



## A Tribute to Geoff Stafford

With profound sadness, we share the news of the passing of Geoff Stafford on December 27th. Geoff was a beloved and long-standing Governor of St. Edmund's CofE Primary and Nursery School, serving our community with unwavering dedication since 2007.

His commitment to education extended beyond his role as a Governor. Prior to joining our school community, Geoff made a significant impact as an Education Welfare Officer and as part of the police, became one of the first in Nottinghamshire to be trained to deliver the D.A.R.E program to our Year 6 cohorts. This initiative reflected his deep belief in guiding young people towards positive choices and responsible citizenship.

Geoff was an active member of NAGS (National Association for Governors), demonstrating his commitment to professional development and best practices in school governance. He was a true advocate for children, exemplifying our Sixcess values of respect, responsibility, truth and trust, compassion, justice and forgiveness, and perseverance in every interaction.

Within our school, Geoff was known for his kind and gentle nature. He was always approachable, offering a listening ear to students of all ages. He found joy in the simple things, such as listening to children read, demonstrating his genuine interest in their growth and development.

Geoff was a pillar of our school, a reliable and conscientious partner in education. His unwavering positivity and genuine love for children shone through in everything he did.

As our Chair of Governors, Paul Smith, eloquently stated, "The world needs more Geoff's." This sentiment perfectly encapsulates the profound impact Geoff had on our school community and beyond.

While we mourn his loss, let us celebrate the profound impact Geoff had on our school and the countless lives he touched. His legacy will continue to inspire us all to strive for excellence, kindness, and a commitment to making a positive difference in the world.

A true St. Eddy.

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