

Governor Profile – Rachel Pengelly

I grew up in Bedfordshire and attended a Church of England Primary School. I studied Law and Politics at Oxford Polytechnic and then Personnel Management in Doncaster before joining the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the mid-1990s. I have enjoyed a rewarding career, including a posting to Washington DC, as well as time off to raise my family. During this time I have also studied for a Psychology degree and I continue to work part-time in London and am therefore acutely aware of the challenges faced by working parents.

I have lived in Carshalton since 2005 and have three children, all of whom have attended All Saints. My oldest is now in Year 8 and I have children in year 6 and 3. Since my oldest daughter joined the school I have been an active parent helper, a member of the PTA for five years and an enthusiastic participant in a wide range of school events.

I was first appointed as Foundation Governor 2014 by the PCC of All Saints Church where I have worshipped since 2006 and was Churchwarden from 2012-2016. I am a keen supporter of both the school and the church and the links between the two. I have watched the school grow and have seen huge benefits from this growth whilst enjoying the continuation of the Christian family ethos. I have chaired the Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee for the last 18 months and also serve on the Faith Committee. I am a Maths link governor, taking a special interest in the way in which Maths is taught within the school.