

# Meet the Governors



*'Learning for Fullness of Life'* John 10:10

*Trust- Respect - Love*

## **What is the role of the governing body?**

The role of the governing body is to;

- Ensure the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school, so that all pupils are learning for fullness of life, in line with the school's Christian Values.
- Hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Oversee the school's policies and their implementation.
- Oversee the budget and make sure it is money well spent.

We make sure that the school is making continuous improvement, setting direction and meeting its targets, whilst allowing the Headteacher to manage the day-to-day running of the school.

## **How we achieve this**

We achieve this through a continuous cycle of;

- Target setting in the annual school action plan.
- Effective strategic planning.
- Monitoring through focused and non-focused school visits, analysing school/results data, offering both challenge and support.
- Evaluation - identifying weaknesses and areas for development.

Throughout the year we meet regularly as a full Governing Body, the focus of these meetings can vary, depending on the needs of the school at the time. However, we maintain a close eye on performance and standards and finance and resources. This allows us the opportunity to discuss the on-going progress and question the information received, making sure it is robust and that the budget is being used wisely in order to achieve the targets of the school action plan.

It is important that the governing board have a strong detailed knowledge and understanding of the school, building relationships with not only the staff but also the pupils. This is why termly monitoring visits are so important, it allows us to see the school during the school day, the lived experience of your

children and ensure that they have the opportunity to *Live Life in all its Fullness*.

This knowledge helps us to support the staff in creating a safe, happy and fun learning environment, where pupils are excited to learn, ensuring that the curriculum is rich and varied and where children and staff are celebrated and nurtured.

## **Meet the Governors**

The governing body is made up of volunteers from both the school and wider community, acting as representatives of the school and links between the community, including; parents, staff and members of the Church, all bringing their different skills and experiences to help support and develop the school.

**Heather Fletcher – Chair of Governors/Foundation Governor**

**Jonathan Allen – Vice Chair of Governors/LA Governor**

**Rev Nicki Chatterton – Foundation Governor (Church representative)**

**Michelle Crowe – Headteacher**

**Sherrel Brown – Staff Governor/Deputy Headteacher**

**Tammy Easton – Parent Governor**

**Kerry Hughes – Parent Governor**

**Lucy Cooke – Co-opted Governor**

**David Ingham – Co-opted Governor**

**VACANCY – Co-Opted Governor**

We are supported by our **Governance Professional, Lorraine Holmes** who ensures that the governing body operates properly, within the legal framework and provides all other professional support.

Governor undertakes a variety of different roles within the school, including lead governors who have oversight in many areas of the school, from Well Being to Health and Safety and many more areas within the school community.

We take our responsibilities to the school seriously, evaluating our own weaknesses and undertaking training where needed in order that we continue to develop, so, we can make sure we continue to work effectively as a team.

We see ourselves as part of the school family, working in partnership with all the staff, to support them, not just for their benefit, but most importantly for the pupils, making sure that we are providing them with an excellent education and enriched school experience. In order that they can learn to live a full of life, not just acquiring academic knowledge but living a meaningful and purposeful life, during and long after their time here at Ettington Church of England Primary School.

Information on how to contact us is available on the school website, along with more information about the individual governor.

<https://www.ettingtonprimary.org/>