

## **John England**

### **Have you had a job this serious before?**

Yes, I have had many serious jobs during my working life and also in the voluntary work that I do. I trained and practiced as a social worker and had responsibility for many children looked after by the local authority as well as 'at risk' when living with their family. Later, I had responsibility for budgets of many £millions when I was a deputy director of Social Services.

### **Have you had any previous experience?**

Yes, some years ago I was a school governor for eight years at Kerr Mackie Primary School. During that time I served as the chair of the School Governors for over two years. I enjoyed being a school governor, working with the head teacher and staff team to improve the school and the experience of the children.

### **Do you have any children at Talbot?**

My two children attended Talbot School in the 1990's when Mr Dougill was the Head Teacher. The school was very different in those days, and the things I notice most when I visit the school now are the improvements to the building and the playground and the bright displays in the class rooms.

### **What is your job at the moment?**

Although I have now retired from full time employment, after 38 years working in Social Services, I find plenty of things to do, not least my voluntary work. I think it is important to give something back to the local community, such as the benefits of what we have learnt and done through our working lives. I am a trustee or director of three local and national charities, one which supports older people to live at home, another which lends money to people who can not borrow money from banks, and finally a charity which helps people to receive better quality health services. The skills I have can be used in many different situations and I am sure I can bring these skills to benefit Talbot School.

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