

Governor Profiles

Bob Worth (Co-opted Governor and Chair of Governors)

As a very experienced head teacher and improvement adviser I have comprehensive set of skills to offer the governing body. My strengths are Curriculum, Pupil Progress Finance and HR. I have had experience of many Ofsted inspections and at Ditton we were graded "good" in January 2015. We were also graded "good" in our section 48 inspection. It was always my intention to volunteer to be on a governing body as I have always enjoyed working with and training Governors. Finally I worked with Burham staff in my role as an adviser and consequently know something about the school.

Career History:

1988-2009: Inner London Head Teacher in Deptford and Peckham. Both schools the age range was from 3-11. School in Deptford was 1.5 form entry and the school in Peckham was 4 form entry

2009-2011: School improvement Adviser in West Sussex (Crawley)

2011-2014: School Improvement Adviser in Maidstone and Tonbridge and Malling

2012-2015: Led Governor training sessions for the county

2014- May 2017: Interim head teacher at Ditton Cof E Junior School

20April 2017-July 2017: Interim head teacher at North Borough Junior School

Sarah Parfitt (Parent Governor and Vice Chair)

Just like every parent, I want my children to receive a quality education in a nurturing school environment, enabling them to be happy, confident and achieve their full potential in life. As parents, we need to support the school in delivering this, but also provide constructive challenge where needed. I have two children currently at Burham C of E Primary School and, as a parent governor, I am keen to provide the governing body with an understanding of issues from the view of parents/carers, as well as providing finance and governance expertise obtained from working in the Public Sector for over 20 years, currently as the Deputy Chief Finance Officer for a local authority.

Reverend Mike Hayes (Foundation Governor)

As Rector of the Anglican Parish of Burham and Wouldham I am a church foundation governor at the school. Ordained priest in 1979 I have worked in inner London parishes, and also in Mental Health, Hospice and Prison Chaplaincy. I am deeply committed to state education, and my daughters all went to state schools. I recognise and affirm that Church of England schools are community schools for all and not faith schools for a particular religious group. My interests are particularly in religious education and interfaith dialogue and I am committed to working for a more equal society and a greater care for the environment. I am an avid reader and I enjoy walking and gardening.

Petrian Gordon-Ritchie (Staff Governor)

Apart from my teaching career which began in 1987, I also received formal training in the field of Accounting and Finance and worked in industry before returning to my true passion, which is teaching. During my spare time, I enjoy gardening, reading and supporting my local church with their administration, youth and community outreach programmes. I became a Staff Governor because I wanted to contribute to the wider life of the school, especially in ensuring that all children achieve the best possible outcomes.

Helen Critcher (Co-opted Governor)

I currently work for a housing association called Golding Homes, who are based in Maidstone. I work in the community development team and my key targets and objectives at work are around health and wellbeing and safer communities, with children and young people my focus. I love knowing my job makes a genuine difference to peoples' lives and there is nothing better than job satisfaction and helping a community.

I've been instrumental in running a successful sports programme called Get Active, in partnership with Kent Sport, which had 444 attendees in 2017 across 20-weeks and a social impact of over £500,000. I manage involved resident evening meetings four times a year so am confident with organising, presenting and leading at these meetings. For the past eight years I have been volunteering with a young carers charity called Crossroads and am very passionate about the difference the club makes in giving respite to these young people. I also signed up last week to volunteer with Heart of Kent Hospice on an ad-hoc basis after attending one of their events at the weekend.

I grew up in Burham (my family still live there) and went to the primary school, which my niece now attends! I hope I have some skills, experience, ideas and contacts that could be useful at the school but I also want to develop my skills in a board-level environment. I hope my volunteering roles demonstrate that I would be committed to my role as a governor.