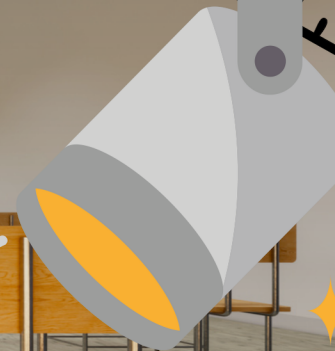




GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT



Meet Helen Bilton

How did you get into being a school governor?

I was asked by Fr Martin (a former parish priest of St Paul's) in 2018. I'm not eligible to be a foundation governor but the post of Local Authority Governor came up and he ~~told~~ encouraged me to apply.

What surprised you most on joining the team?

How professional it is, how interesting the work is and what an absolutely incredible, mind-blowing job all staff in schools do behind the scenes every day.

What was your own school like?

I went to a state primary school in Liverpool, it was a similar size to St Joseph's although split into separate Infants and Juniors. My back garden bordered the playground so I could wait to hear the bell for lining up and leg it round, still making it on time. Then a Church of England all-girls state secondary school which I thoroughly enjoyed, apart from the bright purple uniform. I stayed there for sixth form to do A-levels, which I did very well in. I've still got a fabulous group of friends I made at school and we are all looking forward to getting together as we all turn 50 this year.

What skills do you think makes a good governor

The best governing boards have a wide range of different skills amongst their members but what I think I bring is reliability, diligence and curiosity.



What is the furthest away point on the planet you've ever been to?

Siberia (town called Chelyabinsk)

In three words how does being a school governor make you feel?

Useful, inspired, belonging

An interesting fact about you

I'm the only person in my family of mum, dad and sister who has a middle name. And I only have one because when I was born some bright spark pointed out that my initials would be HP and at the time there was a very famous brown sauce by that name. So my parents added my middle name, Catherine, after my Gran who was a doughty Scunthorpe woman with whom I shared a great love of books and a tendency to get up very early as well as a name.

Helen is one of our Co-Chair of Governors

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