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## Clare Powell

I was first appointed as a Parent Governor in September 2012 and in September 2014 was elected Chair. My training is as a museum curator and I worked for 10 years in heritage management. Prior to having Sam, my first child in 2007, I was working as the manager of Cogges Manor Farm Museum in Witney. Alongside two brief spells back in museums, I started working part-time for Oxfordshire County Council as a Clerk for School Governors in 2008 and now provide clerking services to 5 primary schools of very differing types. This has undoubtedly given me a real insight into school governance and is an excellent resource that I can draw on in my role as Chair at Syresham.

School governance is entirely voluntary, but the rewards are great and I very much enjoy the role. My motivation lies in wanting to play a part in ensuring that every child who comes to Syresham is given the opportunity to reach their potential in all the areas of school life. As well as being Chair, I also sit on the Curriculum Committee and have special responsibility for SEN (Special Educational Needs). I enjoy playing an active role as a Governor and am a regular visitor to the school. As Governors our role is to both support and challenge the leadership of the school, to drive up standards and ensure that the ethos and values of the school are maintained.

There will be an opportunity for anyone interested in finding out more about the Board of Governors, to come and meet them in September. Please do come along.