

Tracy Roper: I became a co-opted Governor at the beginning of the academic year 2021/2022.

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 since 2005 I have worked for a small children's charity providing the operational management for after school clubs. I am currently supporting nine clubs, one of which is on-site at Kingsnorth School. Working for a small organisation means that my role is varied from recruitment to H&S, safeguarding to championing playwork, 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.

I am very much a people person; Optimistic with a pro-active "can do" attitude towards solving problems and enjoy new challenges.

As a newly appointed governor I know I have much to learn, however, I hope that with over twenty years of being in and around the school, along with my working skillset I will become a useful asset to the governing body.

I have already attended several meetings (online) and want to thank the governors and staff for making me feel so welcome and supported. It is very apparent from these meetings that the last few years have been an unprecedented in Education and a massive well done to the school for keeping the outcomes of the children at the forefront of discussions. Hopefully, we are over the worst of the pandemic and school life will be able to return to normal.

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.



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...and another New Governor:

We are delighted to welcome **Rev Adam Childs** as our newest governor. Rev. Adam joins the governing body as a Foundation, ex-officio Governor and we hope he enjoys this aspect of involvement with our school too! We now have virtually a full complement of governors to work alongside senior leaders to continue improving the outcomes for all your children.

Wellbeing: Governors are reaching out regularly to key staff in school to check on their Wellbeing, as we come out of yet another difficult period last term where absences across the school affected the workload.

Governor Subject Monitoring: With one of the key elements of an OFSTED Inspection being “subject deep dives” the Governors are grateful to Mrs. Bone and the staff for welcoming them into school as part of the subject assessment days – meeting key staff about subject strategy, but most importantly speaking with children and sharing their enthusiasm for learning and the work in their books. This has been very inspiring to see and hear.

Since the last Governor News, governors have been into school to monitor English and RE, with a visit regarding PSHE (Personal Social & Health Education) shortly. There are sessions planned later in the term for Maths. PE, Music and Humanities (History/Geography).

Governors' Meetings & Visits

24th March 2022 – Full Local Governing Body meeting

The first full Governing Body meeting of 2022 was held today. We welcomed the Rev Adam Childs to the LGB as the new incumbent at Kingsnorth. We started the meeting with an update and explanation of the school's attainment data. Considering the disruption the pandemic has had on the children's education the data paints a positive picture.

The school has recently received a number of awards: a School Wellbeing Award – following an external assessment this is valid for the next 3 years; also gaining the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) and the school was further selected to be a Kent Associate Research School (KARS). All three of these are fantastic achievements for the school and the governors thanked everyone who was involved in any way.

Governors were aware that it seems to have been a long term, with both staff and pupil absence due to COVID and other illness. The Easter break was welcomed by staff and children alike. The governors finished by thanking all staff for their hard work during what has been a difficult and testing term and wished them all a restful Easter break. **Chris Myers, Chair of Governors**

9th & 23rd March 2022 - Health and Safety Monitoring

I have recently completed the annual H&S Governor Monitoring Visit of the school. The visits involved inspecting the building (classrooms, offices etc), reviewing policy and safety documentation, ensuring that all statutory testing and inspections have been completed, statutory fire drills undertaken and training certification is in date. I am pleased to share that the school meets all of the criteria set down. **Keith White – H&S Governor**

19th April 2022 – Easter Pilgrimage to Church

Along with 2 other governors and the classroom staff, I accompanied Key Stage 1 classes for the Easter Pilgrimage from the school, walking to St Michael and All Angels Church. It was great to see the children joining in the with service, conducted by Reverend Adam, with such enthusiasm. The children were a credit to the school. **Keith White – Vice-Chair of Governors**

School Photos – well done everyone!

One of the governors and the Clerk helped supervise the class photo day recently – keeping the classes moving smoothly in and out of the hall in the right order, hopefully making things easier for the staff and our longstanding and friendly photographers. There were certainly plenty of big smiles around! The children were very well behaved (as usual) and the photographers made getting into their fun group poses very entertaining (as usual!) The two Year R classes were particularly good with some great listening. Hopefully parents will be really pleased with the results.

If you need to contact the Local Governing Body, please contact the Clerk (Jan White) on: clerk@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk