

Dear Parents/Carers

I have been a governor at St John's for over fifteen years now and I can honestly say that I have never tired of the role. In fact as I am a Foundation (church) governor I feel very fortunate to have a 'foot in both camps' and honoured to represent both St John's!

Many of you will know me in my role as Business Manager but my involvement with the school is far more longstanding. Over the last 23 years I have had the opportunity and privilege to support the school in a variety of ways, including the role of PTA treasurer, parent helper, teaching Assistant (mainly working one-to-one with specific pupils) as well as my roles in the school administration and finance departments. Because of these associations I feel that I have been well equipped to fulfil my governing role and I have been able to build up a broad knowledge of the school as a whole. Being able to see how each aspect of the school works helps me to view challenges with informed opinions and I would like to think I look at the bigger picture and not just from a financial point of view!

As a governing body we strive to support the school in every way we can and I am always keen to hear parents' views as to how you feel we are performing. Working in the school environment has certainly become tougher over the years with more and more demands being placed on all staff by both central and local government. However I do feel that both the staff and the governing body accept the challenges with enthusiasm and although we know that we may not get everything right - we certainly strive to do so.

As parents, pupils, staff and governors we all have a role to perform and together we can really make a difference to the lives of our pupils both now and in the future.

I have always been proud to be associated with St John's School, certainly as a parent but even though my own children have long since left my passion for the school is as strong as ever.

Mrs Alison Edwards
Foundation Governor