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## **Gill Howland, Chair of Governors**

Gill has extensive experience in teaching and learning and in strategic leadership across the compulsory education sector as well as in further and higher education. Her leadership roles have included Local Authority Chief Education Adviser, Executive Director in two West Midlands Learning and Skills Councils and Executive Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic) at Staffordshire University. She has directed and engaged in various research projects, mainly in the area of 14-19 education and was a member of the (Labour) Government's 14-19 External Advisory group.

Her personal experiences are central to her belief that education is the key to unlocking potential, both for individuals and for society as a whole. Throughout her career she has championed the right to good quality, inspirational education for all.

Gill is currently Chair of the British Educational Leadership, Management and Administration Society and a governor of a Primary School, and a member of the Governing Council of the University of Derby.