

Schools Forum — Governing Body Membership and Vacancies

Governing Body	Type	Start Date	End Date
Mr Jason * Faulkner	14 - 19 Representative	04/07/2024	03/07/2026
Mrs Emma Higgins	Diocesan Representative	29/04/2024	28/04/2026
Cllr Carol Clark	LA Representative	03/09/2023	02/09/2027
Ms Susan Richardson	Primary Academy Headteacher Representative	01/04/2025	31/03/2027
Mrs Emma Robertson	Primary Academy Headteacher Representative	02/09/2025	01/09/2027
Mrs Kerry Coe	Primary Headteacher Representative	22/06/2025	21/06/2027
Mr Edwin Squire	Primary Headteacher Representative	24/04/2024	23/04/2026
Mrs Sue Symington	Primary School Governor Representative	02/09/2025	01/09/2027
Mrs Gillian Warby	Pupil Referral Representative	24/09/2024	23/09/2026
Mrs Claire Humble	Secondary Academy Headteacher Representatives	13/02/2025	12/02/2027
Mrs Debbie Law	Secondary Academy Headteacher Representatives	02/09/2025	01/09/2027
Mr Ray Parkinson	Secondary Academy Headteacher Representatives	01/08/2024	31/07/2026
Mrs Louise Spellman	Secondary Academy Headteacher Representatives	11/02/2024	10/02/2026
Mr Colin Wilkinson	Secondary School Governor Representative	02/09/2025	01/09/2027
Mr Richard Henderson	Secondary School Headteacher Representative	13/04/2025	12/04/2027
Mr Michael Little	Special School Representative	29/09/2025	28/09/2027
Mr Lester Russell	Trade Union Representative	23/06/2025	22/06/2027
Cllr Clare Besford	Additional Posting	08/05/2025	07/05/2029
Mr Matt Ellwood	Additional Posting	22/09/2025	21/09/2029
Mr David Leane	Additional Posting	02/06/2023	
Cllr Lisa Evans	Observer	05/06/2019	
Mr Sam Williams	Observer	29/09/2025	28/09/2029
Mr Andrew Bryson	Officer	01/09/2020	
Mrs Vanessa Housley	Officer	02/07/2024	
Mr Eddie Huntington	Officer	01/09/2020	
Mrs Majella McCarthy	Officer	01/05/2024	
Mr Graham Waller	Officer	01/09/2018	

Position	Type
Ms Susan Richardson	Chair
Mrs Helen Gregory	Vice Chair

Establishment	Term	Required	Governors	Vacancies
14 - 19 Representative	2 Years	1	1	0
Diocesan Representative	2 Years	1	1	0
LA Representative	2 Years	1	1	0
Primary Academy Headteacher Representative	2 Years	2	2	0

Establishment	Term	Required	Governors	Vacancies
Primary Headteacher Representative	2 Years	4	2	2
Primary School Governor Representative	2 Years	3	1	2
Pupil Referral Representative	2 Years	1	1	0
PVI Representative	2 Years	1	0	1
Secondary Academy Headteacher Representatives	2 Years	3	4	0
Secondary School Governor Representative	2 Years	1	1	0
Secondary School Headteacher Representative	2 Years	1	1	0
Special School Representative	2 Years	1	1	0
Trade Union Representative	2 Years	1	1	0
TOTAL		21	17	5

Previous Appointments	Type	Start Date	End Date
Ms Helen Dalby	Additional Posting	01/09/2022	02/09/2025
Mrs Caroline Thomas	Special School Representative	22/08/2023	21/08/2025
Miss Kay Wilkinson	Primary School Governor Representative	22/08/2023	21/08/2025
Mr Andrew McClurg	Primary School Governor Representative	22/08/2023	21/08/2025
Mrs Judith Stanyard	Primary Headteacher Representative	23/06/2023	22/06/2025
Mrs Helen Gregory	Primary Headteacher Representative	23/06/2023	22/06/2025
Mrs Andrea Swift	Primary Headteacher Representative	23/06/2023	22/06/2025
Mrs Julia Armstrong	Primary Academy Headteacher Representative	01/04/2021	31/03/2025
Mr Ryan Powner	Primary School Governor Representative	22/08/2023	27/03/2025

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Governing body regulations (maintained schools)

- As stated in the DfE's "Maintained schools governance guide", the core functions of the governing body are as set out in (regulation 6) and include, but are not limited to ensuring:
 - that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined
 - that the headteacher performs their responsibilities for the educational performance of the school
 - the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources
- Governors are appointed/elected as follows:
 - Co-opted - appointed by the governing body
 - Foundation - appointed by the Diocese (or the PCC if appropriate - there may also be provision in the Instrument of Government for the parish priest to be ex-officio)
 - Headteacher - ex-officio
 - Local Authority - appointed by the governing body, following approval of the 'nomination' by the LA
 - Parent/Staff - elected by parents/staff respectively
- Governing bodies must have at least seven governors, including the Headteacher; one and only one Local Authority governor; one and only one Staff governor; at least two Parent governors; and for Voluntary Aided schools, there must be exactly two more Foundation governors than all other categories combined.
- The total number of Co-opted governors who are also eligible to be elected as Staff governors, when counted with the Staff governor and the Headteacher, must not exceed one third of the total membership of the governing body.
- The term of office for any governor shall be four years (unless otherwise stated in the Instrument of Government), save that this time limit shall not apply to any post which is held ex officio. Associate Members can be appointed for between one and four years. Parent governors may serve out their term of office when their child leaves the school, but Staff governors must resign when they leave the school.
- Associate Members and governors who are members of staff cannot be Chair or Vice-Chair. Associate Members also do not count towards a quorum and do not have voting rights for governing body meetings (but can be appointed with voting rights on committees).
- The governing body must hold at least three meetings in every school year, and the quorum for a meeting of the governing body and for any vote on any matter at such a meeting, is one half (rounded up to a whole number) of the membership of the governing body, i.e. the number of governors in post at the date of the meeting.
- Every question to be decided at a meeting of the governing body is to be determined by a majority of the votes of the governors present and voting on the question, and where there is an equal division of votes the Chair, or as the case may be, the person who is acting as Chair for the purposes of the meeting (provided that such person is a governor), will have a second or casting vote (the governing body may approve alternative arrangements for governors to participate or vote at meetings of the governing body including but not limited to by telephone or video conference).