Marc Bates

My family moved to Newport 6 years ago and all three of my daughters have attended Newport CE Junior School, with my youngest currently in Year 4. Moving schools is often a significant change for children but the nurturing, kind & inclusive environment built by NJS meant that they all took this change in their stride and have happy memories of the school (school trips, playing sport for school  teams and enjoying drama are all things they still talk about!) I would, therefore, be very grateful for an opportunity to serve as Parent Governor not only to give something back but to ensure the school continues to build on these strengths for future generations of pupils.

I have worked in the field of data & analytics for over 20 years working with a variety of public, private and government clients and spent several years as a director of my own consultancy business. I consider myself extremely fortunate to do a job I love, and I am currently working in banking helping teams harness cloud software to design AI applications covering marketing, risk management and market segmentation.

I think these skills can be beneficial to the school, helping ensure that pupils and teachers get the most out of technology available. I believe access to computing services and understanding technology are critical for pupils as they prepare for further education and their future working lives and hope I can support the school as they prepare for this.