

## Nomination for Parent Governor at The Cotswold School – Linda Rowley

I would like to be considered for the role of parent governor as I am a new parent to the school with my daughter having started in year 7 this September and a second daughter being in year 3 at primary school. I am just starting my experience as a secondary school parent and think that experiencing the school for the first time could give useful observations alongside the experienced governors already in post. My husband works in insurance and we live in the catchment village of Oddington.

My professional background is in education and I was a primary school teacher in both the maintained and independent sector in Bristol and Worcester with leadership responsibility for maths, English and PE. Following this I was a deputy headteacher and then a headteacher for ten years in Oxfordshire in a church primary school of 400 pupils. During this time I was seconded by the local authority to work with a number of schools and therefore have experience of working closely with several governing bodies. I am currently the academy improvement director for a multi academy trust in the south west as well as being an Ofsted inspector. My seven years of inspection experience has mostly been in primary schools, and a few middle schools but I am keen to develop my understanding of the secondary school curriculum and new assessment systems.

I have twice been a parent governor at my daughters' primary school, last finishing in May 2015 and I was the nominated governor for safeguarding, standards and performance. Other governor experience comes from my years as a headteacher. A part of my role in the multi academy trust is to work with the local governing bodies of academies and to provide training. To do this I keep up to date with the contents of the governance handbook and know the requirements of governors in academies. I am a member of the National Governors' Association and receive their weekly updates which keeps my knowledge current, alongside my regular inspection training.

If I was elected to this role my aim would be to represent the views of parents and the local community whilst working with the governors to provide direction and support to the Principle, Deputy Principals, the School Leadership team and the staff of the school. I am aware of the time commitments and expectations and would do my best to attend meetings regularly and take a full and active part in the work of the governing body.