

My name is **Brian Woodham** and I have been a governor for a number of years. Our three children attended Ickford School and then went on to Wheatley Park School, where I was also a governor until 2019. My business background is in sales, marketing and management with most of my experience being in the construction industry. I am currently vice chair of governors and chair the Finance, Premises and Personnel sub-committee. I am very impressed by the progress of Ickford School during my time as a governor and feel that my role is beneficial to the overall strategy and ethos of the school, helping in the background, thus leaving the teachers free to teach.

My name is **Paul Campbell** and I've been a Governor since 2005. This time has gone by so quickly and has allowed me to see the children and the school and staff blossom. My personal aims were to support everyone to grow and achieve their best opportunities. I have loved watching the children develop skills in languages, music, sport, IT, dance, singing, art, reading and writing but most importantly to be happy and express themselves. I am always in awe of the kindness and caring demonstrated by our children both at our school and in their further education. I have particularly enjoyed watching the school plays and celebrations and my goal is at some time to win Dragon's Den in Y6 class.... In my opinion an exceptional and lovely part of our community with teachers who have grown and loved alongside them.

I'm **Jenny Armitstead** Chair of Governors. I come from a family steeped in the teaching profession and via the fashion industry returned to the family tradition of teaching in higher education. I have a passion for learning and am proud of being involved in Ickford School where 'every child matters' presents myself and all the governors with challenges which we really strive to meet. I very much enjoy my visits to the school, joining the children in the classroom; I am sure my spelling improves every time and I am always put through my paces with the children beating me at maths challenges! It is certainly true that we never stop learning.

I'm **Vivienne Hayday** and I have been a Governor at Ickford School for at least 16 years. My background is in HR, in the Retail and Hospitality industries and, when I retired, I was a lecturer in HR at Abingdon and Witney college for 10 years. I have lived in Ickford for more than 40 years, when my husband and I built a house and then, 5 years ago, had a smaller "flat pack" house built in our vegetable garden.

Being a governor at the school is one of the things I do in life that I truly love. Holding a class governor role, spending a day a term in class with the children is a particular joy. I have watched and seen them grow physically, mentally and socially, improving their knowledge and skills, feeling quite sad when they move on.

The only challenging thing about the class governor role is sitting in on a maths lesson, praying that no one asks me any question to do with maths! It's not how I remember being taught but, I have to say, it is much more fun. I absolutely love listening to some of the class reading to me and watching how much they enjoy just being at school.

I'm **Nigel Jackson** and I've lived in Ickford for 25 years. I have been a governor for nearly fifteen years starting as a parent governor when my daughters attended the school. They have moved on after a happy time at Ickford but I have stayed on as a community governor and it has been a privilege to be involved as the school has gone from strength to strength. I am particularly proud of the breadth of education that the children at Ickford experience particularly the sports and music at which they excel. In my spare time I play badminton with a small club in the school sports hall but I'm not sure I would fair very well against the Ickford School County championship winning team!

Hello, I'm **Anna O'Kennedy** and I've been a Parent Governor since 2018. I wanted to get involved with school governance in order to learn more about the management of school, to be able to become more involved in a school I believe in and to do something useful for our local community. It's a privilege to be able to support the staff of this school and also to be able to get involved with the children. As part of a school council project I was lucky (?) enough to help the children plant over 100 trees on the school field in the pouring rain! It was lovely to take an active part in a project the children were so excited to be involved with. I'm always impressed by the children at Ickford; by their passion for their school, by the ability to adapt to any challenge thrown at them and by their incredible attitude.

I'm **Dawn Basnett**, although most of you know me as Madame as I teach French to all year groups on a Wednesday. I have been part of the Governing Body for seven years as a "teacher – governor". Being a governor gives me an insight into wider areas of Ickford School and compliments my role as Deputy Head and Year 6 teacher; I enjoy being the link between the staff members and the parental /outside community. I have three children, all of whom I moved to Ickford School after I began working here (best decision I ever made). I am grateful for the solid foundations they received which I believe has influenced their academic and sporting success.