

The Governors (alphabetically)

Richard

I am a lawyer specialising in Family Court matters and have been a governor for almost 16 years, 14 of which have been as chair. I am a keen runner and you may see me out on the Ridgeway in all weathers.

Mark

I am Director of Communications for a global Christian charity based in Oxfordshire. Between 2009-2014, I was chair of governors at King Alfred's in Wantage, and was also the founding chair of directors of the Vale Academy Trust. I am a National Leader of Governance and have lots of experience in all kinds of schools and speak on the subject at national conferences. I am delighted to be part of our school's governing body. I also run my own governance consultancy, Question Mark, and have just completed a new national resource for the Church of England. I live in Wantage.

Jenni

I have worked at King Alfred's in Wantage for 9 years. Whilst I have had several roles my work focuses on supporting students who struggle to access mainstream education. I have also previously been Chair of the Hendreds Preschool for several years and stay involved today. My husband, Olly, and I grew up in the local area. We currently have 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 1 at the Hendreds School and one in pre-school. 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.

Tim

I am the managing partner of a veterinary practice based in Didcot and Cholsey and specialise in orthopaedic and spinal surgery. I have been a governor at The Hendreds for over 13 years, and all five of my children attended The Hendreds (though 3 are now at King Alfred's, one is on a gap year and one at university).

Nicola

I have three daughters; two are in Years 4 and 3 at the Hendreds and my eldest has recently started secondary school. I have been a Governor at the school for the past 8 years and have specific responsibilities within the Curriculum and Parent Committee. I am a part-time primary teacher.

Karen

I am the Head of Production of a television company. I live in Letcombe Regis with my daughter who is in Year 2 at The Hendreds. This is my first time serving as a Governor.

Frankie

Having previously worked at Fitzwaryn School, I joined The Hendreds 25 years ago, firstly as the Reception/Year 1 teacher and over time have taught all year groups. I taught Latin at Key Stage 2 for a number of years, and co-ordinated assessment across the school. I officially retired at Easter 2015, but remain very much in touch with the school in my role as a Governor with a particular interest in special needs. I live in Wantage with my husband, have two grown up children and four grandchildren.

Chris Savage: Headteacher

I began working at The Hendreds in 2005 and have taught all age groups (Foundation to Year 6) since that time. With my background in sports coaching I'm heavily involved in the development of a sporting ethos for all children.

Asta: Vice chair of governors and Chair of the Curriculum and Parents Committee

Trained as an anthropologist my professional background is international aid and development. We joined the Hendreds in 2005 after moving from Amsterdam. Four of my five children have already left for secondary school, one remains in Year 6. Having been elected and re-elected as a parent governor since 2008 I am now a Foundation governor.

James Veness: Staff

I started teaching at The Hendreds in 2007, initially alongside completing a work-based degree in Primary Education with a specialism in English at Oxford Brookes University. I have previously taught Years 1, 2 and 3 and have been teaching Class 5 (Years 5 and 6) since 2012. As well as being passionate about school sport, I am the coordinator for English and am responsible for tracking assessment data.

Chris: 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 since 2010; this is my fifth year as a Governor. I am a stockmarket analyst based in London and commuting from Didcot, so if not on a Paddington train then usually on a plane. I help at St Matthew's Harwell Sunday school and have served on the PCC there, and when not doing all of the above enjoy the amazing countryside around Harwell and The Hendreds.