

Individual Profiles of Queensway Governors

Jason Baker	<p>I wanted to become a Parent Governor at Queensway due to seeing first-hand the continued hard work by the staff that goes into creating the environment that enables the children to grow and learn every day. I have two children at Queensway, my youngest is in Nursery and my oldest in Year 2.</p> <p>I have worked in the world of governance and risk for over 15 years across the public and private sectors and hope that my experience can help provide guidance and support to the school in the coming years.</p>
Sarah Bytyci	<p>Many Queensway children and parents will know me as Mrs Bytyci. I taught at Queensway for around 10 years. You'll now see me on a Friday running Forest School, where I love seeing the children enjoy the outdoors, learning about nature and themselves. Before I was a teacher I was an Education Economist and have always been interested in ensuring all children have the opportunity to access high quality education, and all of the opportunities which this affords them as they grow. I also know that a supportive, nurturing environment is key to the success of children and young people, this is something Queensway does so well. Being a Governor will allow me to continue to support the school to provide this wonderful environment for children to thrive emotionally and academically.</p>
Ronke Chalmers	<p>Ronke Chalmers is known for her innovative approach, ability to connect with people and dedication to community development. With a strong background in media, education and bid writing she has successfully spearheaded numerous projects that have had a lasting impact. A passionate advocate for Queensway since her children attended the school, Ronke combines strategic thinking with a supporting the school to improve outcomes for all learners.</p>
Caroline Debus	<p>I am a Co-Opted Governor and joined the Queensway School governing body in September 2024. I am the Head Teacher at St. Leonard's CE Primary School in Banbury; prior to this I was the Assistant Head Teacher and Year 3 Class Teacher; I have been teaching for over 20 years and can't imagine not working in education. I am thrilled to serve as a Governor at Queensway School and bring my passion and experience in education and learning with me.</p>
Katie Dignan	<p>I have been a Parent Governor at Queensway since Summer 2018, when my son was in Year 2. He loved Queensway and learned so much – not only reading, writing and Maths – but also how to be a good person.</p> <p>I work as a management consultant, helping businesses change and grow. I enjoy using some of the knowledge gained in my day job, to help Queensway continue to provide all its pupils with a great education, as well as giving them a safe place to enjoy themselves and grow.</p>
Rory Freeman	<p>After completing A levels and a Diploma in Physical Education and Recreation Studies, I spent many months travelling across North America, Australia and the Far East.</p> <p>After returning from my travels, I joined the police service and had a successful career of over 30 years, leading teams across Thames Valley and Hampshire. I specialised in partnership working, strategic command and operational leadership throughout this service.</p> <p>In my spare time, I am one of the Team Managers for Banbury Harriers Athletics Club and am also studying to become a Personal Trainer. I live locally with my wife and have two children who attend secondary school.</p>

Chris Green	<p>I worked in Theatre Management in London's West End for over twenty years, before a family relocation to Banbury in 2020, after which I moved into Events Management roles at an Oxford College and Banbury Town Council, before taking on a position in Events and Venue Management with Oxford University. I have seen first-hand how important community input is to the life of the town, and children of primary school age are key to this. I have two children at Queensway, both of whom enjoy every aspect of being part of the school community.</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>
Michelle Jenkins	<p>I 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.</p> <p>Hobbies and interests include adopting retired greyhounds, walking and reading.</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.</p> <p>Since my retirement I have taken the opportunity to pursue my other hobbies and pastimes, including volunteering on a heritage railway. 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>
Brendon Miller	<p>I have been working in Banbury with children and their families for over 20 years, firstly as a youth worker and then as a part of the Early Intervention service. I now manage my own team of Family Help workers within children's services and we support families all over Banbury. During my time in Banbury, I have supported children that have attended Queensway and have always enjoyed visiting the pupils and school. I find it to be a wonderfully positive place with lots of enthusiasm from the staff and the children.</p> <p>I have been a Governor at Queensway for 10 years now and have been the Safeguarding Governor all that time. I hope my knowledge of the locality and children means I add value to the Governing Body.</p>

Mike Smith	I am a Co-opted governor and have completed many of the training programs provided by Governor Services. My initial association with Queensway is because my three children attended this school. My motivation for this role, is to do what I can, to ensure as many children as possible have a positive experience of school as mine did. I have a commercial business background in retail, completing several different roles, but always leading and managing teams of people to achieve. I enjoy travel, hiking, landscape photography and my allotment!
Debbie Taylor	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.