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Hello!

It is a delight to be a part of the St Alphege CE Infant School Team. As the local vicar based at St Alphege Church Whitstable, I loved being a parent when my two children were here, and it is a privilege to continue serving as a governor.

### Pastoral Care

Whatever your experience of church may have been in the past, I am here to help everyone in our school community, of all faiths and none. You are welcome to contact me at any time if it would help to talk something through, or if you would value prayer for a particular situation. My role is also to offer pastoral support to the staff and other governors.

### Christian Ethos

With all the governors, I share the responsibility of guiding the Christian Ethos of the school, setting the School's vision: Loved, Inspired, Shining. We believe in 'life in all its fulness' for all members of our school community, and it is great working with the staff and senior leaders to keep finding new and creative ways for that to happen for all the children and families in our care. Children have a wonderfully alive spirituality, which we seek to include and nurture in our planning.

### Collective Worship

One part of my role that I particularly enjoy is encouraging all staff and our team of visiting ministers in leading collective worship with the children. The children and staff usually worship together in school, but sometimes we gather in my church, St Alphege Whitstable, just down the road, either in small class groups, with the older children in Whitstable Endowed CE School, or as a whole school and parents, for example at Christmas and the leavers ceremony.

### Find out more

Normally our big blue church doors are always open, but sadly the current restrictions mean we can't welcome people in the building. However, you can find out more

on our website; [www.stalphege.org.uk](http://www.stalphege.org.uk)

on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StAlphegeChurchWhitstable/?ref=bookmarks>

on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stalphegechurchwhitstable/>

on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Whitstablesoul>

Please do get in touch to say hello, and I look forward to meeting you when we all regroup in due course as your children start their journey in our care at St Alphege CE Infant School.

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