

The Governors (alphabetically)

Richard

I am a lawyer specialising in Family Court matters and have been a governor for almost 17 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 11 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. My husband, Olly, and I grew up in the local area. We currently have one child in Class 3 and one child in Class 2.

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 3 at the Hendreds School and one in Reception. 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 14 years, and all five of my children attended The Hendreds (though three are now at King Alfred's, one is on a gap year and one at university).

Nicola

I have been a Governor at The Hendreds for the past 10 years and have specific responsibilities within the Curriculum and Parents Committee. I have three daughters; my youngest is in Year 5 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.

Karen

I am the Head of Production of a television company. I live in Letcombe Regis with my daughter who is in Year 3 at The Hendreds. This is my first time serving as a Governor.

Chris S: Headteacher

I began working at The Hendreds in 2005 and have taught all age groups (Foundation to Year 6) since that time. I became a staff governor during the 2011/12 academic year. Currently, I am maths co-ordinator at the school and because of my background in sports coaching I'm heavily involved in the sporting development of all children.

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

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: 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. I was appointed to the position of Assistant Headteacher at Easter in 2019. As well as being passionate about school sport, I am the coordinator for English and am responsible for tracking assessment data.

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 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 am also a Trustee of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust, which includes The Hendreds as one of the 34 primary schools it runs across Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, 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.