



Boreham Primary School  
A Friendship School

## Boreham Primary School Governing Body

### Governor Candidate Profile

Name: Donna Bentley

My name is Donna Bentley and I have lived in Chelmsford for only two years.

My work history for the previous thirty-six years was in childcare as a registered childminder, during which time I studied for many childcare qualifications, which culminated in my graduating with an Open University Foundation Degree in Early Years.

For 20 years I ran toddler groups in schools, churches and a childminder 'drop in' in conjunction with Havering Council Early Years team. This has given me plenty of experience of being involved at all levels of Early Years Care, which included having to provide a setting, which met or exceeded Ofsted requirements.

I have also been a volunteer for Homestart Havering (approximately six years), and gave this up shortly before moving. This provided practical support for families with under five year olds, who required help and guidance in childcare,

One of your school governors, Yvonne Chapman, who I have known for around thirty-eight years when we both had young children of our own and were childminding in Walthamstow, approached me to become a Governor. I thought this would be a good opportunity to utilise my knowledge and experience in a supportive roll for the school, while gaining personal development in a new environment.

I enjoy providing planned activities for children, which encourage them to learn through play.

When not looking after any of my four grand children, I like to read, travel and pre Covid, I enjoyed swimming, which I hope to resume in the near future.