

Name	Gillian Laybourn
Category	Co-opted governor
Background	<p>After leaving university I spent 30 years teaching in an inner-city school in Salford. This required me to be a form tutor responsible for the pastoral care of my form, as well as a subject teacher. I later became assistant head of Year 7, managing the transition from primary to secondary school. I was also Head of Religious Education, Personal and Social Education and careers, and taught child development to GCSE level. After 30 years I took early retirement from teaching in 2008.</p> <p>I immediately took up a new challenge, becoming a business officer at English Heritage, later Historic England, in their Manchester office. I dealt with the awarding of grants to listed buildings for repair work and planning and listed building consent applications from local authorities in the northwest. I became the assistant business manager, a role which required me to deepen my understanding of financial matters, manage staff, challenge decisions without being confrontational and mitigate risk. I retired from this role in 2019.</p> <p>I hope the skills I have developed throughout my working life will allow me to make a positive contribution to Delamere School.</p>
Governor Responsibilities & Involvement	<p>I am a co-opted governor.</p> <p>As a business officer and then assistant business manager at Historic England I had to learn about finance in a large organisation and believe this knowledge and understanding will help me on the Finance and Services Committee.</p> <p>I am also the link governor for early years and look forward to getting to know the staff who teach and look after these children, and especially getting to know the children. This is a new challenge for me as although I trained as a primary school teacher my years of teaching were limited to secondary aged children.</p>

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