

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to write to you and introduce myself, and Ruth Guiler, as your new Chair and Vice Chair of Governors at St Mary's and All Saints. We are both honoured and delighted to have been elected to our new roles, and we really look forward to getting to know the children, families, and staff of SMAS better, as well as working hard to support the school in being a thriving, outward looking, ambitious and happy, community, church school.

As you will be aware, after many years of volunteering his time to the school, Mr Bob Mason resigned as Chair in September, and Lynn Johnson's term of office comes to an end next month. Both have given a lot to the school, and we would like to thank them very much for all their hard work, commitment, and time, and for really caring about their local community. Ruth and I will inevitably operate differently, but we certainly aspire to the same conscientiousness, involvement, and community spirit that they have shown.

It has been a challenging year for SMAS in many ways, and like the school's leadership team, we will not be shying away from any issues raised by Ofsted or that need addressing. We will be looking at the way we work as governors, as well as to expand and strength the composition of our current group. We are committed to supporting the school in ensuring that all children have the very best possible experience at SMAS. That is what drives and motivates us. Our parent governor positions are all filled at the minute, but if you know of committed, child-centred, individuals who may be interested in volunteering on our governing body, please do share with them the advert below.

We will be writing to you again, once we have been in post for a little longer, but if you see us in school, please do come and chat to us. I will also be in the playground on Monday mornings at drop-off, for the next few weeks, and would love to meet as many children and parents as possible. I'm just hoping the weather warms up!

Yours faithfully,

Ms Caroline Davis-King

Chair of Governors

Mrs Ruth Guiler

Vice Chair

Your Local Church School Needs You!

St Mary's and All Saints CE Primary School, Beaconsfield is looking to appoint new Governors to strengthen the School Governing Body. These are voluntary roles which support the school's Leadership Team in the governance of the school. We are looking for individuals with the time, interest, and commitment to really help the school to thrive.

St Mary's and All Saints is a popular, Church of England school, based in the new town on Maxwell Road. Staff are dedicated and student focused, the school boasts excellent and well managed facilities, and results are generally above average across all Key Stages. The school has just over 400 students between the ages of 4 and 11, and one of the delights of working as a School Governor is enjoying seeing these children grow, learn and flourish!

The Role of a Governor

A School Governor is there to support the school, not manage it! Governors are responsible for helping to set and maintain the strategic direction of a school, ensuring that the Head and Leadership Team are running the school well, and making sure that school funding is being used effectively and represents excellent value for money. Following a disappointing Ofsted report recently, good governance is of particular importance to St Mary's and All Saints.

Typically, the Full Governing Board meets six times per year. Governors are also expected to join a subcommittee of their choosing. A very comprehensive programme of professional training is available, and it is important that Governors take their training responsibilities seriously.

How to apply

If you are interested in a rewarding, volunteer role, which helps to shape the education of future generations, we would love to hear from you. Of particular interest would be individuals with experience in Human Resources (HR), building or surveying, Health and Safety, or Law. However, what is most important is that you have an interest in being actively involved in the school and making a difference to its young people. To express an interest or find out more, please email Caroline Davis-King, Chair of Governors, on csdavisking@gmail.com and she will be happy to meet with you over a coffee, to talk through the role in more detail.
