

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 Army school followed by an International school. 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 state secondary schools in Bath. With my mother and eldest sister already in education, 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 in Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6. I then moved to Sutton for promotion and became the Infant Leader at Westbourne Primary School. I married and had three children during my years at Westbourne, returning from my third maternity leave, to take up the post of Deputy Head Teacher. From September 2000, I was appointed Head Teacher at Robin Hood Junior School. During my headship, the Early Years Foundation Stage was introduced and I wanted to return to a primary school again. I left Robin Hood Juniors in July 2005, having achieved the best KS2 results ever. I joined All Saints Carshalton as Head Teacher in September 2005.

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 have successfully managed the expansion of the school from one form of entry to two forms of entry. I am determined that our ethos and values will not change even though the school has grown in size and look forward to leading the school for years to come. We have successfully transitioned to academy status and are one of the founding schools of Southwark Diocese Multi-Academy Trust.

I have three wonderful children of whom I am very proud and an amazing husband who has supported me throughout my teaching career.