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I grew up in Southcote and attended Southcote Primary School, before passing my 11+ to attend Reading School. I then went on to study Geography at The University of Reading, and once graduated I joined my parents' leisure business. I moved out to America a couple of years later in 2006, where after travelling for several months I applied for a work visa sponsored by Dallas School District, having gained a place on their teacher training programme.

I returned to the UK to finalise my US visa during which time I met Hannah, and so decided to remain in the UK, re-joining my family's business. We had our two children, Alfie and Darcy, at our first home in Upper Basildon, before moving to Purley in 2013. Very much one of the reasons for choosing our current home was it being in the catchment of Purley Primary, which was the type of school that we had hoped to find for our children. I hope that by becoming a Parent Governor I can help to support Purley Primary so that it may continue to be an outstanding school.