

Judith Doidge

I was delighted to become a Governor at Woodfield Academy in July 2019 and during this relatively short period of time the school has changed greatly. I was appointed Vice-Chair by the Local Governing Board Members in September 2023. My motive in becoming Vice-Chair of the Local Governing Board was to help the school build on its achievements in its aim to provide the very best possible education for its pupils in a safe, caring and nurturing environment.

Although I have always worked closely with schools in my career, my time as a governor has been extremely rewarding bringing new opportunities to work with staff, visit the school and undertake a wide variety of training and professional development. As a retired teacher, I have taught in schools and other settings for over 30 years, in the different Local Authorities of Haringey, Buckinghamshire, Sandwell and Dudley. I have experience of teaching Humanities, English, Mathematics and then became a Special Needs Co-Ordinator. I was a senior leader in two different comprehensive schools for over seventeen years and had responsibility for staff training to help drive curriculum improvement and help raise standards for all. This experience has given me the knowledge to become a proactive governor, with lots of questions to ask in my role as critical friend.

Working in Dudley I gained experience and an understanding of the SEND statutory assessment process, multi-agency working and supporting families. I worked in many of the Local Authority schools giving advice and support in these roles.

I have lived in Bromsgrove since 1995 and have close links with both the Bromsgrove and Redditch area. I am a strong advocate of the three-tier school system and both my children have benefitted from the advantages a good Middle School education brings.

I now have time to enjoy holidays, dog walking, keeping fit and looking after our grandchildren.