

The Hendreds Governors Short Biographies 2025

Freya, I have worked in PR, media, and comms roles for various international and national charities for over 20 years and am currently working in marketing and communications for an international children's charity. I grew up in Chilton and after stints in the US, France, the Indian Ocean, and Asia, felt the pull of Oxfordshire and moved to East Hendred in 2019. I am married to Andreas and have three children - two now at secondary schools and one in year 4 at The Hendreds.

Glen, I have worked in the secondary education sector for 17 years in a variety of teaching and leadership roles. He is the lead governor for SEND and inclusion and is currently Head of Science at The Unicorn School, Abingdon, a specialist SEN school for pupils with dyslexia and dyscalculia and associated learning needs. Glen is an experienced senior leader of teaching and learning; progress tracking and interventions and he is looking forward to getting to know and work with everyone in the school community at Hendreds.

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.

Jenni, (Chair of governors) I work for a company called Dare2Dream, supporting young people struggling with their mental health and SEND needs. In addition to this 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 once a week. My husband Olly and I have two children at the school, with our eldest having left for secondary school.

JP, Born and raised in sunny South-Africa, my family and I relocated to the UK start of 2024. We have been very fortunate to settle and start our journey in East Hendred and becoming part of this great community. I am the Head of Product for a global data protection company and during my off time enjoy a good hike, and spending time with my kids. Both my children attend school at the Hendreds in Class 1 & 2. This is my first role as a Governor, and it has provided me great opportunity to learn more about the UK school system. I hope to make a positive impact as a Governor.

Kathryn, I serve as a Foundation Governor and Deputy SEND/Inclusion Governor for the LGB. My primary focus is supporting children's mental health, well-being, and potential in education, especially those with Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD), SEND, and healthcare needs and disabilities. I gain practical experience at The Unicorn School in Abingdon, specialised for 7-16-year-olds with SpLD and SLCN. There, I work as an Emotional Learning Support Assistant (ELSA), mentor in emotional and social communication, and teach Careers, Future Development, and PSHE to KS4 students. I live in East Hendred with my husband, Michael, and our two children, one in year 3 and the other in year 6 at The Hendreds School

Karen, (Staff) I have been at The Hendreds since 2016 as a class teacher in both Classes 4 and 5. I am now the Assistant Headteacher and have subject leadership responsibilities for Maths, Science, Religion and World Views 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. I have two boys attended The Hendreds and have now moved on to The Downs School.

Laura, I grew up in Reading but relocated to Ardington when I met my partner, Chris. I have two children at the Hendreds - one in yr6 and the other in yr3. I am a Secondary school teacher and head of Design and Technology at a large state school in the heart of Oxford. I also help to train and mentor both trainee teachers and ECTs who are newly qualified across Oxfordshire, Wiltshire, and Berkshire. I have been teaching for over 15 years and prior to this I worked in the Fashion industry in London - I continue with my passion for sewing by having a small business creating and sewing memory bears and blankets. The rest of my time is taken up with my two dogs, my mini dachshund and beagle. This is my first opportunity as a school governor, and I am looking forward to being part of the Hendreds governing board.

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 at university and a miniature daschund who makes sure I go for regular weekend walks.

Nikolaj, I am the Rector (Church of England priest) of East Hendred, West Hendred, Ardington, and Lockinge. I lead collective worship at the school approximately every other Wednesday. You may also see me at the end-of-term services at the church. I am based in East Hendred along with my wife Hannah who is a physicist and our two children; our oldest is in Class 1 at The Hendreds.

Sandra, This is my first opportunity to serve as a governor and I hope to make a positive contribution to the school and Governing Board. I have undertaken roles in Finance, Audit and for many years HR with Global responsibilities. Some of the most rewarding elements of those roles was to have an opportunity to develop and support young talent. I hope that I can share my enthusiasm with my colleagues and the pupils.

Will, (Vice-Chair of governors) 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.