

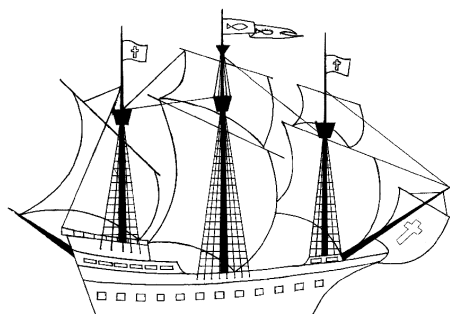
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# Dawpool C.E (Aided) Primary School

## *. . . Growing the Fruit of the Spirit*

***‘The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control’  
(Galatians 5:22-23)***

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body of Dawpool C/E (Aided) Primary school, I would like to welcome everyone to the new academic year. It is wonderful to have everyone back in school. A huge welcome to those who have joined us for the first time.

We have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor (see attached details) – but before you read that, let me share with you some information about Church Schools and the role of the Governing Body.

The Diocese of Chester website has an education section which contains some very helpful information about church schools:

*‘Church schools pride themselves in providing an education for the whole child in a Christian environment. They seek to ensure that all children achieve the best of which they are capable in a caring atmosphere that recognises the special gifts of each individual. The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all is fostered within a Christian environment.’*

*‘They are places where the beliefs and practices of other faiths will be respected.’*

<https://www.chester.anglican.org/schools/about-church-schools>

In all schools, governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of school; strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. Governors support and constructively challenge the school’s leadership team so that together they can drive school improvement.

Dawpool is a Voluntary Aided school (maintained by the Local Authority). The Church appoints the majority of the governors. In addition to the usual governor role, the governing body is responsible for: the buildings (owned by trustees – Chester Diocese); employment of staff; setting the admissions criteria; setting the religious education and collective worship policy.

Dawpool has governors with different skills and experience, who work together. We have sub committees that allow governors to use their wide variety of skills in the best way possible e.g. curriculum, finance, church & community.

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Dawpool governing board consists of the Head Teacher, the Rector, six foundation governors appointed by Chester Diocesan Board of Education (following recommendation from Thurstaston with Irby PCC), two elected parent governors, one elected staff member, and a local authority representative. Our deputy head teacher is a non-voting member of the governing board.

The governing board has a strategic role. The head teacher is responsible for the day to day running of the school.

If you have any concerns or questions relating to your child / children, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. Further information can be found in the Communication Protocol (within the Policy section on the school website).

As we begin this new academic year, we pray for a better year; for a safe return to classrooms; for the health of the children, their families, school staff and our community. We pray that children and staff can come into school ready for the challenges and opportunities that this new school year brings. We pray for a school full of happiness, friendship and learning.

Kind regards

Mrs Karen Robson  
(Chair of Governors)

### **Foundation Governor Vacancy at Dawpool CE (Aided) Primary School – September 2021**

We are looking to appoint a foundation governor at our school and would like you to consider whether you could serve God in this way.

Governors play a key role in ensuring that the children of our community develop both academically and spiritually within a distinctive Christian ethos. We are looking for people who are able to support the school in its understanding and development of the Christian aspects of its work and are willing to commit time and effort to supporting the educational development of the children in the school. You do not have to be an educational expert as you will be given help in developing such skills, and training is available on all aspects of school governance. What is important is a willingness to commit to the role and an ability to ask questions whilst working with others to ensure the best outcomes for the children by challenging and supporting school leaders in equal measure. School governance uses the experience of people from many walks of life and if you work in business, have an interest in finance or have experience of working in a variety of situations then you could make a valuable contribution to the work of the school governing body.

Governing body meetings take place once or twice a term with smaller subcommittees held termly or as needed. Membership of any committee will be based on your interests and experience.

If you would like further information, please contact Rev Jane who will be willing to talk through with you what it's like being a foundation governor and how it all works.

Christian ministry can take many forms and we strongly feel that church school governance is an important part of the church's mission. We have many families linked to our school and an opportunity to share the Christian message with many who may not have any experience of the Christian faith. We would therefore encourage you to ask God if this may be the work that He is calling you to do.

It is a requirement that Foundation Governors are members of a Christian Church and regularly attend worship services in that Church.

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If you would like someone to pray with/for you, or if you feel that you could take on this very important role, then all we ask is that you fill in a form which is available from Rev Jane and who will discuss this with you further.

Rev Jane Turner (Rector): [rector@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:rector@thurstaston.org.uk)

We are especially keen to hear from anyone who can offer skills relating to finance / business / data, as this is the skill gap being left by the outgoing governor. However, we would also love to hear from you if you can offer enthusiasm, commitment and other skills. We would like to know if you are interested in the role now or possibly in the future.

**Parent governors at Dawpool CE (Aided) Primary School.**

We will have parent governor vacancies in the future. Everyone will be informed when a vacancy arises (a term of office is 4 years) and you do not need to fulfil the church criteria to be a parent governor. You must have parental responsibility for a pupil at the school, at the time of election.

If you would like any further information about the governing body, please email Mrs Kenney  
[schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk)

Mrs Karen Robson (Chair of Governors)