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# **Dedication**

**To all those managers, school staff,  
parents and others who fought so hard  
to keep the school open**

## About the Authors

**Jim Docking's** early career was in teaching, first in Yorkshire and then in Coventry, where he completed an MA thesis on the history of the city's Church of England Schools. He then moved to Surrey to take up a lecturing post in educational studies and complete a PhD in children's understanding of attributing responsibility to others and themselves. He has written many books on educational subjects, including national policy, classroom management, and children with special needs. A resident of Buckland village since 1989, he takes an active interest in local activities.

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