

Your Background

I am Leeds born and bred, married and have four wonderful grandchildren. I've been fortunate in the world of work, travelling extensively and learning about different countries and cultures; our similarities as well as our differences.

I am educated to degree level – I studied French and Spanish - and have a post-graduate diploma in business. I've worked for NHS England for the last eight years and my role there is as a Business & Governance Manager. The patient is at the heart of everything we do and although mine is not a front line role I always remember that what I do will have a much wider effect. We're all affected by illness at some time in our lives and I feel it's important to continuously improve so that we can provide the best service possible to the patient.

How people transact with one another and the effect that this may have on how people think and feel is very close to my heart. I believe that everyone should be given the best chance that they have in life and treated with respect.

What brought you to Greenmount?

I'd wanted to become more involved with schools and the Inspiring the Future Programme had given me the opportunity to go into different schools and talk about what I do. It was really important to me to be able to be involved in a school where everyone was seen as an individual and what I had read about Greenmount 'spoke' to me in that way.

What do you like about being a governor?

The positive difference that governors can make to a school, understanding the challenges that the school may face and being able to assist in the school being the best that it can be, providing a great start in life for all the children, no matter what their educational ability.

Your thoughts about Greenmount

Greenmount is a fantastic school! The positive atmosphere is palpable and the staff exemplify the 'leading out' ethos of education. The children I've met and the classes I've been to radiate enthusiasm and dedication. I'm aware that this is not without its challenges but it's clear to see that everyone is giving of their best.

Your hobbies or interests?

I absolutely love reading, hence my interest in reading and phonics. Theatre, especially musicals are a first love and my other half and I try to keep fit by going regularly to Ballroom and Latin dancing classes – not sure how that one's working out yet and we've been doing it for years!