

The Governors (alphabetically)

Jamie

I am a solicitor at a firm based in London and Oxford. I grew up in West Hendred and attended Hendreds School many years ago. I am married to Oli and we have a child in each of Class 5, Class 4 and Class 2. I have previously been a governor of a primary school in central London. I am the lead governor for safeguarding and the deputy governor for health and safety/premises.

Kathryn

I work for The Unicorn School in Abingdon, a specialist independent school for SpLD (Specific Learning Difficulties) and SLCN (Speech, Language and Communication Needs) ages 7-16. I have a diverse role: working as a GCSE curriculum TA as well as teaching RE and PSHE lessons. In addition, I work closely with the pastoral and safeguarding team providing specialist support sessions as an ELSA (Emotional Learning Support Assistant) and running social group interventions. I am dedicated to improving children's mental health, wellbeing, and personal development in education and take a special interest in SpLD provision, SEND inclusion and advocacy for children in education with healthcare needs. My husband Michael and I live in East Hendred and we have two children at the school.

Jenni: Vice Chair of the Full Governing Body

I have worked at King Alfreds in Wantage for 14 years. I have held various roles during this time and currently I am a Careers Advisor. I also work as Education Coordinator at HEROS, a charity that rehomes ex-race horses and offers alternative educational provision. I have previous experience as chair of The Hendreds Preschool and I'm involved other community groups. My husband Olly and I have three children at the school.

Louise

This is my first opportunity to serve as a governor and I am hugely looking forward to supporting this amazing school. I am passionate about the area of children's mental wellbeing and support Place2Be, a children's mental health charity. I trained as a primary school teacher and taught for a number of years in Norfolk before changing careers to work mainly in the family law sector. I moved to Oxfordshire in 2007 on marrying my husband, David, and we live in East Hendred along with our Westie Harry. I enjoy gardening and garden design, Pilates, reading and embroidery. I love visiting art galleries, museums and going to the theatre and Wigmore Hall.

Nick

I am currently the Senior Deputy Head at Thorngrove Prep School in Highclere, an independent school for pupils aged 3-13 years old. From September 2022 I will be the headmaster, which is an exciting development my family and the school. I have lived in East Hendred for the last four years and I am married to Nicola; we have two children, a girl aged 6 and a boy aged 4. I have only recently become a governor and I am very much looking forward to engaging with the school community and hopefully offering support and advice to continue The Hendred's success in the years to come.

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 6 at the Hendreds School and one in Year 3. 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.

Gill

I'm a University Lecturer at Oxford Brookes, I've been teaching at Brookes since 2013. My background is in Healthcare; for 20 years I've worked as a clinical Physiotherapist in both the NHS and corporate world. This has given me experience of working with a broad range of people, managing teams and leading change. I have two children at The Hendreds School, one in Key stage 1 and one in Key stage 2. True to form as a Physiotherapist, I love to exercise and can often be seen heading for the hills with our dog after school drop off. I'm married to Adam, we've lived in East Hendred since 2019.

Karen (Staff)

I have been at the Hendreds since 2016, joining the teaching team shortly after my two boys, Elliot and Leo (now in Year 6), 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.

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 Hendreds 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.

Susie: Chair of the Full Governing Body

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 5 and 7. 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.

Lisa: Headteacher

I have previously been headteacher at schools in Hampshire (a Junior School) and West Berkshire (a Church of England Primary School). I am originally from South Africa and moved to the United Kingdom with my now husband in 1997. We immediately settled in Newbury and forgot our original plan of emigrating to the USA. Prior to my time in education, I worked in the financial software industry as a project manager implementing software packages. I have two children who are 18 and 20 years old and a miniature daschund who makes sure I go for regular weekend walks.

Chris W: Chair of Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee

I have lived in Rowstock with Eliza and our three children since 2010; this is my eighth year as a Governor. I am a stockmarket analyst based in London and commute from Didcot, so if not on a Paddington train then usually on the phone or on a video call! I am also a Trustee of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust, which includes The Hendreds as one of the more than 40 primary schools it runs across Oxfordshire and Berkshire, and trustee and Honorary Treasurer of a national building conservation charity. When not doing all of the above I very much enjoy the amazing countryside around Harwell and The Hendreds.