

Revd Adam Childs: ex-officio Director Appointed Governor

Hi, I'm Revd Adam, a Team Vicar serving the Ashford Town Parish with pastoral oversight for Kingsnorth and Shadoxhurst. Since joining in January 2022, part of my role involves overseeing children and young people's work and school activities across the parish. I am grateful to work alongside Kingsnorth C of E School as a Governor, and I have the privilege of leading Collective Worship with the students every Wednesday. What makes this experience even more meaningful is having a child enrolled in the school. As a parent, I am personally invested in the success and happiness of each student, including my own. I have a passion for education, spirituality, and community engagement, and I hope to be able to have an impact in all of these areas in my governor role..



GOVERNOR NEWS

"Meet the Governors"

Continuing our profiles of Governing Body members

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New Governors: We welcomed our two new parent governors to their first full Governing Body meeting on 13th July. **Anne Menzel** speaks about her first governor experience: Thanks Anne!

I was kindly invited to my first full governing body meeting this evening, the last of the current academic year. It was insightful to see the triumphs and challenges faced throughout and those within the upcoming year. It reviewed a full range from budget, health and safety, safeguarding and the wellbeing of both staff and pupils. Along with the many challenges faced within the school and education in general, it was evident that the pupils and staff are at the forefront. It was also lovely to

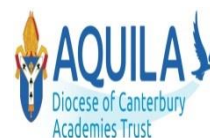
hear about how well achieving our pupils are and the hard work and commitment of the school's staff. I am so pleased to be a member of the school family and wish all a fantastic summer break!

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

Governing Body Restructure: From September we are changing the structure of the committees that are delegated to work in certain areas for the Governing Body. These will support the staff, pupils and wider community. A new strategic group of experienced governors will be discussing in depth issues with the senior leaders. There will continue to be a committee monitoring health & safety, finance, staffing and premises and another group monitoring the vital area of curriculum enrichment, all areas of safeguarding and child protection, SEND, attendance, pupil premium etc. All committees will have an additional focus on the wellbeing of pupils and staff.

The Governing Body is committed to:

- supporting the staff with school improvement
- supporting staff with parental engagement
- being visible at school events, activities and supporting with projects.
- Interacting with the children where possible eg. school council, monitoring visits/ "pupil voice"
- engaging with parents wherever possible as governors eg. attending parent forum meetings
- maintaining contact with the PFA and the work they do to raise funds to benefit all the children
- in September, governors will restart their programme of visits to the school throughout the year, monitoring key areas and speaking with subject leads in school. This will maintain subject knowledge and prepare for any OFSTED scrutiny in the future.
- **In addition to their statutory governance responsibilities and meetings, the last year governors have:**
 - supported staff with supervision on school day trips and residentials,
 - come into school to read to classes and help with activities
 - helped on school photo days, with Sports Day and the Fun Run
 - assisted with staff interview processes.
 - attended new parent information evenings
 - provided informal wellbeing support for staff



OUR GOVERNORS (as at 1st September 2023)

Mr. Chris Myers - *Chair of Local Governing Body* – Director Appointed by Aquila Multi Academy Trust

Rev Adam Childs – Director Appointed (Aquila MAT) (Foundation, ex-officio)

Mrs. Karen Wilkins – Director Appointed (Aquila MAT)

Mr. Keith White – *Vice Chair of LGB* - Director Appointed (Aquila MAT)

Mrs. Tracey Sheehan – Director Appointed (Aquila MAT)

Mr. Peter le Rossignol – Director Appointed (Aquila MAT)

Mr. Iain Witts – Executive Headteacher (ex-officio)

Mrs. Rachael Green – Staff Governor

Mrs. Tracy Roper – Co-opted Governor

Mr. Chris Cowdery – Parent Governor

Miss Anne Menzel – Parent Governor

According to the Multi Academy Trust Scheme of Delegation, there is currently ONE formal vacancy on the LGB – ie. ONE co-opted governor.

The following are invited to attend meetings for their expertise:

Mrs Sarah Bone – Deputy Headteacher

Miss Denise Moore – Assistant Headteacher/ SENDco

Miss Melissa Fellows – Finance Officer

Governance Professionals:

Mrs. Jan White – Governance Professional/ Clerk to Local Governing Body

Miss Ali Smith – Governance Professional/ Assistant Clerk to LGB