



West Park C.E. Primary School

SALLY TURLEY – FOUNDATION GOVERNOR



I am a Foundation governor which means that in addition to work as a “regular” governor I have a particular responsibility for maintaining links between the school and St. Mary’s Church. I found myself in this role when one of my grandchildren joined the school at a time when West Park was searching for a practising Christian to fulfil a foundation governor role.

I am now retired and enjoying being a granny to my 6 grandchildren. I began my career as a primary school class teacher. My interest in children facing challenges in school led me to becoming the SENCO of a Folkestone primary school, part of the very first tranche of SENCOs in 1994. I continued in this role in 3 different primary schools for 15 years after which I took a career break to complete a master’s degree in arts psychotherapy which qualified me to work with both adults and children. I worked with clients in the NHS, with primary age children and for 5 years with terminally ill patients and their families at St. Joseph’s Hospice, Hackney. I also built up a successful private practice in East London.

I hope my work experience gives me insight into the world of primary education – its challenges and its joys. I have a particular interest in the psychological wellbeing of pupils and have been delighted to discover how much importance is attached to this at West Park.