



Boreham Primary School
A Friendship School

Boreham Primary School Governing Body

Governor Profile

Name: Mrs Kerrie Chapman

Born in London Hospital, Whitechapel into a Maltese/Italian family. I spent my early years in East London, before moving to Havering where I attended junior school.

I continued my senior education at boarding school in Hertfordshire until the age of 16. It was here my interest in mentoring, nurturing and education began, as I was appointed a senior mentor to younger boarding peers and subsequently the role of school prefect for the health centre. I attended college in East London for my higher education, where I obtained a qualification in early years education.

Having entered the world of employment at the height of the recession I found my career took a detour and I began work in a financial brokerage house on the accounts team, supporting private investors and the trading desk. This role steered my career in to business management support, crossing over to marketing and events. I have worked in senior positions for a variety of FTSE companies ranging from financial houses, to advertising agencies, publishing and automotive manufacturers. A role that required international travel and long hours, which proved quite difficult to sustain once my husband and I had a young family.

We sold our flat in West London and our house in Brentwood and moved our two young children to Chelmsford where we also established Little hedgehogs Day Nurseries Limited. I am the company director and manager of Little Hedgehogs. I am also the safeguarding lead and hold a full level 3 safeguarding certificate.

Little Hedgehogs is an inclusive early years setting within the village. I was awarded outstanding on our last inspection, and I am proud of the close relationship we have nurtured with our families and industry stakeholders. We currently support a number of children with additional needs and have a mixed bilingual attendance at the nursery.

We remained open throughout the pandemic to care for key children, we continued to support our families who remained home and we were able to provide transitional care to children of local families who were not able to attend their closed settings. COVID has brought about many challenges but it has given me renewed confidence in how my team and I can support our young children and their parents/carers, especially in areas of mental health and speech and language.

I have always prided myself on our close partnership with Boreham Primary school. I feel the school has an excellent nurturing ethos within its community and this is evident in how the children interact with each other and those around them.

In my spare time I play hockey, competing in the East of England league plus I am currently undertaking a degree in early years education.

I am expressing my interest in the role of non-parental governor to further support the link between early years and primary education. I also feel I can bring my knowledge of early years education and business development to the role to support with transitions and the revised statutory framework.