

PEN PROTRAITS LOCAL GOVERNING BODY MAY 2019

The governing body voted to join the new Multi-Academy Trust, DEALT, along with five other Deal schools, in February 2019. DEALT was formed on April 1st 2019.

On joining DEALT, the Full Governing Body became a Local Governing Body, following the Circle model of governance, with the following structure:

Foundation Governors (3):

Mr Paul Henderson (Training & Development)

Mr Henderson is a lay minister in the Walmer parish. He was a teacher at Northbourne Park School until 2005 and was Head of History and Religious Studies. He was appointed as a J.P. in 2012. Mr Henderson conducts a number of assemblies at The Downs School each term.

Rev'd Seth Cooper (Ethos)

Rev'd Cooper is the Vicar at St Mary's church, Walmer. Pupils attend the church for celebratory events. Rev'd Cooper regularly takes assemblies at The Downs. Rev'd Cooper was appointed to the governing body in September 2005.

Rev'd David Ridley (Safeguarding) – Vice Chair of Governors

Rev'd Ridley is Parish Priest for the rural parishes. Pupils attend the St. Augustine's church for celebratory events. Rev'd Ridley regularly takes assemblies at Northbourne. Rev'd Ridley was previously a teacher and was appointed to the governing body in April 2013.

Parent Governors (2):

Dr Alison Eyden – The Downs - Chair of Governors

Dr Eyden has a child at The Downs and works at Canterbury Christ Church University in teaching and learning. Dr Eyden is also a regular visitor both to The Downs and Northbourne schools and was appointed to the governing body in December 2013.

Mr William Lead – Northbourne

Mr Lead has three children at Northbourne. Mr Lead runs a family business which has been established for 40 years, and enjoys cricket. Mr Lead has helped to run the school's cricket club and was appointed to the governing body in November 2016.

Staff Governor (1):

Mr Kevin Chidwick (Health & Safety)

Mr Chidwick is the Forest School Practitioner Level 3 for Northbourne School, and teaches pupils from both schools, and holds HLTA status. Pupils are taught skills to enhance their whole life experiences. Mr Chidwick is an assistance cub scout leader, and was first appointed as a co-opted governor in 2011, and then elected as a staff governor in 2018.

Head Teacher The Downs:

Miss Tracy Leighton The Downs CEP School

Miss Leighton was appointed Deputy Head to The Downs in May 2007. She was previously Assistant Head at Herne Bay Juniors and also worked for the Local Authority supporting their assessment team. She became Head of School at The Downs in 2012, a year after the Federation with Northbourne.

Head Teacher Northbourne:

Mr Matthew Reynolds, Acting Head at Northbourne CEP School

Mr Reynolds was seconded from Sandown Primary School in January 2017 to the position of Head of School at Northbourne CEP School. He previously held the post of Deputy Headteacher at Sandown where he established strong working relationships across the Deal Learning Alliance schools. Prior to this he taught KS2 classes in schools in Deal, London and Suffolk.

Appointed Governors (4):

Pastor Seyan Tills (Vulnerable Children)

Pastor Seyan is the Baptist minister in Walmer and attends The Downs school regularly to volunteer support with pupils and staff. Pastor Seyan also works alongside Mrs Dalton and Mr Turner with our Young Carers initiative. Pastor Seyan is a former pupil and member of staff of The Downs School. Pastor Seyan was previously a community governor, and was appointed as a co-opted governor in September 2015

Mrs Charmian Winslade (SEND)

Mrs Winslade was a Senior Assistant Head Teacher for Inclusion and Safeguarding and a governor at a three-form entry Primary School in a London Borough. She recently retired and relocated to Walmer and is keen to continue her involvement with schools in the local community. She is presently a volunteer helper with reading at The Downs. She was appointed as a co-opted governor in June 2018.

Mr Allan Hickie (Finance)

Mr Hickie is a Chartered Accountant who spends a significant amount of his working life advising schools and not-for-profit entities. He has two children at Northbourne, and his eldest daughter only recently left for secondary school. Allan attended The Downs as a pupil himself many years ago.

Vacancy:

Clerk to the School Governors

Mrs Kim Metcalfe works for The Education People's Clerking Service, and also clerks for governing bodies at St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School, and Newlands, Dame Janet and Salmestone Primary Academies.

MEETING DATES 2018/2019

All at 6pm:

Wednesday 17 October 2018 – NB

Thursday 15 Nov 2018 – TD

Thursday 24 January 2019 – TD

Thursday 21 March 2019 – TD

Thursday 16 May 2019 – NB

Thursday 27 June 2019 - NB