



Southdale
C of E Junior school
Shining like stars in the universe

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Dear Parent/ Guardian/ Carer,

I would like to introduce myself as your newly elected Chair of Governors. I have twenty five years' experience of working with children and young people in many different environments. I am a youth worker by trade but have had many years' experience of working closely with schools and the education system. I have been a Governor for seven years, firstly at South Ossett Infant Academy and became a Governor at Southdale in February 2016.

I believe passionately that giving children the best education ensures that they get the best chance in life to thrive. There are many pieces of research around children achieving well in school connected with their ability to maintain relationships, build successful careers and generally contribute to society.

I fully support the Southdale vision:

Shining like stars in the universe.' Philippians 2:15

Our number one aim for our Southdale family is that we shine like stars in the universe in everything we do – we refer to this as the 'Southdale Sparkle'. We like a challenge, never give up easily and have the highest expectations of ourselves and others. Our Christian values underpin the life of our school and we constantly show kindness and respect, so that everyone feels happy, safe and valued.

In addition, I support everything that Mrs Partington and her team do daily to ensure that all of our children are given the best possible chance to succeed, within a meaningful curriculum that is rich in experiences.

The Governing body plays an important role in the life of the school, however, to be clear, Mrs Partington and the Senior Leadership team are responsible for the day to day operation of the school. The Governors support the school through Governance, which means we have a legal responsibility to make sure all policies and procedures are in place and that the school is held to account for the delivery of high quality education to our children. I am now in place to be the link between the school and the Governing body.

One of my main aims as the Chair of Governors is to ensure that communication between school and home is as good as it can possibly be. I want to make sure that if you wish to make comments regarding anything to do with the running of the school and communication in particular, that you are fully aware of how to do this most effectively. To this end, please make contact with the school in the first instance on admin@southdale.wakefield.sch.uk.

If you wish to contact me directly, about anything which you feel that I need to deal with, please contact me on v.foster@southdale.wakefield.sch.uk. My colleague Steve Hogger has recently been elected as Vice chair. Should you wish to contact him directly, please email s.hogger@southdale.wakefield.sch.uk .

I look forward to meeting you all at the various events throughout the year and to hearing from you with any comments you may wish to make.

Please do let me know if there is anything you would like me to raise with the school.

Yours sincerely

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