

Governor Profiles

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.

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.

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.

Ngair Hann (Foundation Governor)

My career in education started in 1995 and has covered state, private and grammar schools to include department lead. I currently work for a local council, tutoring children and young people awaiting school places due to their additional needs.

I am a communicant of the Church of England. I was part of the Messy Church team within Burham for 8+ years. I am a representative of the parish on the Parochial Church Council at All Saints, Wouldham. I champion inclusivity and equality of opportunity for a full life. My daughters attended Burham school and I was involved in the activities of the PTFA. I appreciated the nurturing education, enhanced by the application of Christian values which are shared beyond faith, that they received. As a foundation governor I endeavour to ensure this for all pupils at the school.

Sarah Parfitt (Co-opted Governor and Vice Chair)

Just like every parent, I want my children to receive a quality education in a nurturing school environment which enables 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. Both of my children have been or are pupils 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.

Malcolm Peake (Local Authority Governor)

I have been involved in the Education Sector since 2006 after 30 years working for a FTSE100 multi – national company in the commercial sector. I am currently The Finance Lead in a London based Multi Academy Trust (MAT), which provides educational opportunities for the most vulnerable children in the community. Our Academies cater for students with Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) classification or Alternative Provisions for students who find the mainstream school offer appropriate for their needs. I am totally committed to ensuring every child is able to access the most suitable education to maximise their potential.

Jennifer Reid (Foundation Governor)

I am A Communicant of the Church of England.

I am an Ex Nurse and Midwife

I have a Degree in English and European Literature and History of Art.

I am currently a Samaritans Volunteer.

Sini Savilassko (Parent Governor)

I am a researcher with expertise on impact evaluation and evidence-based decision making. I also teach evidence-based environmental management to graduate students. Since my first child started at Burham CE Primary School, I have been devoting part of my time to the school. I have been involved in various school activities from reading with the children to helping in PTFA. I strongly believe that safe and inspiring learning environment is of the utmost importance in children's development and in their ability to reach their potential. As a parent governor, I want to support the school in delivering it.

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