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(School vision)*

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Hello and Welcome to the first Kingsholm Governors Newsletter

We are going to produce a Newsletter once a term to let you know about Kingsholm's Governing Body - who we are and what we are doing at the moment.

What do School Governors do?

All schools have to have a governing body. Being a governor is a voluntary job - no-one gets paid for the work that they do.



The governing body's job is to help the school in improving the education of all the children at Kingsholm.

We have four main jobs to do as governors:

- ◆ We provide a view of the whole school by looking at the school's vision and aims, policies and plans for the future.
- ◆ We have to look at how well the school is doing to raise everyone's achievement and at the quality of the education school provides.
- ◆ We have to look at how the school looks after and uses it's money.
- ◆ We look after the fabric and maintenance of the school in order to create the best learning environment possible.

We do these jobs mainly by attending meetings at either the Full Governing Body or at our Resources Committee. Both of these groups meet six times a year.

We also visit school regularly to see the school working and to talk to teachers and pupils. These visits help us to get to know the school really well. The visits are also important in helping us to ask questions about how different areas of the school are improving to ensure that all the pupils make the best possible progress during their time with us at Kingsholm.

Who are Kingsholm's Governors?

We have 16 people on our Governing Body including Mrs Buckland. We also have a clerk who helps us organise our work. Our governors are drawn from different groups, all of whom are elected in different ways -either by the Parents, Staff, Church, Local Authority or the Governing Body itself. You can find our current governors names, and information about their job on the governing body, on the school website - look at the bottom of the section about 'Our Staff'.



Meet our Governors

In every newsletter we will introduce some of our governors to you - so you know who we are!

If you see us in or around school please say hello

For the first newsletter we want to introduce you to our Chair - Jane Springham

Hello!

My name is Jane Springham and I am a co-opted governor, which means that I was elected by Kingsholm's Governing Body itself. I'm the new Chair of Governors for our school. I took over, in February, from Jonathan Hoad, who has been Chair for the last 8 years.

We would like to say a big thank you to Jonathan - he has been a fantastic chair and has worked very hard, overseeing lots of changes in the school - especially over the last few years with the school becoming bigger and the new building works. Jonathan is going to carry on working as a governor with us and is the Chair of our Resources Committee.

I am looking forward to working with everyone at school in my new role. I have been connected to Kingsholm for a long time, having at various times been a teacher and parent at the school and later an early years worker in the Children's Centre. I have also been on the governing body for about 12 years. I am hoping that I can bring the experience of lots of different perspectives to this job!

Since starting in this post I have been on two governor training courses, have led a couple of meetings, been part of an interview panel and came to listen to the Storyteller who visited at the end of February! As part of my role I also meet with Mrs Buckland regularly.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please continue to support the school so that we can all work together to ensure your child gets the best possible education whilst at Kingsholm.

Thank you.