



Helen Sykes

Co-opted Governor

My name is Helen Sykes and I am a full-time mum to Erin, Phoebe and Matilda. I trained as a family law solicitor and spent several years in a high street law firm, with a particular interest in supporting victims of domestic violence and their families. I later worked as the Domestic Violence Services Coordinator at South Tyneside Council. I have served as a Parent Governor at Brunton First School since it opened in 2009 and I am the current Chair of the Governing Body. I also sit on both the Curriculum and Performance, and Staffing and Finance Committees. I have particularly enjoyed being a part of the recruitment and selection process for our fantastic ever-growing staff team. I am passionate about our children's education. Not just the academic progress, but the 'learning journey' approach to building their confidence and the enjoyment of learning, which is such a big part of school life at Brunton First School. I feel proud that the school has become such a focus for our expanding Great Park Community. I love living on Great Park and in my spare time enjoy making use of the range of classes and events at the Community Centre, as well as socialising with my neighbours and enjoying the green spaces around where I live.