.01.2018 to 21.01.2022</p>	<p>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.</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 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></p> <p><i>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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<p>Mr Christopher Taylor <i>Parent</i></p> 	<p>24.10.2019 to 23.10.2023</p>	<p>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.</i></p> <p><i>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>
<p>Ms Jill Watson</p>	<p>Ex-Officio</p>	<p>Headteacher</p>	
<p>Sarah Salisbury <i>Staff</i></p>	<p>27.11.2019 to 26.11.2023</p>	<p>Teacher</p>	