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BEING A GOVERNOR  
AT SAINT MARTIN'S  
SCHOOL.



I have been a governor at Saint Martin's school for eleven happy years and I would like to share that experience. When I was asked if I would join the team of Foundation governors, I was still working full time as a teacher, so I hesitated for a while; I reflected, however, that retirement was looming and that this would allow me to keep a direct interest in education, and indeed

expand my experience as I had only worked in secondary schools.

Being a governor has indeed taught me a good deal: from understanding the range of responsibilities of Heads and teachers in the Primary sector, keeping in touch with new developments in education, understanding the need of early learners to working with a dedicated team towards supporting a very deserving cause.

The members of the team come from a variety of backgrounds and they contribute a whole range of skills: finance, maintenance, management, education. We do not necessarily know much when we start, but all learn from

each other and I have enjoyed working in cooperation with them as well as with the Head and with the teachers. More than anything else I have enjoyed being a witness to the children's development, some of them with acute needs , but all of them making progress.

All the governors at Saint Martin's school are dedicated and enthusiastic; some of them have been in their posts for more than 20 years and would carry on further if they did not feel that it was time to make way for new faces. We will therefore need additional governors in the near future. If you are interested or would like to find out more about the task, do email me at [claudinedunning@hotmail.com](mailto:claudinedunning@hotmail.com)

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