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Andy Downey. Elected Governor.

My name is Andy Downey, I am the proud father to 2 daughters both of whom attended Brunton First School; Sophia, who was one of the first 39 children through the doors back when we opened in September 2009, and Robyn, who followed her big sister into the school in 2012.

Born and raised in Newcastle, I married Kelsey back in 2003, having met her at Sage where we had both worked in the South Gosforth office for a number of years before the company relocated to the Great Park HQ in 2004.

I left my role at Sage in 2018 and am currently the UK General Manager for a print technical services firm based in Cramlington, my day to day responsibilities vary greatly, but the one constant is to ensure that the whole team is set up to succeed, that they understand the importance of the role that they play as individuals in helping our business to thrive, and that we always have one eye on development and opportunities for improvement.

Both Kelsey and I have a huge affection for Brunton First School; we remain incredibly appreciative of the wonderful education that both of our girls received during their time there. Sending your children off to be nurtured, developed, protected and educated by a group of strangers can be very daunting for parents, yet the levels of both confidence and comfort afforded to us by all of the staff at Brunton First School was exceptional – a simply wonderful start to their learning journeys.

As a new governor, I am enjoying a learning journey myself, gaining an understanding of the 'behind the scenes' mechanics of what makes this wonderful school tick so well is a privilege, whilst taking part in the discussions and decision-making processes around direction and growth is a genuine honour.

Brunton First School. Come as you are and grow with us

