



# Governor Newsletter

## February 2017



Every year the governors are required to review the school's admissions policy. The policy must adhere to the 'Schools' Admissions Code'. The Diocesan Board of Education provides support to the governors in ensuring that the policy is compliant with current legislation.

The governors are committed to ensuring that the school continues to serve the local community and priority therefore continues to be given to children who live in the catchment area. Details of the catchment area can be found on the [school website](#).

The governing board is made up of twelve volunteers from all walks of life.

The governors work with ODST to ensure that governors between them have the range of skills that are necessary to fulfil the three key roles with which they are entrusted –

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The governors have recently undertaken a skills audit to enable them to reflect upon their skills and knowledge both as individuals and as a corporate body. The audit will be used to guide future training as well as informing succession planning.

You can read more about the individual governors on the [school website](#).

The Governors are delighted to welcome Dr Ernie Gascoigne to the governing board. Ernie is a foundation governor and will initially join the curriculum committee.



*"I retired nearly two years ago, after spending most of my working life in the pharmaceutical industry in various research, training and technical roles. I hope that, as a governor, I can use some of my skills and experience to support the education of the next generation and help the school achieve its goals over the next few years. Also, as a member of Cogges Church, I am really excited at the prospect of being a governor at a school with such a strong Christian ethos."*

***Committed to the care and education of your child within a Christian setting***