

## Governor Spotlight – Paul Fair



For the past 4 years I have been a governor and chair of the Resources Committee at Oakfield Junior School. From Spring 2021 I have also taken on the roles of the Maths and Music Link governor. The Resources Committee primarily oversees the school finances, buildings, facilities and Health and Safety. This is so the teaching staff have the resources to provide the best possible education for all the children in the school.

By way of personal background. My wife Cherry and our two children moved to Bookham some 35 years ago and apart from job assignments have lived here ever since. Our daughter and son are grown up and have families of their own. We have two granddaughters in years one and three in a Cheshire school and three grandsons in reception, years three and five in Ashted schools.

I studied Physics and subsequently had a 37 year career in the Oil & Gas industry. I was very fortunate to have numerous and varied roles in retail, logistics planning, crude trading, refining, production and for the second half of my career in Gas marketing both in the UK and Australia. On retirement I was able to return to my interest in singing both in a formal choral society and Rockchoir. I also took on a number of volunteering roles, school governing being one. The other volunteering activities cover, The Globe Theatre, The Yehudi Menuhin Concert Hall, The Grange Park Opera House and for something a little different Twickenham Rugby Stadium, rugby was my primary sport.

Being a school governor provides me with an opportunity to use my business skills while learning about the intricacies of teaching and complexities of school funding.

Finally I would like to thank every member of the staff for all their work during the Covid lock-down periods. In addition I would like to commend the Friends for all their fundraising efforts which help to provide additional funds for the benefit of the children of Oakfield Junior School.