

Chris Hildrew

Category: Headteacher / Ex-officio

Term of Office: Whilst serving as Headteacher (from 1/1/2016)

Committee: All

Additional Roles: Providing strategic direction and operational accountability for the Academy

Profile: Chris Hildrew grew up in London in a family of teachers: his Grandfather was Headteacher of Grasmere School in the Lake District, and both parents, his uncle, and his cousin are or were teachers. He is also married to a teacher!

Chris studied English Language and Literature at New College, Oxford, winning a Galsworthy scholarship, before completing his PGCE at Nottingham University where he won the Sir Basil Blackwell prize for education and later completed an MA in Children's Literature. He achieved the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) in 2015.

Chris started his career teaching English and Media Studies at schools in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. He moved to the south west in 2010 as Deputy Headteacher at Chew Valley School, before moving on to the role of Headteacher at Churchill Academy & Sixth Form in January 2016.

Chris is passionate about excellence in state education. His first book, *Becoming a growth mindset school* (Routledge, 2018) lays out the basis for his vision for education, which seeks to develop positive attitudes to learning to maximise achievement. Chris also wrote a chapter on the role of male leaders in actively enabling gender equality in education in the 2019 title *10% Braver: Inspiring Women to Lead Education* (Sage, 2019).

Chris is a keen cyclist and musician, a proud husband, and father of three.

Pecuniary Interest: None

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