

“Growing together at the HEART of God's community”

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits as we embark on a new academic year. On behalf of the Governors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Glazebury Church of England Primary School - we are honoured and proud to be YOUR Governing Body for this wonderful school and are excited to be working with our dedicated and excellent staff, our brilliant facilities and, most importantly, our inspirational children.

The Governing Body at Glazebury Primary School is made up of a cross-section of people including parents, staff, and Church representatives. Importantly, we have people from all walks of life to ensure we fully understand the bigger picture – the needs of our school and Church family – as well as safeguarding our school community. Many of the Governors have long associations with the school and/or All Saints' Church and feel strongly about maintaining such a special village school, which has **Love** and **Wisdom** at the **HEART** of all that it does. We all have a deep commitment to fostering a nurturing and inclusive educational environment, underpinned by Christian values, where every child feels valued, safe, and inspired to reach their full potential.

What does the Governing Body do? We work closely with the Headteacher, Mrs Mowbray, to ensure that:

- the school's vision is maintained and attained - “HEART” (please see the Curriculum Statement for details)
- the school's Christian Ethos is evident (in learning, behaviours, policies etc.)
- the school is a safe place (enabled by dedicated Safeguarding and Health & Safety Governors)
- our youngest pupils have the best possible start (through our Early Years Governor), and
- the school's money is spent in the best possible way, to benefit the education and well-being of our children.

The Governing Body also holds the Headteacher (and the Deputy Head and other senior leaders) to ‘account’ by being a ‘critical friend’. Although this sounds somewhat ‘heavy’, it is important for Mrs Mowbray (and/or Mrs Wall, and others) to know they are not alone in making strategic decisions; they are responsible for the day-to-day running of the school, whilst the Governing Body provide strategic support, assistance, and guidance, as needed.

To fulfil this role the Governing Body holds regular meetings (once every half-term), so we can have open and honest discussions about what is happening and what is planned in school, providing a sounding board, (friendly) challenge, encouragement, and support, as required. All the Governors also hold a dedicated “Link Governor” role, which allows us to focus on subjects, processes, or areas of the school to gain a more in depth understanding, such as Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs (SEN), Early Years, RE, English, Maths, Health & Safety, Finance etc. We have regular contact with the school too, visiting at least once a term to observe, monitor, review and learn. (If you would like to know more or have an interest in becoming a Governor, simply contact the school office or check the website.)

In addition to supporting Mrs Mowbray and her team, we are also available to listen and to support you as parents. If needed, please contact one of the Governors or contact the school office for further details.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Governing Body, in particular previous co-Chairs, Mrs Sara Makepeace-Taylor and Mrs Alice Richards, for their dedication and commitment to date, and I look forward to working with them all to enable Glazebury Primary School to continue be an exceptional place for our children to learn and grow.

With best regards

Dave Beechey

Chair (on behalf of the Governing Body)

The HEART of our school and curriculum:

H - **Helping children prepare for life, growing with God.**

E - **Embracing Christian Values.**

A - **Achievement for all.**

R - **Reading at the heart of our school**

T - **Teaching a knowledge rich curriculum.**

*At Glazebury CE Primary School, our core values of **Love and Wisdom** are at the centre of all that we do and all that we are. We feel that the values of friendship, truthfulness, hope, peace, creation, trust, compassion, justice, humility and forgiveness are fundamental to the growth of all.*

***Love never fails** (Corinthians 8:13)*

*For the Lord gives **Wisdom**: from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding (Proverbs 2:6)*