



## Boreham Primary School Governing Body

### Governor Candidate Profile

Name: Nicola Fung

I am proud to have been brought up in the village, having moved here just before my first birthday. When I had children I wanted them to have a similar upbringing and am happy that all three children now attend Boreham school too and will go on to have many happy memories like I have.

After gaining my QTS as a Primary school teacher in London, over 20 years ago, I studied as a postgraduate at The Royal College of Music. After this period I worked both as a professional Opera Singer and as a supply teacher all over London. I moved back to Boreham in 2012 after our first son was born. It was a pleasure to work at Boreham School before my third child was born, covering PPA time with class music lessons and job-sharing with Mrs Hutley in Year 2.

My singing work has taken me all over the world and to most of the major concert halls in this country. Sailing into Sydney Harbour on a cruise-ship was just one unforgettable perk of being a singer. Working in a close-knit environment on productions at Opera Holland Park or for the education department at Welsh National Opera, for instance, prepares you very well for the theatre of the classroom. I am fortunate to have had this dual career and am again enjoying the classroom now that my youngest is at Boreham.

I am proud to have helped run Small Steps Preschool, a charity setting located within Boreham Village Hall, for more than five years as Chair of the Committee. I have experience of Ofsted inspections and found it rewarding to help the staff gain and retain their 'Good' rating, set up a Forest-style school and to work closely with staff to improve the provision which is used by the whole community. This was a voluntary position that I undertook whilst my children were at the setting to help both them and the community have a setting of the highest quality. As the main feeder preschool for Boreham Primary, it's such a pleasure to see former pupils growing into such mature and kind children at Boreham School.

My other main passions are gardening and cooking. I have an allotment that I love for the headspace it affords me. I have really enjoyed helping with the gardening in the Bio-dome and around the school and setting up the Gardening Club. I have always

enjoyed cooking for others, and trying new recipes from all over the world. My main cooking inspiration has come from Jamie Oliver and latterly, Joe Wicks. I also love making celebration cakes for my children and we enjoy researching ideas on Pinterest and seeing them come to life.

I am not afraid of hard work and have a very hands on, get stuck in mentality to life albeit with a light-hearted fun side too. I am a positive person who looks to the positive in situations and therefore becoming a Governor is the natural progression for me now that all my children are at Boreham. I am looking forward to getting to know the children more fully as a governor. I am really looking forward to finding out which class I will be allocated and seeing how my expertise and passions for learning, music and the arts can be utilised fully to help improve Boreham School even further.