



Wellbeing session for Church School Chairs and Vice Chairs of Governors

Our speakers for this event will be Catherine Barratt and Sarah Beeston. Catherine is Chair of Governors at St Matthews CofE Primary School, Ipswich, widely acknowledged throughout our Diocese as a very successful church school. Sarah is a Foundation Governor at the school.

Catherine's career has been spent in education. She was a modern languages teacher for over twenty years, moving into a role with Governor Services five years ago. Catherine loves having a job where she is able to work with Governors from all over Suffolk, all working to improve their schools for the benefit of the children. She has lived in Ipswich for 25 years and has worshipped at St Matthew's Church throughout that time. Catherine became a Governor when her eldest child started at St Matthew's and has stayed ever since, becoming chair six years ago.

As a former St Matthew's pupil, Sarah was thrilled when the opportunity arose to be a Foundation Governor at St Matthews CofE Primary School. Sarah works as an HR consultant to schools and academies throughout East Anglia, advising Headteachers and governing bodies on a variety of HR issues. She also works as the Safeguarding Training Manager, designing and delivering safeguarding courses for all trusted adults in schools, including governors. Sarah attends two town centre churches weekly, sitting on the PCC of one of these. Sarah is also a lay representative on the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel.

Catherine and Sarah will speak from experience about what makes being a Governor at a church school special and about aspects of the role that are unique. They will touch upon their experience of appointing a new Headteacher and they will also talk about supporting a church school as Governors through the inspection processes and what led St Matthews to achieve an 'Excellent' judgement at their recent SIAMS inspection.



This will be followed with a short reflection and prayer provided by the Revd Canon Julia Lall.

Put it in your diary now...

Friday 18 June 2021, 1.30 – 3.30PM via Zoom

Cost: £25 for subscribing church schools,
£50 for all other schools

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