



GOVERNOR NEWS

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Introducing Kingsnorth School's Governing Body: See our Governor Photoboard attached

We have a full complement of 10 governors in our Local Governing Body. Within our members there is a breadth of experience to draw on, many have been governors for a number of years with strong past and present links to Kingsnorth School. There are governors appointed by the Aquila Trust, the parent body, the staff and several ex-officio members including the Headteacher and those appointed specifically by the Diocese.

All Governors serve a 4-year term of office and can be reappointed.

As always the Governors work hard in the background. Our main aim is to ensure the school provides the safest and best learning environment it can for all staff and children. The economic climate is constantly changing with new directives coming from central Government and we spend a lot of time working with the school leadership team to ensure we remain compliant.

Governors work is generally done behind the scenes and relates to strategic planning and decision making. We leave day to day operational decisions to the senior leadership team. But we are very much part of the Kingsnorth family!

We work closely with the Aquila Trust as one of their 19 schools, sharing good practice to ensure as a team we provide our pupils with the best learning experience possible.

Governors involve themselves with the children where possible by attending School Council meetings and providing a presence at school events and on trips.

There is governor representation for OPaL for which the Governing Body receives regular reports, visiting the playground to see it all in action! We operate statutory governor monitoring for SEND, Safeguarding & Attendance, Allergies, Health & Safety, Cyber Security etc with individual governor monitoring for English, Maths, RE/Collective Worship and other key subjects.

This year governors will share statutory monitoring responsibilities in school for implementing Martyn's Law and Benedict's Law. Governors will continue to fulfill one of their key roles, helping with the challenging task of monitoring a 5-year budget for the coming academic year and beyond, making sure the school provides value for money in all areas.

Smaller Governor teams connect with staff in the 3 "phases" of school – upper, middle and lower – to gain a better insight into the work going on right across these areas of school and to gain important staff perspectives.

The Governing Body will have its own targets for the coming year, which will align with the school's own improvement plan and OFSTED priorities.

We move forward from September after the successes of last year – a positive SIAMS outcome, a Gold accreditation for OPAL, Flagship Status for Inclusion and a wonderful week of celebration for our 160th Anniversary in June.

Parental feedback is always welcome so please do get in touch via the Clerk (Jan White) if you have any questions or queries. Email clerk@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk

From the Chair:

I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors.

I hope that you've all had an enjoyable summer break! We look forward to welcoming Years 1 to 6 back to a new school year and a special welcome to those children starting out on their new adventure in our Reception Classes and of course their families. We hope you will be happy with us.

I have been a Governor here since 2019 and vice-chair for 6 of those years. I've had an association with the school since 1990 when my wife joined the staff as School Secretary (remember them?!). I've witnessed many changes over the years, including the pupil numbers growing from around 80 in the old school to where we are today in our current building, with just over 420.

I try to get into school as often as I can to get to know the children, as well as supporting the Headteacher and staff. I am very pleased to know a lot of children through helping on class trips and residential trips.

Hopefully you will see me around school.

Keith White – Chair of Governors