

## **Hannah Alderson**

I joined the Local Governing Body in December 2024.

I first moved to Exeter as a student in 2005, and via a winding path arrived back in Exeter in 2016 to take up my role as a Chaplain at Exeter University. I have three sons, a husband, a dog and a cat. We (the people, not the pets) enjoy sport, especially watching football and playing wheelchair basketball. My boys are at varying stages of education, with the two younger ones at Woodwater.

I am an ordained Anglican Priest, and work as part of a Multifaith Chaplaincy team at the University, supporting students and staff from all sorts of backgrounds and cultures. Through this role, I have an interest in young people's mental health, and especially how they form their identity and spirituality. I am currently undertaking a Professional Doctorate researching identity-forming in young adults aged 18-25.

### Why are you a Governor?

My work gives me an insight on young adult education, and I often reflect with young people on their experiences throughout the school system, and how their learning path has been shaped. I'm interested in seeing this learning first-hand, and offering the skills and experience I have to the Governing Body.

My children have all had a very supportive experience at Woodwater, especially my eldest son who has physical disabilities. I feel passionate that Woodwater is a great school and a fantastic community to be part of, and I'm keen to support it in any way I can.

