



GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

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I retired in September 2020, after being the Headteacher of Wonersh and Shamley Green CofE Primary School for 10 years. Previously I was the Deputy Head and Special Needs Coordinator at Boxgrove Primary School in Guildford for 12 years, and before that taught in a variety of schools in Somerset, Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire, and Sardinia. I began my teaching career as a Secondary Geography teacher, but as my children grew older I dipped my toes into nursery and primary teaching; so have taught all ages from 3 to 18 years old, as well as teaching English as a foreign language.

I had amazing opportunities with my job to travel and see schools in action in other countries such as Tanzania, Rwanda, South Africa and Uganda in Africa; China, Japan and India in Asia, Peru, the United States, Turkey, Ireland and Denmark. As a result of this and also growing up in Singapore, I have a passion for children learning to become global citizens. I am still involved in a British Council schools-to-schools programme linking UK schools with school in Uganda.

My husband Les and I have lived in Fetcham for over 22 years and have 3 grown up children and 7 grandchildren, who we love to spend time with. I attend St Mary's Fetcham Church and enjoy photography, gardening, swimming and going for walks.

I became a governor at Oakfield in 2021, wanting to share my skills and experience with a local school that shares my passion for creativity in learning and offers children a caring and supportive environment to grow and flourish. I am particularly interested in special needs and believe that Oakfield supports children with additional needs very well. It has been lovely meeting the children and staff and getting to know this very special community.

Please do say hello if you see me around and ask any questions you might have. The Governing Body is here to represent you and make the school the best it can be for the children. If you'd like to join the Governing Body, please do speak to one of us.