

## Governor Profile – Rosie Newton

Originally from Aylesbury I have lived in and around the Carshalton area since 1972.

I trained as a nurse at Great Ormond Street Hospital and spent the majority of my career with children, including 3 years as a school nurse. I was a health visitor for over 20 years giving support to families of pre-school children including those with special needs or child protection issues. My area of expertise was the management of behaviour problems.

As a mature student I embarked on a part-time course at Kingston University and gained a degree in Health Studies.

I was a magistrate for 17 years.

I have been a regular worshipper at All Saints since 2001 and joined the PCC in April this year.

My involvement with All Saints school began in 2006 when, after retiring, I helped with reading on a weekly basis. I was subsequently appointed Foundation Governor in 2009 and continued as such until 2015. I re-joined the Board of Governors in November 2017 as a co-opted member and am on the Faith and SCC committees as well as link governor for R.E.

I have 2 children, both educated at local grammar schools, and 4 grandchildren ranging in age from year 4 to year 9. My daughter is a primary teacher in a Croydon school.

My hobbies are golf and bridge – neither of which I'm particularly good at but I live in hope of improving. Three years ago I realised a long-held ambition to learn a musical instrument and took up the cello.

I am a firm believer in life-long learning and that children should be nurtured and encouraged to reach their full potential. I do worry, however, that so much pressure is placed on them from a very early age that childhood, as I knew it, is fast disappearing. I sometimes wish we could adopt a more Scandinavian approach to education.

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