

Name: John Dodd

What do you do?

I retired nearly four years ago and prior to that was Executive Head Teacher of two small primary schools in Nottinghamshire, one of them a Church of England school.

Do you have any children and if so do they attend our school?

I have three grown up children, the two girls are TAs in Nottinghamshire schools and I have three grandchildren (one at secondary school in Newark, one at a primary in Balderton and the other just 18 months old). My two older children did attend Coddington school in the early 1990s.

What hobbies do you have?

I love drama and am a member of several local amateur theatre groups. I also enjoy going to the theatre. I am a keen bellringer and have often rung in Coddington church. I also took up running since retiring and am gearing up to two half marathons later this year.

How long have you been a governor?

I joined the governing body at the beginning of February 2021 as a foundation governor appointed by the Southwell and Nottingham Diocese.

What is your role as a governor?

Along with general strategic leadership and providing support and challenge to the Head and staff, my role is to encourage, support and help oversee the Christian ethos within the school.

What do you like about Coddington?

As a C of E school, I like the connection with the local vicar and church and the family feel of the school, although as yet with the pandemic restrictions, I have not been able to visit the school as much as I would like.

How do you think our school could improve?

We need to strengthen working relationships and support each other in developing each child's full potential, in every aspect: academic, well-being and physical, so that each child is well prepared for the next stage of their education and future lives. We need to ensure everyone feels valued and consequently does their best to make the school the great one it has the potential to be.