

Governor Profile – Peter Smith

I grew up in a small Dorset hamlet attending the local C of E Primary School which consisted of only two teachers, two classes and less than forty pupils. More as a result of education from my parents than from the school, I transferred to Grammar School in Dorchester before graduating in Biological Sciences in 1975. This led to thirteen years of research sponsored by the Cancer Research Campaign and the Medical Research Council on the aetiology of gastric cancer during which I was awarded a Ph.D. in Biochemistry by Surrey University.

In 1989 a change in career led to me managing and developing UK Government funded technical projects in the Middle East and North Africa and becoming an expert in standards and the elimination of technical barriers to trade.

My international experience includes:

- Seven years in Saudi Arabia for the UK Government and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN);
- one month in the West Bank and Gaza strip as an advisor to the Palestinian National Authority;
- a tour of India to conduct a European Commission funded study on the Indian food testing infrastructure;
- leading a technical co-operation programme between the EU and Tunisia;
- managing projects in Taiwan, Egypt, Bahrain, Qatar, and Oman

Building on this experience, in January 2000 I founded my business, Al-Massader Al-Dualiyah (Resource International), which is a Saudi/British Joint venture based in Riyadh providing technology and consultancy services within the Middle East and Europe. Recently, I have been involved in the establishment of another new business, Trade Experts Network Ltd., which specialises in the export of specialist food and agricultural products.

All four of my children have attended and thrived at All Saints Primary School. Sarah is now in Year 6, Omar is at university and Hannah and Natasha have graduated and embarked on their careers.

I am a Foundation Governor and link governor for our GTMA provision and for Computing. I am a member of and clerk for the Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee. Within these roles, I endeavour to use my business, analytical and multicultural skills, reinforced by my Christian beliefs and faith to ensure that our school provides a welcoming, secure and stimulating learning environment. My aim is to help all children at All Saints discover and develop the joy of learning and achieve their true potential.

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