



Tracey Roper – Director Appointed Governor

I started my journey as governor at the school in November 2021. Originally as a co-opted governor and then becoming an appointed governor in November 2022. I have lived in Kingsnorth since 1994, initially, in Park Farm and then moving to Kingsnorth village in 2003. When we moved to Ashford, we moved into one of the first houses to be occupied in Park Farm and three weeks later we welcomed the first of our three sons into the world. He was the first baby to be born to a resident of Park Farm and the first Park Farm child to be baptised in the Kingsnorth Church. A real bridge between the two communities.

My involvement as a parent with the school started in September 1998 until July 2011. During this time the school grew from a 45 to 60 child intake and work commenced on expansion to the lovely school we see today. My sons enjoyed their time at the school and look back on their primary schooling with very fond memories. I very much feel that the time they spent at Kingsnorth has given them thirst for learning which has carried into their adult lives.

I started working in the childcare sector in 1998 and from 2005 until 2025 I have worked for a small children's charity providing the operational management for after school clubs. I worked supporting many clubs across Kent, one of which was on-site at Kingsnorth School. Working for a small organisation meant that my role was varied from recruitment to H&S, safeguarding to championing play work, financial monitoring to GDPR compliance. Not to mention ensuring that clubs are always Ofsted "ready". Prior to all this I worked as a Civil Servant in HR and Payroll departments. When I was first appointed a governor, I knew that I had much to learn about governance, however, I knew that with over twenty years of being in and around the school, along with my working skillset that I could grow into this role. Now four years down the line I am thoroughly enjoying the role of being a governor. I am a regular visitor to the school and always made to feel so welcome.

I am very much a people person; Optimistic with a pro-active "can do" attitude towards solving problems and enjoy new challenges. I hope this is reflected in my approach to governance.

I will close by saying it is an enormous privilege to be on the board of governors for such a successful school, and I am hugely proud to be part of such a diverse team.