

## 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 wonderful career, including a posting to Washington DC, as well as time off to raise my family. I continue to work part-time and am therefore acutely aware of the challenges faced by working parents.

I moved with my husband and eldest daughter to Carshalton in 2005 and soon after joined All Saints church where I have played an active role in the Children's Mass for the last 5 years and have been Churchwarden for the last two. I have three children in the school, ranging from Year 1 to Year 6. Since my oldest daughter joined the school I have been an active parent helper, a member of the PTA and an enthusiastic participant in a wide range of school events.

I have recently joined the Governing Board as a Foundation governor appointed by the church. 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 look forward to serving as a Governor for the next three years.