

**Karen Henderson**

*I am on the Resources Committee and as the lead governor for communications, I am working with the school to improve communications with parents, staff and children. Our aim is that you know the school, the governors, the leadership of the school, and your children's progress better and that you know how to communicate with the school effectively. I am also the lead safeguarding governor which involves monitoring the systems the school has in place for child protection and safeguarding including online safety.*

*I have acquired experience about how to run a business from my current job as a practice manager for an architecture company and I was co-opted as a governor for these skills which I hope will be useful in supporting the school. My background as an artist has given me a strong belief in the value of creativity in learning and I have experience teaching in Higher and Further Education, museum and gallery education and in community and arts and disability organisations. My daughter Nancy is in Year 1 and I joined the governors to get involved in helping make the Grove be the best environment it can be for all the children and I have been impressed by the enthusiasm, warmth and commitment of the staff who work here.*