



The Kenn & Kenton Federation



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Welcome to the first governor newsletter of the 2013/14 academic year! It is exciting to say that this is the first communication as The Kenn & Kenton Federation and whilst the combined governing body is in its infancy, we are delighted to have retained our breadth and diversity of experience through the reappointment of many previous Kenn and Kenton school governors.

The most recent school governance legislation came into effect on 1st September 2013 and serves to reinforce the three core functions of the governing body:

- To ensure that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the schools is clearly defined
- To ensure that the head teachers performs his/her responsibility for the education performance of the schools
- To ensure the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources.

To enable this to happen the governing body meet for full governor meetings (FGM) twice per term, usually once every half term. These meetings alternate between Kenn & Kenton schools. Your governing body has adopted a committee structure to undertake their monitoring and evaluation roles. This consists of the Finance, Personnel and Premises Committee (FPP) and the Teaching and Learning Committee (TL). Membership is determined by skills analysis to ensure broad representation on both committees whilst simultaneously optimising the experience and backgrounds in each cohort. These committees meet in addition to FGM. In addition to the formal meetings, all governors will participate in monitoring sessions within lessons. This is with the specific remit of observing the classroom in parallel with the agenda of the school improvement plan.

The current governing body is listed below, along with their category and committee:

Governor	Category	Committee
Amanda Somerwill	Head teacher – Kenton Primary	FPP & TL
Neil Swait	Head teacher – Kenn C of E Primary	FPP & TL
Jan Caig	Local Authority	TL
Linda Baker	Staff	TL
Sandy Martin	Staff	TL
Leigh Mansfield	Parent	TL
Rev John Williams	Ex-officio	TL
Julie Gibbs	Co-opted	TL
Nicola Amos	Co-opted - Parent	FPP
Dr Barry Cripps	Foundation	FPP
Jan Brown	Co-opted	FPP
Warren Knight	Co-opted - Parent	FPP
Jane Lewis	Parent	FPP
Carol Smith	Co-opted	FPP



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Many apologies for the first newsletter being so dry but it is important to communicate the remit of the governing body and how it operates to facilitate a safe, optimal and effective learning environment for all our children. We hope this helps to break down a little of what the governing body is all about and how it serves our schools, both as individual schools and as a federation. We look forward to an exciting year and prepare to embrace the challenges ahead!