

Governor Profile - Emma Hart Dyke

I was born and spent the first seven years of my life in Sierra Leone, West Africa. I attended an International school and was taught the French National Anthem. School was attended in the morning and we went to the beach most afternoons. In the early 1970's my family returned to England and we settled in a village just outside Bath. I was educated at the local primary school and then two secondary schools in Bath.

With a mother who taught in secondary school and my oldest sister teaching in the East End of London, it was no surprise that I trained to be a teacher at Whitelands College, part of the Roehampton Institute, gaining an honours degree in education. My first teaching position was in Wandsworth, part of the ILEA. I absolutely loved it and spent four very happy years there teaching a Reception /Year 1 class for two years and then moving into the juniors to teach a Year 5 class that I took into Year 6.

I then moved to Sutton for promotion and became the Infant Leader at Westbourne. I married and had three children during my years at Westbourne returned from my third maternity leave to take up the Deputy Headship at the school. I was appointed head teacher at Robin Hood Junior School in April 2000 and joined the school in September of that year. During my headship the Early Years Foundation Stage was introduced and I wanted to return to a primary school again. I left the school in July 2005, with the best KS2 results the school had achieved and joined All Saint Carshalton in September 2005.

It was lovely surprise when one of the children in Year 1 informed me that I had taught his daddy! One of my pupils in Year 6 in Wandsworth had also relocated to the Carshalton area.

I was once told that schools never stand still, and no term is ever the same and this is absolutely true; there is always a new challenge to face. I am enjoying the experience of managing an expansion from one form to two form entry. A head teacher's job is extremely varied!

I am determined that our ethos and values will not change even though the school will grow in size and look forward to leading the school for years to come.

I feel extremely fortunate to have three wonderful children of whom I am very proud and a wonderful husband who has supported me throughout my teaching career.