

KULB Governor News



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Kingswood, Ulcombe and Leeds & Broomfield Primary Schools

Welcome to the first issue of KULB Governor News

We have created this newsletter to help you understand more about the Governors, who we are and what we do to help our schools within the Federation. We will be publishing this newsletter three times a year.

Within our Federation, we have one Governing Body which covers all three schools. The Governing Body is responsible for working with each of the schools to ensure that they deliver a good quality education for all our children across the Federation.

Within our regular newsletters we will help explain what this means in practice and provide updates from our work.

We hope you find this newsletter useful. If you have any feedback or comments, please let me know by emailing me directly at wattsj28@klz.org.uk.

Jo Watts

Chair of Governors, KULB Federation

What does the Governing Body do?

This is the question we are asked the most.

The role of the governing body is to provide strategic management, challenge and accountability whilst supporting the work of the Executive Headteacher, Heads of Schools and other staff. It has three key functions:

- Overseeing the financial performance of the three schools and making sure that money is well spent
- Holding the Executive Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the three schools and their pupils
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

KULB Federation Vision Statement

"Everyone is a learner and every experience is a learning opportunity"

Who's who?

We feel that it is important that you know who we are. You can keep these two pages as a reference guide to understand who we are and what we bring to the Governing Body.



Jo Watts

Chair

I live in Harrietsham with my husband and three sons. One of my son's attends Leeds & Broomfield. I am a qualified Learning Disability Nurse and spent several years as a Family Liaison Officer at a primary school in Maidstone. One of my big passions is supporting children who have additional needs & disabilities.



Suzanne Lowe

Vice-Chair, Local Authority Governor

I work within education financial services and this supports me as the Finance lead within the Governing Body. I have been a governor within the KULB family for a number of years.



Emma Hickling

Executive Headteacher

I am the Executive Headteacher of the KULB Federation and Platts Heath Primary School, which KULB is supporting for this academic year.

I have been a Headteacher now for 12 years and have been associated with Kingswood for 15 years! I also co-ordinate the Headteacher Induction Programme for Kent and am a Department for Education women in leadership coach.

I aim to provide the highest quality of education for the pupils of the Federation and am passionate about inclusivity.



Andy Healy

Health and Safety and Building and Maintenance lead, Co-opted Governor

I have lived in Kingswood for almost 14 years. I'm married and we have one child. I am semi-retired and now work as a KCC registered foster parent. My daughter went to Kingswood school and for many years I was a parent governor. I work with the leadership team to ensure the schools are safe places for your children and comply with all the required rules and regulations.



Captain Graham Bibby

Foundation Governor

I am married and we have 5 grown up children. I have been a Church Army Officer (Lay Minister in the Church of England) for over 20 years and have been involved with the church and state schools. We moved to the North Downs Team in 2017 and I have been a regular visitor to Leeds & Broomfield School, taking assemblies and being involved in school life.



Kate Blackham

Co-opted Governor

I manage Bubbles, a local disabled swimming club. I am a teacher at a local specialist education provision. My partner and I have a toddler.



Emma Masters

Staff Governor

I am the Acting Head of School for Ulcombe and the Year 4-6 teacher. I hold responsibility of Maths subject leader for the KULB Federation.

I have been part of the KULB federation for 5 years. Previously, I have been a Key Stage 2 teacher for a number of years.

I aim to be a leader for learning by providing high quality inclusive education for all.



Darren Waters

Associate Member

I have been a Head of School within the KULB federation since 2015. My current role is that of Head of Schools for both Kingswood and Ulcombe.

I am the Federation GDPR lead and also part of the Schools Funding Forum as I like to be kept informed of any changes that may impact on the quality of the teaching and learning across the Federation.



Claire Cakebread

Parent Governor

My partner and I have one son in year 1 at Kingswood. We live locally in Chart Sutton and we have a variety of animals and love the outdoors as well as having a love for travelling. I have worked in a variety of different schools over the past 13 years. I am currently Head of Geography at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls.

I have a passion for education and working with children. I believe that it is important that every young person has the support and guidance to succeed.



Hannah Ward

Associate Member

Since September I've been Head of School at Leeds & Broomfield. Prior to this I was Assistant Head at another local school. I thoroughly enjoy teaching and love that no day is ever the same.

Outside of school I spend most of my time playing sports, cooking (and eating) far too much food and entertaining my little brother.

Want to join us?

We have a number of vacancies on the Governing Body.
If you are interested in joining the Governing Body, get in touch with us.



Our Federation strategic priorities

Did you know the Federation has six strategic priorities?

They are:

1. To increase the percentage of pupils who achieve greater depth in reading, writing and maths at Key Stage 1

2. To increase the percentage of pupils achieving Expected or above in maths at Key Stage 2, through a focus on arithmetic

3. To increase the percentage of pupils at Key Stage 2 who achieve Expected+ in grammar, spelling and punctuation

4. To use pupil exercise books to clearly evidence progress in all subjects across Key Stage 1 and 2

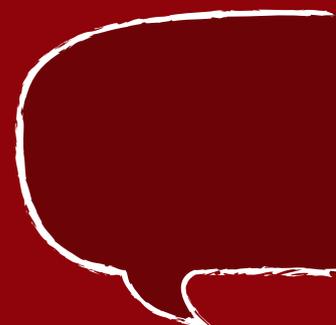
5.1 To effectively use Pupil Premium funding to diminish the difference between groups of pupils at all Key Stages at Kingswood and Leeds & Broomfield

5.2 To increase respect and harmonious play between different ethnic groups of pupils with a focus on respect for all at Ulcombe

How to contact us

To contact the Governing Body, you can:

- Email Jo, the Chair - wattsj28@klz.org.uk
- Contact one of the school offices - give them a call or send them an email - and ask them to pass on a message
- Talk to us if you see us around school



KULB Federation Vision

"We aim to be an outstanding federation at the heart of our culturally diverse communities, striving for excellence, enabling our children to achieve their highest potential in all areas of the curriculum in line with each school's values and beliefs."