

Parent Governor Profile - Dr Chi-Chi Ekhaton, MBBS, MRCPCH, MRCPGP

I was born in Clapham South and spent most of my childhood in South London. I attended a lovely Primary school in Streatham called Penwortham Primary School, and I was also privileged to spend some of my early years in West Africa. Ironically, the nursery I attended in the eastern part of Nigeria was called All Saints Nursery and I can still remember my checked blue dress!

I went on to Streatham Hill and Clapham High School, GDST (as it was then known) where I flourished in Maths, Science, Latin, and English. I also developed a love for netball, a passion that I have recently rekindled as part of the Wallington *Back to Netball Lifeline Team*.

I trained as a doctor at St George's Hospital Medical School in Tooting and as a medical student, I co-authored a booklet about Medicine and allied Health professions to encourage those from less advantaged backgrounds to consider a career in the National Health Service. I was involved in the very first summer school for children at St George's Medical School as part of the government backed *Widening Participation Initiative*.

Upon graduation in 2002, I took up my first position as a junior doctor at St Helier Hospital for 6 months and then at Mayday Hospital for another 6 months. After my Houseman year, I returned to St Helier and embarked on a Paediatric training rotation between St Helier Hospital and King's College Hospital, London. I worked very hard and gained my Membership of The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. However, I decided to change paths and pursue a career in General Practice. I then studied and worked hard some more and gained my Membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Somewhere in between all those years, I met my husband, Chris, a musician on a mission trip to India which we both took part in as volunteers. We married in 2008 and now have two beautiful sons, one of whom started Reception in September 2014. My second son is due to start nursery this September 2015.

I now work Part-time as a GP in West Wickham and I also teach medical students at St George's Hospital Medical School. I am an Examiner for 3rd, 4th and Final year Medical School Clinical Exams.

I am also a Trustee of Ascension Trust, a position that I have held since 2008. This charitable, Christian organisation is well known for pioneering global and local initiatives such as Street Pastors and School Pastors. I have orchestrated and led several of their Medical Mission trips. I also head up Children's Ministry at my Church and I have been involved in mentoring young girls.

As a parent who is relatively new to life at All Saints, I am thrilled to be involved in the governance of this lovely School.