

## **Joyce Rhodes**

I have four children, all girls, and 10 grandchildren. I qualified as a teacher in 1976 but worked as a finance assessor and then a buyer's assistant for four years while my husband and I lived in Bradford. In 1980 we moved to Kent and I began teaching and took a temporary contract at Lympne. Apart from a short break to have children and a couple of terms at Hamstreet I worked at Lympne for the following 37 years!

I worked with Jennie Carter as her acting deputy before she moved to Hythe Infants, then became Deputy Head with Tim Hogg in 1989. This became non-teaching with SENCo, a role that I thoroughly enjoyed. In 2007, following the fire which destroyed the school I was appointed as Headteacher, and I continued in that role until I retired in September 2017. During this time I was fortunate to work closely with Carolyn and other heads in the Hythe Hub to develop joint strategies and add strength to all of the schools. Having settled into retirement I volunteer one day a week at Hythe Bay, which is an excellent school and I feel privileged to also be a Governor.