

## Gerri Briggs

Co-opted / Safeguarding Governor



I was originally elected as a Parent Governor some years ago when my two sons attended Burghfield St Mary's and after they left I remained as a co-opted governor due to my links with the local community. In the past I have sat on the Staffing Committee and as Chair of the Sites and Buildings Committee on which I still serve but my main role is as Safeguarding Governor.

This means that I work with Mr Gallaher in his role as Designated Safeguarding Lead to ensure that our school has effective systems in place to keep all children safe. I am responsible for ensuring that the school's policies are compliant with statutory guidance on Safeguarding, that these policies are consistently complied with, and to report back to the Full Governing Body.

Our family has lived in Burghfield Village for over twenty years. My husband is a senior manager at IBM, my elder son Elliot is a professional rock musician in The Amazons and my younger son Aaron currently doing a PhD in Engineering at Cambridge University. Between us we have four cats, two alpacas and a tortoise.

My professional training is as a Therapeutic Radiographer. I worked as Quality Manager to the Berkshire Cancer Centre at the RBH for over fifteen years, and my current role is Patient Safety Manager at the Oxford Academic Health Science Network. Although the subject matter obviously varies between healthcare and education there are many parallels in the two areas of public sector working and I believe many of the skills important for my NHS role also translate well to that as a school Governor.