

Simon Bell

I am originally from Winchester and went to school in Southampton, before heading off to Reading University to study Philosophy. It was whilst at university that I met my wife, Amelia, and we have stayed in the Reading area ever since, moving to Purley in 2005. We now have three daughters, one of whom currently attends the school and we hope the other two will follow in her footsteps.

After university, I worked in a number of different roles within the Financial Services profession whilst studying for my professional qualifications to become a Financial Adviser and eventually started my own financial advisory and wealth management practice in 2010.

I visit the school every week to sit and read with the pupils, which I find hugely rewarding and it also gives me a great insight as to how much the children really do enjoy coming to our school every day. I am passionate about achieving high education standards and have a desire to ensure that all children, regardless of their background or upbringing, are given every opportunity to improve themselves through access to a quality education and to develop a love of learning.

My daughters take up almost all of my spare time, which has also led to me becoming the Development and Recruitment Officer at Tilehurst Panthers Football Club, the largest girls' football club in the South of England, as well as coaching the Under 8s team!

I am delighted to be serving as a governor, particularly over the coming years as the school transitions to a full primary school.