

MEMBER STATEMENT**Tom Archer**

The main reason I want to join the committee is to continue to work with institutions that enable children who cannot access mainstream education to have a fair chance at achieving their potential. Having worked at Phoenix, often with children who have previously attended Cranbury, I feel I have the experience to provide some insight into the complex academic and pastoral needs that Cranbury's staff have to meet on a daily basis.

Additionally, Cranbury is located in an area in which I have lived for the majority of my life. It is physically attached to the primary school I attended, and has educated former schoolmates of mine. I feel that the success of Cranbury as a provision is closely tied to, and a reflection of, the success of Reading's education system as a whole. I would very much like to be involved in the continuing good work that Cranbury does to ensure the best possible outcomes for children that are often at risk of falling through the gaps.