

## William Goodwin

I have strong family connections with Graffham. My wife Pauline was born in the village and attended Graffham Primary School before moving on to Midhurst Grammar. Her father, Dick Challen, was Chairman of the Parish Council for many years. We now have a home in the village after living away and I am very pleased to be joining the governing body.

I have lots of experience of education as a teacher, local government officer, and education consultant. Over the years, I have been fortunate to work at a senior level in many different settings, eventually becoming Assistant Chief Executive and then Director of Education. I have also worked in the private and not for profit sectors.

One of my most significant projects was working as Director of Development for the University of Brighton Academies Trust where I set up all fifteen of their academies, making the Trust the fifth largest in the south-east. I am pleased to say that all the academies have since been judged by Ofsted to be either Good or Outstanding.

I am academically well qualified with a bachelor's degree in theology, a master's in education policy and qualified teacher status. More importantly, I have a deep belief that education can transform the lives of children and young people, whose futures will be shaped by their education, values and character. Nothing is more important than helping young people to become independent, with a sense of intellectual curiosity, moral integrity and emotional warmth; and nowhere is this more important than in their primary years.

