

Desmond B Clarke



I emigrated to Britain in 1967, to join my mother and step-father, at the age of 14. After leaving school I spent three years in the army. I worked as an HGV driver for many years, until 1992 when I undertook a number of G.C.S.E.s and A Levels part-time studies. In 1997, I achieved a 2:1 (Hons.) degree from Luton University, followed by a post-graduate Diploma and a Masters' degree from De Montfort University in 2004. During the past 20 years I have supported children, young people and their families in various roles, such as a youth worker, school-based family support worker and parent advocate. I have also served on a number of schools' governing bodies in Bedford, which I enjoyed immensely.

Presently, I have a son in Year 6 here at Etonbury school, which has influenced my willingness to become a parent governor. As a parent, and former post-graduate youth worker, I have a good understanding of many of the concerns of parents as well as many of the demands placed on the education system. As such, I feel that I am well placed to make a positive contribution to Etonbury school community. Over the past five years I have been doing some historical research and have recently been offered a publishing contract with an American publishing house. It is hoped that this book will be published within the coming year. I am officially retired, but enjoy doing historical research, with a possible view of putting a second book together. Above all, I am enjoying family life, as I now have the time to do the little things that it has not always been possible to do.