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Category	Co-opted Governor
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Committee:	Finance and Environment
Specific Responsibility:	Mathematics

## Personal Profile

I was born in Weymouth and attended both Wyke Regis Infant and Junior schools before going to Weymouth Grammar School and then on to University. It is with fond memories that I look back at my time at Wyke and the teachers I had. I remember that it was with their support, encouragement and enthusiasm that I had the basis of a good education which then enabled me to pursue a successful academic career. As a governor I would like to be able to help support the efforts of the school and the teaching staff in maintaining the high standards already achieved and in aiming for both schools to become “Outstanding” schools. This is a role which will be ever more necessary now that all schools will be more devolved with Academy status.

My first degree was obtained in 1989 at University College London having studied Biology. I then worked as a research assistant at The Middlesex Hospital in the Virology Department working initially on HTLV (a retrovirus which is associated with a form of leukaemia) and then on Hepatitis C. I subsequently worked on Multiple Sclerosis looking for a link with a new virus and obtained my Ph.D. on this work from University College London in 1999.

I continued working as a Senior Virologist in Molecular Virology research until 2011, both in hospitals and in the Biotechnology Industry and finally within NHS Blood Transfusion with an Honorary position at HPA Colindale. Whilst at NHSBT I sat on the Blood Transfusion Safety Committee at Colindale. My experience of managing research projects on a limited budget will hopefully stand me in good stead as a school governor and on the Finance and Environment committee.

In 2011 I returned to Weymouth where I have been self-employed, managing and letting property. One of the principal reasons for returning to Wyke Regis was so that my children could attend Wyke Regis Infant and subsequently Junior schools. My two sons both attended the Infant School and are currently in Year 3 and Year 6 of the Junior School. I have volunteered as a Parent Helper and have assisted in classes in both schools.