



Tara Holland



I am very pleased to introduce myself as a teacher governor for Downe Manor Primary School.

I have been on the Governing body for almost 3 years and also have two years' experience on another governing body whilst teaching in Buckinghamshire. I have been on the senior leadership team of this school and others for 17 years leading a Key Stage and supporting school development.

Where did it all begin?

I have been a teacher for 20 years...*(I am constantly amazed by this figure –surely it hasn't been so long!)*. During that time I have taught classes in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 including a cross key stage class of Year 2 and 3 pupils.

I started my career in a school in Sussex with a specialism in science and technology and then moved to London in 1999 to teach at Downe Manor. Whilst here, it wasn't long before my other loves made themselves known and I have enjoyed the opportunity to lead on Art and Design and Literacy.

My interest in supporting pupils with additional needs led me to leave Downe Manor in 2001 and take on the role of SENCo and Head of a Speech and Language Provision in a school in Buckinghamshire.

Three years later I returned to Downe Manor *(I missed our wonderful pupils!)* with a new set of skills and a drive to support pupils with additional needs further. I have been the school's SENCo and Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion since June 2013.

I bring my experience of changes and challenges to the role of governor which I use to ensure the best opportunities for the pupils in our school.