

The Governors (alphabetically)

Jenni: Co-Chair Curriculum and Parents Committee

I have worked at King Alfred's in Wantage for 12 years, currently as a careers advisor and as Education Coordinator at HEROS education. I have also previously been chair of the Hendreds Preschool for several years. My husband, Olly, and I grew up in the local area. We currently have one child in Class 4, one child in Class 2 and one child in Class 1.

Darren

I am a Chartered Accountant and Finance Director based in central London working for a media and entertainment business. I am married to Sarah and have two children; one in year 4 at the Hendreds School and one in Year 1. I was born in Oxford, lived in Southmoor until 2003 and we returned to the county in 2014. I am a keen golfer, albeit not a very good one! The main obstacle to improving this being my daily commute from Didcot to London Paddington! This is my first opportunity to serve as a governor and I am very much looking forward to making a contribution to the Governing Board and the school.

Karen J (Staff)

I have been at the Hendreds since 2016, joining the teaching team shortly after my two boys, Elliot and Leo (now in Year 4), transferred to the school. I have been the class teacher for Classes 4 and 5, and have now taken on the role of Senior Teacher and am the subject leader for Maths, RE and music. I came into Primary Teaching in 2006 after working in the museums sector and then as a conference producer in London. I qualified through a GTP in Manchester and have taught full time, part time and supply in a range of schools including a 2-class village schools, a 3-form entry inner city school, a specialist residential boys' school and a British Military Service Children's school in Germany.

Nicola

I have been a Governor at The Hendreds for the past 11 years and have specific responsibilities within the Curriculum and Parents Committee. I have three daughters; my youngest is in Year 6 at The Hendreds, and the older two have now fled The Hendreds' nest! I work at a secondary school in Pangbourne as a Learning Support Teacher.

Susie

I work for a Multi Academy Trust supporting schools to be the best they can through delivering change projects, and have previous experience working for Oxfordshire County Council and the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education fulfilling a similar role. I have also managed the School Admissions service in another Local Authority. My husband, David, and I moved to the village four years ago and we have two boys who are currently in Years 3 and 5. I have previous experience as a school governor and as a Trustee in an Academy Trust as well as sitting on the Strategic Board of a Teaching School.

Karen M: Co-Chair Curriculum and Parents Committee

I am the Head of Production of a television production company. I have been a Governor at The Hendreds for two years and Co-Chair the Curriculum and Parents Committee. I have one daughter at the school who is in Year 4. We live in Letcombe Regis.

Will

I am an Investment Director with a national wealth management firm based in London. My wife, Cec and I moved to the area in 2004 and all three of my children attended the Hendred School before going on to other schools in Oxfordshire. They have remained friends with classmates ever since.

I recently became a governor during lockdown so look forward to spending more time getting to know the school again when conditions allow. This is my first role as a governor and I hope that I can make a useful contribution in the coming years.

Asta: Vice chair of governors

Trained as an anthropologist I am currently working in Oxfam's Global Humanitarian Team. We joined The Hendreds in 2005 after moving from Amsterdam, but the last of my five children has now left for secondary school. I joined the governing board in 2008 as a parent governor and have been closely involved ever since.

James: Headteacher

My passion for teaching was ignited when I was working as a Sports Coach teaching in primary schools in Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Buckinghamshire. I have experience of teaching children across the primary age range, including from Years 1 – 6 as a class teacher. In recent years I have been part of the Senior Leadership Team with responsibility for data analysis, before being appointed as Assistant Headteacher. I have been working as Interim Headteacher since Easter 2020 – whilst leading the school through the pandemic has been a challenge, it has been a hugely enjoyable and rewarding. Outside of school, I am keen sportsman, particularly enjoying rugby, football, cricket and golf.

Chris W: Chair of the Full Governing Body, and Chair of Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee

I have lived in Rowstock with Eliza and our three children, and work as a financial analyst specialising in the energy industry. This is my sixth year as a Governor, a role I very much enjoy. I am also a Trustee of Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust, which includes The Hendreds as one of the 38 primary schools it runs across Oxfordshire and Berkshire, and a Trustee and Honorary Treasurer of The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), a building conservation charity. When not doing all of the above I very much enjoy the amazing countryside around Harwell and The Hendreds.