



## **A note from Jane Tillotson our new Chair of Governors**



A week ago I became your new Chair of Governors. I've been a governor here at Great Bardfield School for about 14 years, however the role of Chair has always seemed very daunting! For the last two years Joe Jones has been our Chair and has selflessly been completely dedicated to steering and guiding us through the plethora of challenges, that the school has faced. Joe has worked tirelessly putting the school before everything else and I would like to thank her for leading by example and for ensuring that we, as a board, are better organised and informed.

My two children have both been through Bardfield Primary School and whilst now heading, all too quickly, towards the other end of their education, they and their friends, still frequently talk about all their fond memories from their time at our school. I believe we are very lucky to have Bardfield School at the heart of our community and that our children are privileged to have such a special start to their school lives.

I therefore intend to try and do my very best to support the school - our Head Teacher and staff, the children and their families and carers - with all the challenges that both legislation and life throw at us. Working constructively and considerately together, we will ensure we provide an inspiring, caring, stable and nurturing environment in which every child can achieve their potential. With patience, tolerance and understanding our children will evolve into confident and most importantly happy and thoughtful individuals.

As you'll be aware from notices that went out at the beginning of the week, we have two vacancies for parent governors. Please do consider joining us and do get in touch if you are at all curious and I would be delighted to talk through the role: [cog@greatbardfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:cog@greatbardfield.essex.sch.uk)

Further useful insight can be found at <https://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx> or <https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/becoming-a-school-governor/Pages/The-Role-of-the-School-Governor-and-Governing-Bodies.aspx>

I thank you for your continued support.

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Chair of Governors