

## Karen Halliwell – vice chair of governors

I am now vice chair of the committee, safeguarding governor, and have been a parent governor since December 2015. So far, it has been a rewarding role.

I am pleased to be involved with a strong team, all of whom are committed to making Priestsic Primary and Nursery School the very best it can be. It is my hope that, by supporting the school as a governor, I can help my own, and all of the local children, to progress and build bright futures for themselves using the skills they learn at our excellent school.

Outside of my school governor role, I am a senior solicitor at Paragon Law Limited in the Lace Market area of Nottingham and qualified in March 2017. I specialise in immigration law and have worked in this area of law since 2006.

Attending local schools, all of my early education took place in the Sutton in Ashfield area. I then went to university in Hull, and studied law and French until 2004. The course involved spending a year in France at the Universite d'Orleans on the Erasmus scheme, following which I obtained a postgraduate diploma from the College of Law in York in 2005. I have remained local since then.

Amongst my voluntary positions in the legal sector and the school community, I am a member of the local gym, and enjoy spinning and aqua fit classes. I also carry out various charity activities including 5k runs from time to time.