

Individual Profiles of Queensway Governors

John Riches	<p>My name is John and I have been a parent governor at Queensway School since January 2017 and am currently serving as Chair of Governors. I have three children who attend the school. I initially put myself forward to become a governor at the school with the intention of supporting the school to continue and to further develop their excellent work.</p> <p>Over the last 12 years, my career has been based in special schools and I have held posts including teaching assistant, teacher and senior leadership roles. I am the headteacher of a community special school in Oxfordshire.</p>
Daniela Cesco	<p>My name is Daniela and I am a co-opted governor here at Queensway. I have been a governor in different capacities since 2011 and over the years I have gained a varied and broad knowledge of the school. In my professional life I have worked in sales and account management and I am currently a virtual territory manager for a medical device company. In my spare time I like to spend time with my family, I enjoy being outdoors as much as possible and I like to daydream about visiting far away and obscure holiday destinations. My three teenage boys all attended Queensway and have a lot of happy memories of their time at the school. I would like all the children that attend Queensway to enjoy their time at the school and, at the same time, have the opportunity to achieve the very best they can be.</p>
Mike Smith	<p>I became a Queensway Governor 8 years ago a few years after my three children left. I joined because I want future generations to be given every opportunity possible to succeed from an early age and I believe Queensway School is a positive influence. My work background is retail having worked in many stores across the South of England and a couple of Head Office roles. I enjoy travel, hiking and landscape photography.</p>
Michelle Jenkins	<p>I am a Co-Opted and joined the governing body in September 2016. I work for Oxfordshire County Council as an Early Years Advisor. Prior to this I was a Headteacher of a Primary and Nursery School. I am passionate about education and learning and I am delighted to be a governor at Queensway School. Hobbies and interests include adopting retired greyhounds, walking and reading.</p>
Brendon Miller	<p>Hi I'm Brendon. I have been working with children and their families for over 20 years as a youth worker and then as an Early Help practitioner. For the last 14 years I have been working in the Banbury area and have run youth clubs and worked in most of the schools with some of their most vulnerable students and feel this experience really helps me as the Safeguarding Governor.</p>
David Mendham	<p>During my working life of over 40 years, I spent nearly 24 years with a bank working my way up from junior roles to become a manager looking after business customers. Following that I worked for Oxfordshire County Council in a role supporting early years and childcare providers with the business aspects of running their businesses/charities and also the planning to ensure that the council met its duty to ensure there is sufficient early years and childcare provision in Oxfordshire. I have recently taken early retirement to take the opportunity to pursue my other hobbies and pastimes, including a lifetime interest in railways.</p> <p>Whilst my own children have left school, my aim as a governor is to use both my knowledge from work and as a parent to support the school ensuring that children attending Queensway School receive the best possible education and experience during their time at the school.</p>

Ronke Chalmers	<p>When I first walked through the doors at Queensway, I knew this was a fantastic school. Every child matters here. This is why I am proud to be a parent governor here.</p> <p>I also want to give something back to a school that has educated and nurtured both my children so well. I was a journalist for many years before moving to Banbury.</p> <p>My work at Banbury and Bicester College will help me to understand our school's strengths and where there may be room for improvement.</p>
Katie Dignan	<p>I have been a parent governor at Queensway since Summer 2018. I have a son who is currently in Year two at the school and enjoying himself hugely, while learning loads.</p> <p>I am a management consultant during the day. I wanted to take an active role in helping the school provide all its pupils with a great education, as well giving them a safe place to enjoy themselves and grow.</p>
Matthew Ingall	<p>I worked in Oxfordshire schools for over 30 years, before retiring in September 2020. During this time, I was Deputy Head of a large town primary school, before being Headteacher for the last 24 years; 8 years at a small village primary school and finally Head for 16 years at large primary school in North Oxfordshire. I also worked for the Local Authority as a School Improvement Partner, Local Leader of Education and for the National College of School Leaders as a National Leader of Education supporting other primary schools. I was an OFSTED inspector for a couple of years. Most importantly, I taught all ages of primary school children, which was invaluable in providing me about children's personal, social and academic development during their crucial primary years.</p> <p>I became a Governor of Queensway Primary School in September 2021. I hope that my experience in primary education will be helpful for the Governing Body as they continue to support and hold the school to account in the coming years.</p>
Sarah-Jane Arrowsmith	<p>I have 2 children at Queensway, both in Early Years. We moved to Banbury in 2016 and live very near to the school. I have been a parent governor since December 2020 which has provided enhanced understanding of the education system as well as the enjoyment of being part of the Queensway school journey.</p>
Debbie Taylor	<p>I am the Home School Link Worker and Staff Governor at Queensway and have worked here for the last 4 ½ years. My links with Queensway go way back to when my own 2 children attended over 15 years ago, and I was a Parent Governor then. Queensway has changed a great deal since then and I am keen to be part of its future.</p>