

GOVERNOR INFORMATION

Melanie Yates

I am a teacher of Modern Languages with 34 years of experience, teaching French and German to children of all abilities and from a variety of social backgrounds at KS 2, 3, 4 and 5. I have lived and worked in Germany and France and in a teaching capacity in Essex, Hertfordshire and Barnet in 5 different schools with a variety of different roles in addition to my teaching. These include Head of Faculty, Head of House, Head of Year, European coordinator and in an advisory capacity for Essex County Council. I also completed the process of becoming an AST before coming to Presdales as Head of German in 2000. During my teaching career there have been many changes which I have always embraced with enthusiasm and view as an opportunity to learn new things and improve standards.

I have always been thoroughly involved in the whole life of all the schools I have worked in. These include a 12 year period on the PTA, 2 terms as a parent and co-opted governor at my children's Primary School, numerous roles on town twinning/exchange committees with France and Germany (resulting in being recommended for the Freedom of the City, Sens, France). This is my 3rd term as Teacher Governor at Presdales, which both of my daughters attended. As a governor, I sit on the Premises Committee and represent our staff.

I am married. My husband is a Quantity Surveyor and I have 2 daughters and a son, of whom I am very proud.