

A pen portrait by the Reverend David Twinley

I studied theology at Oxford University and, a few years later, at Heythrop College in London. I served my curacy in the busy parish of Saffron Walden in Essex. I came to Sussex in 2003 as vicar of Bury with Houghton and Coldwaltham and Hardham, a group of rural parishes on the north side of the Downs. In addition to working with two church schools, I was also appointed chaplain to Dorset House School, where I taught Religious Studies and Classical Greek. Alongside my parish work, the bishop appointed me Rural Dean of Petworth. I moved to Arundel early in 2016. As well as getting to grips with my new appointment I am really enjoying getting to know the community at ACE. Education has always been a central part of the Church's ministry. For me, I love to see the sense of joy and excitement in the faces of children as they discover new things and develop a deep intellectual curiosity.

A pen portrait by Mrs Heather Howlett

Ten years ago I came to live in Arundel after a career in teaching. At the age of 21 after music and drama college I became a primary school teacher, working in Cambridge, Dorset, Walsall and the East End of London. I then spent twenty years in Hampshire where I became head teacher of three different schools – two CofE aided primaries in the Diocese of Winchester and a large urban community junior school. At this time my husband and I were bringing up our two sons, both of whom now work in London and abroad.

I am a member of the choir at St Nicholas' Church (I first became a church chorister at the age of 6!) and I was proud to be appointed a Foundation governor at ACE in 2010. I am passionate about supporting the school in its planning and delivery of a dynamic and creative curriculum based on active learning and first-hand experience, underpinned by Christian values.

A pen portrait by Mrs Bella Burchell

Hello, I am one of the staff governors at ACE. As well as my governor role I also fulfil the role of Year Two Teaching Assistant and Special Educational Needs Teaching Assistant across the school. During my ten years at ACE I have worked with every year group and am currently in my first year with year two. I am also a mum of two girls who both attended ACE from Reception and I have seen the school grow in success since that time. I am also a nanny now to my lovely grandson Archie, who hopefully will come to ACE too. I thoroughly enjoy all three of my roles and am keen to develop my governor role as it gives me a different insight in to school life. It also allows me to work with an excellent network of people to help the school move from strength to strength.

A pen portrait by Dr Andy Mott

My name is Dr Andy Mott, I was a GP at Arundel Surgery for over thirty years and so I know many of ACE children, parents and even grandparents very well. All four of my children went to ACE and all were very happy there. Most of their best friends were made at ACE and so I know at first-hand what a wonderful school it is. I am also very involved at St Nicholas Church and I feel really privileged to be able to give something back to the school now as a Governor. In particular, I hope I can act as a bridge between the school and the church.

A pen portrait by Mr Colin Heriot

My name is Colin Heriot and I am a Foundation governor at ACE. Born in Tidworth, Wilts, I was educated at Burgess Hill Primary School and Shoreham Grammar school, after which I went on to study at Brighton Technical College. I spent 30 years in banking at the Union Bank of Switzerland (USB) London. I have been a town councillor for 25 years and was the Mayor of Arundel from 2006 to 2007. Both my son and my daughter attended ACE, during which time I became chairman of FACES.

A pen portrait by Mr Miles Ockwell

My professional background is in policing. I have worked in a variety of roles during my career which began in London, but I am now a Detective Chief Inspector with Sussex Police. I am passionate about child safeguarding and hope that my knowledge in this area can add value to the governance of the school. I am committed to contributing as much as I can to ensure that young people in the area have a school to go to where they can develop into well-rounded, confident individuals and do so in a safe environment.

A pen portrait by Mr Andy Rainer

I have spent most of my life living locally and have for the past 30 years run my own company providing security locking equipment nationally, primarily to the public sector. I have had previous experience as a Parent Governor when my two older girls, who are now in their 20s, worked their way through primary school. My son attended ACE and is now thriving in his third year at Bishop Luffa. I still have two daughters attending ACE both who love the school. It's a privilege for me to be a part of the Governing Body and to be able to support the staff in anyway I can for the benefit of all the children at the school.

A pen portrait by Mrs Lucy Patel

I am a parent governor with a son in Key Stage One at ACE. I am a trained primary school teacher, with experience teaching in Early Years and Key Stage One. Having taken a career break to look after my two children, I recently completed a masters degree in Early Years Education at the UCL Institute of Education. This was a fantastic experience and one which I hope will help me in my role as a governor. I feel very strongly about the importance of children's experiences in the Early Years, as they lay the foundations for life-long learning.