

Governor profile

My involvement with Shalfleet CE Primary School started in 2008 when my oldest child Kate started in Reception Class in September 2008. My two boys joined Little Explorers at that time and followed on into the school. I have been Chair of Governors since 2009 and led the school successfully into the Federation with Yarmouth CE Primary School in September 2010. I currently am a 'Foundation Governor' on behalf of Shalfleet St Michael the Archangel Church and keep in regular contact with the Diocese. A governor's role is a strategic one; the government expects us to help set the Federation's vision and values, ensure appropriate financial management and high standards of education. This means having an understanding of the schools' strengths and weaknesses, support the improvement plan, attend meetings and training, and act in the best interests of all pupils. Growing up, my father was a governor at my primary school and was involved in a variety of other community roles, so it seemed natural for me to become involved and help support my children's education too. My interests as a governor are strategic leadership, whole school improvement and staff development. My professional background is varied in that I have worked in management in international hotel chains and in investment banking in the City of London as well as a school business leader in education. I have a general interest in children's early years and was extensively involved with the NCT (National Childbirth Trust) before my children came to school. I am a director of Ed-wise, an Isle of Wight CIC which aims to improve life chances for children on the Island.