



# The Collett School

## SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

### Governor Profile – Alison McLauchlin

- LEA Governor
- Term of Office: Sept 2014 – Sept 2017
- Committee: Curriculum
- Declaration of Interests: Employee of University of Hertfordshire, School of Education
- Staff Connection: None



My son Andrew started at The Collett in 2009 so our family have been involved with school life here over a number of years. It has been great to see how the school has evolved and to witness all the exciting planned future developments.

I am a qualified teacher with thirteen years experience teaching children of early years and primary school age. I have had a long standing interest in supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities and have worked in schools as both a class teacher and SENCo. I have continued this interest into my current work as a university lecturer. My role involves training teachers and teaching assistants and other school staff how to support children and promote inclusion and diversity. It has also given me the opportunity to act as a consultant for Teachers TV and write about special educational needs from both a professional and a parent's perspective. I hope this helps me to see how staff and parents all need to be supported to enable our children to achieve and reach their potential.

I have previously been a governor in my daughter's school but felt I would really like to support all the work that is going on at Collett. I joined here as a local authority governor in September 2014 and am currently on the Curriculum Committee. I am really looking forward to working together over the coming years to see Collett continue to flourish.