



Datchet St Mary's C of E Primary Academy

Governor Biography



Name	Kristy Patel – Vice Chair
Category of governor	Foundation
Term of office	1 January 2021 – 5 May 2029
Work	Teacher
Governance experience	I began my governance journey as a Parent Governor, before being appointed as a Foundation Governor. Through these roles, I have developed a strong understanding of school governance, accountability, and strategic leadership. I currently serve as Link Governor for Pupil Premium and Looked After Children (LAC), providing support and challenge to ensure that disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils receive the best possible outcomes. This includes monitoring the impact of funding, reviewing progress and attainment data, and working with school leaders to promote effective provision and inclusion. I am committed to supporting the school's vision and values while contributing to continuous improvement and ensuring that all pupils have the opportunity to thrive.
Hobbies and interests	Travel, theatre, baking, ballet.
Links to the school/area	I moved to the area from the United States in 2007 to take up a teaching position at a local secondary school. My daughter attended Datchet St Mary's, which first established my connection with the school community. Since then, I have remained actively involved with the school through my role as a governor, maintaining a strong commitment to supporting its continued success and serving the local community.
Why did you become a governor?	I became a governor because I wanted to contribute to the success of the school and support the education and wellbeing of all pupils. As an educator myself, I have a strong interest in ensuring that children receive the best possible opportunities to learn and thrive. Becoming a governor has allowed me to use my experience in education to provide support, challenge and strategic oversight, helping the school to continue improving and achieving the best outcomes for its pupils.