

The House Federation — Governing Body Membership and Vacancies

Appointments	Туре	Start Date	End Date
Rev Bethany McNeeley	Co-opted	26/09/2023	25/09/2027
Mrs Lindsey Quarmby	Co-opted	13/06/2023	12/06/2027
Mrs Sarah Richards	Co-opted	26/09/2023	25/09/2027
Mrs Laura Robson	Co-opted	05/01/2022	04/01/2026
Mrs Nora Waugh	Co-opted	05/01/2022	04/01/2026
Mrs Ailsa Higgins	Headteacher	01/01/2022	
Ms Rebecca Mastrangelo	Headteacher	01/09/2023	
Mrs Hannah Cullen	Parent	26/06/2023	25/06/2025
Miss Jessica James	Parent	01/09/2023	31/08/2025
Miss Rachel Dutson	Staff	26/09/2023	25/09/2027

Position	Туре	
Mrs Nora Waugh	Chair	
Ms Rebecca Mastrangelo	Deputy Headteacher	
Mrs Laura Robson	Vice-Chair	

Establishment	Required	Appointees	Vacanicies
Co-opted	5	5	0
Headteacher	2	2	0
Local Authority	1	0	1
Parent	2	2	0
Staff	1	1	0
TOTAL	11	10	1

Previous Appointments	Туре	Start Date	End Date
Mrs Julie Heron	Headteacher	01/01/2022	31/08/2023
Ms Diane Blanckley	Co-opted	05/01/2022	31/08/2023
Mrs Margaret Kirkland	Associate Member	05/01/2022	31/08/2023
Mr Philip Cox	Co-opted	05/01/2022	31/08/2023
Ms Nicole McGrath-Wood	Staff	01/01/2022	31/08/2023
Mrs Rachael Storey	Parent	01/01/2022	31/08/2023
Cllr Paul Donaghy	Local Authority	16/03/2022	31/08/2023
Mrs Lisa Thompson	Observer	05/12/2022	31/08/2023
Ms Catherine Barnett	Associate Member	05/01/2022	13/06/2023
Ms Lindsay Guthrie	Co-opted	21/03/2023	13/06/2023
Mrs Sarah Lloyd	Co-opted	16/03/2022	23/03/2023
Ms Lindsay Guthrie	Observer	01/11/2022	20/03/2023
Ms Melyssa Avey	Parent	05/01/2022	05/12/2022
Mr Craig Crosby	Associate Member	05/01/2022	05/12/2022
Ms Lindsay Guthrie	Headteacher	01/01/2022	31/10/2022



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Governing body regulations (maintained schools)

- As stated in the DfE's Governance Handbook, the responsibilities of the governing body are:
 - Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
 - Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and
 - Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent
- 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
 - o Local Authority appointed by the governing body, following approval of the 'nomination' by the LA
 - o 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).