

## **PEN PROTRAITS LOCAL GOVERNING BODY JANUARY 2020**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. On joining DEALT, the Full Governing Body became a Local Governing Body, following the Circle model of governance.

### **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 Allan Hickie – Northbourne

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. Allan became the parent governor for Northbourne in October 2019.

### **Staff Governor (1):**

Mrs Rhian Tutton

Mrs Tutton is the Year 5/6 teacher at Northbourne CEP school. She volunteered at Northbourne as a parent helper from September 2013, when her youngest son started there in Year 4. She joined the staff at Northbourne in September 2015 as the Year 4/5 teacher. Prior to that, she lived and worked in Ghana and The Philippines. Mrs Tutton was nominated as staff governor in November 2019.

### **Head Teacher The Downs:**

Miss Tracy Leighton Head teacher at 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. Miss Leighton became Headteacher following the formation of DEALT.

### **Head Teacher Northbourne:**

Mr Matthew Reynolds, Head teacher 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. Mr Reynolds became Headteacher following the formation of DEALT.

### **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, was appointed as a co-opted governor in September 2015, and became an Appointed governor in October 2019 following the formation of DEALT.

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, and became an Appointed governor in October 2019 following the formation of DEALT.

Mrs Pip Goodwin (H&S)

Mrs Goodwin was appointed to the LGB in November 2019.

Mr Darren Tracey

Mr Tracey was appointed to the LGB in January 2020.

### **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 2019/2020**

**All at 6pm:**

**Thursday 10 October 2019 – NB**

**Thursday 28 Nov 2019 – TD**

**Thursday 30 January 2020 – TD**

**Thursday 12 March 2020 – TD**

**Thursday 14 May 2020 – NB**

**Thursday 9 July 2020 - NB**