

Personal Statement: Cllr Julia Williams

I would be honoured to be considered for the role of School Governor at Village Infants School. I have lived in Dagenham Village for 30 years and care deeply about the community and the opportunities available to local children.

I currently serve as a Councillor for Village Ward, where I work closely with residents and local organisations to support community engagement. My work involves listening to local concerns, problem solving, and helping to ensure that public services meet the needs of our community. Professionally, I am an Office Manager at City Lit, the UK's largest adult education college where I have worked for 18 years. In this role, I have experience of managing staff, coordinating complex projects, and supporting learners from diverse backgrounds. Education has always been important in my life and part of my values, and I am proud to work for an organisation that helps people achieve their potential through lifelong learning.

I also have extensive experience as a Trustee, having served on the Board of the Hornchurch Aerodrome Historical Trust for two years. This role gave me experience of charity governance, safeguarding, financial oversight, and the responsibilities involved in moving an organisation forward.

I would bring to the role of School Governor a strong sense of integrity, commitment to fairness, and a genuine interest in supporting staff, pupils, and families. I believe in giving every child the best possible start in life and would value the opportunity to contribute my experience and enthusiasm to the governing body of Village Infants School.