

Mr Nick Parker (Foundation Governor)



I am married to Katie and a parent of two, both attending Oaklands.

I am director of a local landscaping and grounds maintenance business Kentcare Ltd.

I am Chairman of the Pastoral Parish Council at St Edmunds Church, Horndean, where I read, administer the Eucharist and sing loudly and not always in tune.

I have been a senior leader of the Diocesan Don Bosco Camps most years since 1989. They are activity camps for boys aged 11-16. Feel free to ask for more details.

I am a rugby coach at Havant RFC, and have coached football in Horndean and Waterlooville, and cricket at Purbrook CC.

I look forward to helping the school progress during my childrens' time but also for the future development of well rounded, independent, Christian human beings long afterwards as well.

What do I do?

I was appointed a Parent Governor in April 2017 and subsequently a Foundation Governor appointed by Bishop Phillip in early 2018.

My specific responsibilities as a Governor include the Health and Safety systems of the school environment and I am Link Governor for the History department.

As a Foundation Governor I have a specific duty for guaranteeing that the Catholic vision and character of the school is maintained while undertaking my wider responsibilities of governance within the school community.

What is the best thing about Oaklands Catholic School?

There are too many to list, but I think the basic principle that it is ok to be a 21st Century Catholic; using our individual and collective faith as a framework.

These are fundamentally good habits to get in to, for all human beings of any age and in any environment: thinking of others, not leaving anyone behind, Community, Unity Opportunity, etc.

The sound of laughter, singing and silence all have their role in the school. The more pupils I speak to and the more staff I speak to; this feeling that we are doing the right thing, permeates through the whole school.