



Boreham Primary School
A Friendship School

Boreham Primary School Governing Body

Governor Candidate Profile

Name: Keith May

I was born in Bow, East London, the son of a Whole sale meat trader. Eventually I attended University and gained a degree in Psychology. I have two daughters who were brought up and schooled in Chelmsford, and a granddaughter who attends Boreham Primary school, where I have been, totally impressed by the ethos of the school, and remarkable enthusiasm of the staff.

I have worked in the learning disabilities sector for the past 20 Years, predominately for charitable and private organisations, starting as a Support worker, then manager, and currently as Operational Director for a national charity which supports 2500 adults with learning disabilities and employs 3100 staff. I have worked with all aspects of Learning Disabilities, including those with dual diagnosis and Forensic history. Complex Autism Spectrum Disorders have become my primary interest, enabling me to become Expert by Experience. As an Operational Director, I have sole responsibility for an £18 million Budget, and complex HR issues, up to Tribunal. My primary aims are to provide Outstanding Services that offer opportunity, and life enhancing Care. I always work in a collaborative and transparent manner, where possible gaining consensus to achieve a desired outcome.

I have experience in working with a board of Governors, and from August 2014 to April 2017 I was School Governor & Chair of Governors at Westlands Community Primary School, and can offer experience I gained whilst performing this role during a difficult time for the school, with the departure of their Head Teacher. I also took particular interest in those children with Special Educational Needs, and found my twenty years of working in this area beneficial.

My interests are cricket, motor-sport and travelling, however, over the last few years my work has restricted these pastimes, but I have decided to retire at Christmas from my current role as Director, and will be working part time for the same organisation in the new year, This will also give me the opportunity to devote time to the role of Governor, should I pass the selection process.

To conclude, I would argue that I have an analytical mind, tenacious nature, and I always strive for the best, and in this context, our children should not have, or expect anything less. I want to see that all children, irrespective of social status or ability, enjoy and thrive at the school, furthermore, that when they leave the school, they have grasped and understand the fundamentals of education and that they are prepared to face life's challenges. Importantly, that the children have enjoyed their time at Boreham, and have flourished in a safe environment.

There is no doubt, in my view, that Boreham Primary is an excellent school, with obvious examples of innovation, great teaching, and good governance, I would relish the opportunity to helping the school reach the next level, and feel that I have the transferable skills and experience to achieve this.