



## GOVERNOR NEWS

Here's who we are!

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**November 2021:** The Governing Body has been busy recruiting new members since September, to boost our numbers and add to our experience following the “split” from Brenzett School where we were a Joint Governing Body across two schools. As you probably know, governors are volunteers, but are a hugely important part of the school’s leadership and management. We think we have a really strong team of governors who will carry on supporting all the staff and children at Kingsnorth to not only achieve the very best but also to gladly give our support as these anxious times continue. We feel all our governors have a real “buy in” to the school – all of them are interested in and care about the success of the school, but as importantly, the wellbeing and welfare of everyone in the school building too.

**Our new governors:** We’ve been so lucky to co-opt **Tracy Roper** into our band of governors – her 3 sons were pupils at Kingsnorth some years ago, she lives locally and is already well known to us because of her involvement with the management of Kent Play Clubs (our after school provision in the Old Building). Tracy brings experience in finance and HR.

**Sam Rodger** was elected by parents to be our second parent governor, alongside Sophie Mutyambizi. She works locally at Little Stars Nursery and brings experience in education and child care. Sam is trustee of a local charity that provides alternative education to the most vulnerable.

We have also welcomed as a Director Appointed governor **Tracey Sheehan**, whose daughters also attended as pupils a few years ago. Tracey has had strong links with our local church community for many years so brings this foundation to her governor role. She has professional experience in education.

### LOCAL GOVERNING BODY STRUCTURE (Maximum of 12 governors)

Mr. Chris Myers	- Chair of LGB – Director Appointed (Aquila) – Training & Development
<b>Vacancy (set aside for new Incumbent of Parish)</b>	- Director Appointed (Aquila MAT) ( <i>ex-officio</i> )
Mrs. Karen Wilkins	- Director Appointed (Aquila MAT) – Safeguarding / SEND / Wellbeing
Mr. Keith White	- Director Appointed (Aquila MAT) – Vice-Chair of Govs / Health & Safety
Mr. Peter le Rossignol	- Director Appointed (Aquila MAT) – Safeguarding/SEND
Mrs. Tracey Sheehan	- Director Appointed (Aquila MAT)
Mr. Iain Witts	- Executive Headteacher ( <i>ex-officio</i> )
Mrs. Rachael Green	- Staff Governor
Mrs. Sophie Mutyambizi	- Parent Governor
Mrs. Samantha Rodger	- Parent Governor
Mrs. Tracy Roper	- Co-opted Governor
<b>Vacancy (optional)</b>	- Co-opted Governor

(*ex-officio* – means that the person is a governor by virtue of their position)

**Meeting the Governors:** We hope that governors may one day soon be able to start coming into school, depending on any future restrictions, and provide a presence at school events and make themselves known to parents and staff.

Governors have met once since September as a full Governing Body to open the school year and are due to meet again next week (9<sup>th</sup> December). Meetings have needed to be “virtual” for the past nearly 2 years. This has worked well but we hope to be able to revert to “face to face” – many governors have not met in person yet! Both governor Working Groups have met separately in November to consider a wide variety of individual areas of school life and to carry out their role of supporting and challenging senior leaders to deliver a consistently high level of education and school improvement. Short

paragraphs about the work within governors' meetings can be accessed on the school website: [www.kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk](http://www.kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk) under More, Local Governing Body, Governor News.