



## Boreham Primary School Governing Body

### Governor Candidate Profile

Name: Tara Westney

After spending the early part of my childhood in Malmesbury, Wiltshire, my family relocated to Chelmsford when I was 8 years old. I subsequently attended Nabbots Junior School (now Springfield Primary) and went on to complete my secondary education at Boswells in Springfield. I stayed on to complete 6<sup>th</sup> form where I was the college president, before undertaking a gap year. During this year I spent time in Spain living with a host family, which cemented my desire to study for a degree in Spanish studies and modern languages. I completed this at the University of Essex, whilst continuing to live at home and eventually purchasing my first property with my now husband. I also completed a year abroad as part of my degree, returning to the village where I spent some of my gap year, teaching English in a local secondary school.

On finishing University, I secured a role on a management graduate scheme for a car rental company, however the sales driven ethos was not an environment I enjoyed. After a few months in this role my partner and I decided to start a family, and my son William arrived. I did not want to return to the corporate world after becoming a mother and decided to work as a supply teacher undertaking a cover supervisor role in different school securing work through an agency. This worked well as gave me the flexibility to fit work around my son, whilst gaining more classroom experience across a wide variety of schools and subjects. I worked in schools under special measures, grammar schools, and even completed a stint teaching GCSE English.

With my connections to Boreham Primary through my sister, about 10 years ago I completed a period of voluntary work, teaching French to some KS2 classes. This evolved into securing a part-time role, teaching Spanish as part of the PPA timetable. This is something I have thoroughly enjoyed for the past 8 years and I continue to feel deeply passionate about language learning within primary education.

Alongside working in school, I also run two small businesses in the beauty industry which keep me extremely busy.

Beyond my working life, I am now a mother to two children who both attend Boreham Primary, currently in years 1 and 5. Leading a healthy lifestyle is extremely important to me, and I believe that all aspects of health, both physical and mental, are intrinsically linked. I am captain of my netball team, playing in the Chelmsford District Netball League which I love. I have a 1-year-old black Labrador and can be seen most mornings around 6am walking her out into the surrounding fields. I also love to cook from scratch and grow my own vegetables, so have my sights set on a greenhouse for my garden to continue to grow even more. Furthermore, I despise waste, so am always looking for ways to repurpose or recycle things we no longer need in the home, in fact I like the challenge!

I am keen to undertake a role on the governing body as I feel I can support the school both as a current member of staff, plus as a parent. I also feel as though my experience of working across different settings and my specialism of MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) will continue to further support the staff.

