

Individual Profiles of Queensway Governors

Mike Smith	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.
Paddy Quinn	I am a Local Authority Governor & currently Vice Chair of Governors at Queensway. I have been a Governor at Queensway now for 14 years I live & work locally & I am Married with 3 grown up children & 3 Grandchildren.
Daniela Cesco	I first became a parent governor at Queensway in 2011 when my eldest son was in Year 1. I volunteered to be a governor to find out more about the school my child was attending but ultimately because I wanted to give something back to the community that had welcomed our family. In the time that he has transitioned through the school, to be joined by his two brothers, Queensway has expanded considerably but has managed to keep its strong sense of purpose and its determination that all children should fulfil their potential. I feel privileged to serve as a Chair of Governors at Queensway.
Michelle Jenkins	I am a Co-Opted and joined the governing body in September 2016. I work for Oxfordshire County Council as and 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.
Brendan Miller	Hi I'm Brendon Miller 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.

John Riches	<p>My name is John and I have been a parent governor at Queensway School since January 2017. I have three children who attend the school. I 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>
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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 with ensuring that children attending Queensway School receive the best possible education and experience during their time at the school.</p>
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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>
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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>
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