

Sue Owen

After a number of years as a primary school teacher in both Buckinghamshire and Somerset, I moved into the advisory and support service where I became the primary mathematics adviser for Somerset and was part of the Local Authority (LA) school improvement team. During this time I completed a Masters degree in primary mathematics. While working for the LA I was Ofsted trained and I inspected in schools across the country. I also tutored trainee teachers in Somerset for five years and have been an external examiner for trainees for Bath Spa University.

One of my daughters lives in the village with her family. When my grandson started at the school I was newly retired and I became a volunteer. I was pleased to be invited onto the Board of Governors, initially as the LA representative and later as a co-opted governor. Currently I am Chair of the Local Governing Board.



Bev Gore

I was born in Sutton Coalfield but grew up in the Cotswolds. My maternal grandparents lived in Berrow and eventually the whole family moved to Berrow to help care for my grandmother. I moved to Brent Knoll with my husband, son and daughter in 1994 after having lived in several locations both in the UK and abroad, including Paris and the USA. I now have 5 grandchildren who live in Wales and Belgium. My main hobby is horse riding and dressage in particular.

I have a degree from the Open University in Technology and became a secondary school teacher after doing a PGCE at Bath Spa. I have taught Food and Textiles at Crispin School in Street and the King Alfred School, Highbridge, but have now retired. I am a firm believer in good quality education and am looking forward to supporting the staff and pupils at Brent Knoll Primary in any way I can.



Bonnie Dando

I grew up in Hampshire and moved to Bristol to attend university, before going on to complete a Graduate Diploma in Law and the Legal Practice Course in Nottingham. I returned to Bristol to practise as a commercial solicitor, where I met my husband.

My husband grew up in Brent Knoll and was a pupil at the school. His mum also worked at the school for many years. So, as a family we have a strong attachment both to the school and the wider village community.

As a parent with two children in the school, I hope my practical perspective as someone involved with the school on a daily basis will be helpful as a parent governor.



Jo Boyer

Jo Boyer After growing up in the area I moved away to Cheltenham for university and, after graduating, worked for an accountancy firm there where I trained to become a Chartered Certified Accountant and later a Chartered Tax Advisor. After several years in Cheltenham, my husband and I decided to move back 'home' to raise our family. We now live in Berrow with our two daughters who attend Brent Knoll school. I continue to work part time as a Tax Advisor. I joined the school as a parent governor in September 2022. During my accountancy training I had worked on financial audits for recently converted Academy schools across Gloucestershire. I learnt the importance of good governance in a school and felt that this experience might be useful to the governing board. From a personal perspective, the governor role also allows me be more connected with my children's school community and, alongside our other parent governors, bring a 'parents perspective' to the board



Stacey Kurg

I grew up in Highbridge moved away for the first time to attend University in Plymouth. I became a qualified teacher and taught for a number of years before deciding to teach abroad and experience the world. I have now returned to my hometown with my family and we are enjoying the West Country more than ever.

We have two children who joined Brent Knoll school a year ago and we have been very happy with the nurturing and family feel of the school. I am pleased to have been invited as a parent governor to the school and hope that I can use my experience in education and world travels to support and help the school.

