



Governor News

If you need to contact the Local Governing Body, please contact the Clerk (Jan White) on:

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The Governors are more than just a set of meetings - although we are volunteers, we have important responsibilities and enjoy being part of the school life and its special ethos.

The Governing Body membership is currently full, with 10 members, which is pleasing. We have recently welcomed a new staff governor who is a non-teaching support colleague – she will bring a different perspective and lots of professional insight.

Our heartfelt thanks as Governors to all parents and families for their support throughout the last academic year. We look forward to seeing you in school at school events during the year.

Our Governing Body is committed to:

- ✓ supporting the staff with school improvement
- ✓ supporting staff with parental engagement
- ✓ monitoring the Christian ethos of the school
- ✓ being visible at school events, activities and supporting with projects.
- ✓ Interacting with the children where possible e.g. school council, monitoring visits/ listening to the “pupil voice”
- ✓ engaging with parents wherever possible as governors e.g. attending events and new parent evenings.
- ✓ maintaining contact with the PFA and the brilliant work they do to raise funds to benefit all the children
- ✓ visits to the school throughout the year, monitoring key areas of learning and speaking with phase leaders and staff in school.

In addition to their statutory governance responsibilities and meetings, in the last year governors have:

- ✓ supported staff with supervision on school day trips and residential trips
- ✓ come into school to read to classes and help with activities
- ✓ helped on school photo days
- ✓ helped at PFA events
- ✓ assisted with staff recruitment processes
- ✓ attended parent information evenings
- ✓ provided informal wellbeing support for staff
- ✓ been part of the OPAL development team
- ✓ taken part in weekend Garden Force days

Academic Year 2024/2024

Thursday 3rd October – Full Governing Body Meeting

It most certainly was a privilege to be attending the first full governors meeting. Thank you to everyone for such a warm welcome. After the Vice-Chair’s welcome address and the hearing of the absent Governors apologies we began with an opening prayer.

Governors unanimously agreed to the nominations put forward for the annual re-election of officers: Chair and Vice-Chair Governors, expressing thanks for their time and commitment.

We were provided with the School Improvement Plan (SIP) 2024/25 and Local Governing Body Strategic Action Plan. We were able to reflect on the Exec Headteacher’s report, relating to updates on budget, financial health of the school and celebrated together the mention of the September intake and how well they have settled and embraced the school. Governors agreed the pre-school intervention sessions had been well thought through and had been a success. Governors felt that the staff and pupil’s well-being is paramount, and that there is a need for a constant wrap-around of support which the school will explore new and forward-thinking approaches.

The Governors asked that their thanks be passed to all of the staffing team, acknowledging the tremendous hard work they do in supporting and educating all Kingsnorth children despite the many challenges discussed that are faced daily.

It is a real pleasure to become the newest Governor giving me the opportunity to demonstrate my dedication, enthusiasm and commitment in supporting the school.

Penny Denne - Staff Governor

See our Local Governing Body photo board overleaf

