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Many of you will know me as the local vicar, but I have had plenty of experience over the years as a school governor which I hope will be particularly useful in the years to come.

I have three daughters and three granddaughters, and it was when my eldest daughter started at primary school that I decided to get involved with her school as a governor. Since then (in 1992!) until moving here I have been a governor, there in Northampton, and on moving back to Yorkshire at Boynton, Kilham, Easington and Withernsea; and chair of governors at three of them, overseeing the slightly-awkward amalgamation of Withernsea Infants and Junior Schools into the largest primary school in the East Riding. Only two of the schools were church schools, so I know my role within the state sector. I have also served on the Schools Budget Forum and the Admissions Forum of the East Riding L(E)A over the years.

Aside, of course, from putting the interests of the children and their education above everything else, my particular interests have been in the financial, curriculum and (someone has to do it!) the paperwork side. I will confess to not being much use with buildings and that sort of thing, but most governing bodies have an excellent mix of skills.

One of the useful elements of my job is the ability, for the most part, to be flexible with my working hours, and thus I could be available to visit school as much as needed – with the team from the local churches I help deliver assemblies, so I am known to many of the children already.

I hope to be of service to the children and the school.