

## Governor Biography



I have had a career working in Education for over 35 years and recently retired from full time teaching. I have taught many subjects including Music, Drama, Law, Business, Sociology, Anthropology and Psychology and was Head of Sociology in a large comprehensive in Kent.

I have worked in the university sector teaching Management Education and as Head of Quality Assurance. I also worked for private sector companies encouraging them to more diverse and fair ways of working to impact their profit margins.

I was a consultant with the United Nations Centre for Human Rights Education in Geneva and ran international conferences and taught Human Rights education in Romania and Albania.

My education career has been characterised by a commitment to improving performance and widening access to education, particularly higher education. I played a leading role in the development of The University Centre Hastings, which became a campus of The University of Brighton.

I moved to Lymington in January 2020 and am delighted to have been appointed a governor of Priestlands in December 2020. I can see the care the school takes to ensure all students meet their full potential and look forward to getting much more involved over the coming years.

As a Community Governor I want to help ensure that Priestlands works with the local community and all students enjoy their time at school, leaving ready and prepared for the next stage of their lives.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Polly Thornton</b>
<b>Type of Governor</b>	Community
<b>Appointed</b>	December 2020
<b>Role</b>	
<b>Portfolio</b>	
<b>Subject Link</b>	
<b>Business Interests 2020/21</b>	None
<b>Connected Parties 2020/21</b>	None