

My connection with the schools started in 1987, when I became Secretary of the PTA for several years. I have therefore celebrated over 20 years of being a Friend of the school this year! I became a governor in 1989, with my two children at the Infant and Junior schools, serving on several committees, and becoming Vice Chairman of the Junior School Governing Body in 1995, under the chairmanship of Liz Chappell. I was voted in as Chairman of the Junior School Governing Body in 1997, and since that time have been fortunate in being voted, by my peers, as Chairman of the Joint Governing Body, the Temporary Governing Body, and now the Primary Governing Body. I bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and history to the team, and am ably supported by my fellow members.

I hold down two jobs in my working life - one as Parish Clerk for Baughurst, and the other as a Practice Manager for a financial house, dealing in investments. Both are interesting and busy, giving me the necessary skills needed as Chair of Governors, and it's a work of art juggling them both in the air at the same time.

My children are grown, both having moved to the Hurst Community College, where one became Head Boy and the other Deputy Head Girl. I think their excellent grounding at Burnham Copse gave them a good start in life - one is a landscape architect, and the other works in the computing field.

In my private life, I am passionate about tracing my family tree, and have reached back to 1492, in Fordingbridge, Hampshire. I also love gardening, and reading, and going on holiday!