



## GOVERNOR NEWS

### JOINT LOCAL GOVERNING BODY – Brenzett & Kingsnorth Schools

**Meetings:** Governors have gathered (virtually!) in the past couple of weeks for one of their “big” meetings where all governors attend. There are 3 of these meetings every school year, with two working groups meeting separately. Thank you to Sophie Mutyambizi – Parent Governor – for this report:

*On Thursday 25 March 2021, the full Governing body for Brenzett and Kingsnorth Schools met online. The School Leadership Team updated us on the recent return to school and spoke with pride about how quickly the children had settled into school life again. Children had engaged well with online learning during the recent lockdown, and this is evident in the progress that has been made. Both schools have been very proactive in identifying where gaps in knowledge exist and have ensured their planning is effectively supporting those pupils where it is needed.*

*Other matters discussed were:*

- Pupil and staff wellbeing
- Health and safety
- Safeguarding
- Governor training and resources
- Relationships & Sex Education programme
- Staff pay policy

*The next meeting for governors is scheduled for May. In the meantime if you have any questions about the role of the Governing Body, please see the schools' websites or contact the [Clerk](mailto:clerk@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk) at email: [clerk@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk)*

**Changes to Governing Body:** We will have a few changes to governor membership in coming months.

There will be staff governor vacancies at both schools after Easter, and a parent governor space from within the Kingsnorth parent body.

**Meet the Governors”:** Carrying on with our introduction of a governor every so often, so that the school communities can perhaps put faces to names.

## Today it's the Vice-Chair!

Meet **Keith White**



I became a Governor in October 2019, although I have a long association with Kingsnorth School which spans 30 years. My wife was School Secretary/Office Manager there for 26 years before she retired. During that time I have supported Kingsnorth in many ways, including the Kingswood and French residential trips, with Brenzett pupils joining more recently. I took early retirement after over 40 years in the rail industry and then set up my own rail consultancy, before finally retiring. Fortunately, I have been able to bring many of my work skills to my Governor role, particularly Management, Health and Safety and Finance. I'm currently one of the two Health and Safety Governors and have worked closely with the senior leadership team and staff at both Brenzett and Kingsnorth, to ensure that they are as COVID safe as they possibly can be. This has been an intensive and challenging introduction to becoming a Governor ! I enjoy the diversity of the two schools which has made being a Governor extremely interesting and rewarding. Although on the face of it the schools are very different, they both have a similar ethos and strong Christian values.