

Parent Governor Candidates

My name is Katie Collier and I live in Dinton with my husband and three boys. Alec my eldest is currently in year one. I feel that my day job as a primary school teacher and vulnerable children's lead will set me in good stead to hold the role of a parent governor, being able to understand the needs and everyday demands of education as a parent and teacher.

As a vulnerable children's lead I oversee attendance, pupil premium, SEN and looked after children in my school in Oxfordshire. This allows me to understand the pressures of and empathise with both parents, staff members and all other stakeholders on how best to support all children and to help them achieve to the best of their abilities.

As a family we enjoy being outside, exploring and finding new places to visit. With three children this can get very messy and involves a lot of laundry!

I am lucky enough to now have the time to commit to such a demanding role such as parent governor as I am currently part time. I am extremely keen to give something back to the school that has been so wonderful and supportive to my little boy. Thank you for reading my statement and I hope that you will consider voting for me.

Katie



I'm Michelle, I'm married to Rob and we have Theo and Eva both at Cuddington and Dinton School.

I would love to be part of the team working hard to help our school continue to progress, and enable its pupils to thrive in an ever-changing world. I hope some of my past experiences mean that I could make a useful contribution to the future of our school.

I spent 18 years working in Corporate Responsibility, leading programmes and partnerships between businesses and the education sector to enhance opportunities for school pupils and maximise the potential for young people from underrepresented backgrounds – ranging from primary reading and numeracy projects through to university programmes. I've worked with several primary and secondary schools over the years and alongside teachers and headteachers as part of these initiatives, helping them to achieve more for their pupils with additional resources from business. I have also worked with UNICEF, managing a global programme to better protect vulnerable children, which included access to education. More recently I qualified as a Nutritional Therapist – motivated by my son's food allergies, a passion for supporting good health through food and how nutrition can help children grow, learn and develop. At a previous school, I was chair of the PTA – my team raised £12,000 during that time towards school trips, school equipment, playground enhancement and a new green wall to protect children from roadside traffic.

I really enjoy being part of school communities and being able to make a meaningful difference - I would love to bring some of my learnings to the role of parent governor if required.

Michelle



I am Mark, dad to my son who is in Foundation and my daughter who will start at school next year. Given that we are right at the start of our journey with the School, I wanted to put myself forward as a Governor to help shape its vision and outlook over the years to come and to contribute to the local community.

We live locally in Dinton, having moved to the village 18 months ago. In my professional capacity I am a Director of Global Policy for a large technology/social media company, having previously had a career as a Civil Servant spanning operations and public policy roles across the Cabinet Office, Foreign Office and Ministry of Defence.

The skills that I have developed in those roles include policy & strategy development, executive decision making, risk and crisis management, and budget/program management.

Mark

