



**Dear Parents and Carers**

The new school year is now well underway and it has already been a very busy term. Belatedly, on behalf of Bampton School’s Governing Body, I would like to wish all stakeholders of the school a happy and rewarding year. In particular, a warm welcome to those new to Bampton School; our new children, parents, members of the governing body and staff I hope your first term has been an enjoyable experience. The Governing Body has also been very active. The first Full Governing Body meeting aimed to set the tone for the new school year and confirm our commitment to carry out our roles, as governors, to the best of our ability. Including continuing the initiative, which we describe as ‘Governor Week’ in order to sustain our closer connections with the staff and the pupils of Bampton School. However, the overall aim is to ensure our pupils are attending an effective school which provides them with a good education and supports their well-being.

The SIAMS team (the Foundation Governors, Ms Pitts and Ms Phillips) regularly meet to ensure that ‘the school’s distinctive Christian vision is established and promoted...enabling pupils and adults to flourish’. At the start of the term we met with a representative of ODST to review the school’s work under the new SIAMS framework. Whilst the excellent RE Days and the inspirational ‘Prayer Spaces’ which the pupils recently experienced are outward representations of the school’s commitment to our vision\* we are committed to ensuring that our values<sup>o</sup> are embedded in all aspects of our work across the community. Also, as I write, I have just returned from the Harvest Service whereby Rev Janice and her ‘sidekick’ (Ms Phillips) highlighted the importance of sharing. Donations were presented by the delightful pupils of Mole Class and many other pupils from school spoke with great confidence in front of the congregation. Once again all the pupils represented themselves and the school impeccably.

Have a great weekend and when the time comes a restful break.

*Julian Easterbrook*  
*Chair of Governors*

### Your Governors

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| Julian Easterbrook (chair, foundation) | Justine Heaslip (parent)   |
| Carol Phillips (head teacher)          | Alison Bardsley (co-opted) |
| Fiona Self (parent, vice chair)        | Mike Jones (co-opted)      |
| Penny Fowler (foundation)              | Gill Waite (co-opted)      |
| Gaynor Cooper (co-opted)               | Stuart Homer (co-opted)    |
| Debbie Jacobs (foundation)             | Wendy Copping (staff).     |

There is one regular observer from the school staff Kerry Collins (Office Manager) and our clerk is Helen Roberts.

### Different Types of Governor

- Parent governor:** are elected by other parents at the school.
- Staff governor:** are elected by the school staff.
- Foundation governor:** appointed to secure compliance with the trust deed and preserve and develop the religious character of the school.
- Local authority governor:** nominated by the local authority but appointed by the governing body.
- Co-opted governor:** This is an individual from the *community* who has the skills and experience which the governing board require. to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

### SIAMS and the School’s Vision\*

At Bampton CE Primary School and Nursery our vision statement is shaped by the inclusive Biblical belief that we are all children of God. It is underpinned by our core Christian values<sup>o</sup> of Respect, Friendship and Perseverance.

*We endeavour to enable all individuals in our school community to learn together, grow in respect, tolerance and understanding of the world in which we live and embrace Christian values, to be the best we can be.*

*Illustrated by the parable of The Wise and The Foolish Man (Matthew 7:24-27)*

Please do contact Governors if you have any concerns or questions about the general direction of Bampton Primary School and our policies. Lots of you know who we are and you are welcome to approach us at the School gate or failing that please write to me (Julian Easterbrook) either via c/o the School office or by e-mail [Governor@bampton.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:Governor@bampton.oxon.sch.uk). We cannot deal with issues about your own children – these should be taken up with the class teacher.