

# GOVERNORS

Governors are like a board of Directors and make decisions about how the school is run. They meet at least once a term at school.

## Governors are appointed to help:

Decide what is taught

Set standards on behaviour

Interview and select staff

Decide how the school budget is spent

School Governors have legal duties, powers and responsibilities. They act together, they cannot act individually.

## School Governors are:

Parents

Staff at the school

Local authority representatives

Co-opted community representatives

## Why are parents on the Governing Body?

Parent governors bring the views of parents to the Governing Body, but they speak and act as individuals. They have equal status in the work of the Governing Body and have voting rights.

## What Parent Governors are expected to do?

Parent Governors can make sure that all communications with parents are both informative and easy to read, describe the activities in everyday language and avoid the use of jargon. The Governors can ensure that parents have easy access to information.

## What do Governors do?

The Governors meet at least once a term.

The Head teacher presents a report on all school activities, curriculum, finance and staffing matters. Discussions range over many issues, such as the state of the grounds and buildings, deployment of staff, the progress of learning of the pupils, finance, health and safety, wellbeing. There is a committee for Finance and Staffing, Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing and a working party for the Curriculum. Copies of reports and the minutes of meetings are available in school for parents to read, along with the instruments and articles of Government. The governors are all unpaid volunteers and have received no travel or subsistence allowance this year.

**List of current Governors:**

LA Governor	Vacancy	Appointment date: Term of Office: Expiry date:
Co-opted Governor	Mrs. Pauline Whitehead	Appointment date: 17.6.2003 Term of Office: 9.06.2023 Expiry date: 09.06.2027
Co-opted Governor	Mrs. Ann Hanaghan	Appointment date: 20.02.21 Term of Office: 22.02.21 Expiry date: 21.2.2025
Co-opted Governor	Mr. Ian Hartley	Appointment date: 10.06.15 Term of Office: 10.06.23 Expiry date: 09.06.2027
Co-opted Governor	Mrs. Susan Gee	Appointment date: 10.06.15 Term of Office: 10.06.23 Expiry date: 09.06.2027
Co-opted Governor Vice Chair	Mrs Janet Morrish	Appointment date: 27.4.23 Term of Office: 13.6.27 Expiry date: 12.6.27
Co-opted Governor	Mrs. Jill Hudson	Appointment date: 08.10.18 Term of Office: 1.10.22 Expiry date: 30.9.26
Co-opted Governor Chair	Mr. James Woodward	Appointment date: 10.06.15 Term of Office: 10.06.23 Expiry date: 09.06.2027
Parent Governor	Mr. Phil Guest	Appointment date: 20.10.25 Term of Office: 19.10.29 Expiry date: 19.10.2029
Parent Governor	Miss Liz Rudd	Appointment date: 02.11.20 Term of Office: 02.11.20 Expiry date: 1.11.2024
Co-opted Governor	Mrs. Helen Singleton	Appointment date: 14.10.19 Term of Office: 1.11.23 Expiry date: 31.10.27
Staff Governor	Miss Melanie Platt c/o Buckstones School	Appointment date: 10.3.23 Term of Office: 10.3.23 Expiry date: 9.3.27
Parent Governor	Mr John Starkey	Appointment date: 22.9.23 Term of Office: 22.9.23 Expiry date: 21.9.27
Co-opted Governor	Mrs. Valerie Joyce	Appointment date: 01.9.22 Term of Office: 01.09.22 Expiry date: 31.8.2026
Head teacher	Miss Sarah Healey c/o Buckstones School	Appointment date: 1.9.2002

Type	Name of Governor	Last Full Governors Attended
LA Governor		
Co-opted Governor	Mrs. Pauline Whitehead	28.1.26
Co-opted Governor	Mrs. Ann Hanaghan	28.1.26
Co-opted Governor	Mr. Ian Hartley	5.11.25
Co-opted Governor	Mrs. Susan Gee	28.1.26
Co-opted Governor	Mrs. Val Joyce	28.1.26
Co-opted Parent Governor	Mrs. Jill Hudson	28.1.26
Co-opted Governor Chair	Mr. James Woodward	28.1.26
Parent Governor	Miss Liz Rudd	29.1.25
Co-opted Governor	Mrs. Helen Singleton	28.1.26
Staff Governor	Miss Melanie Platt	28.1.26
Parent Governor	Mr John Starkey	28.1.26
Parent Governor	Mr. Phil Guest	28.1.26
Co-opted Governor Vice Chair	Mrs Janet Morrish	28.1.26
Head teacher	Miss Sarah Healey c/o Buckstones School	28.1.26

Governor meeting	Agenda
Full Governors - 28.1.26	<p>During the meeting the Governors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received a report outlining what we have been doing in school; including reports from individual committees (Premises, Curriculum and Finance)</li> <li>• Reviewed the School Development Plan</li> <li>• Adopted the following policies: SEN</li> <li>• Discussed a Safeguarding report</li> <li>• Reviewed Food standards</li> <li>• Reviewed the School website</li> <li>• EYFS provision</li> <li>• Received a report from the Chair</li> <li>• Received reports from Governors who enjoyed their lunch on the Captain's table</li> <li>• Reported on the fire drill and lockdown drill</li> </ul>
Curriculum Committee Meeting - 19.1.2026	<p>During the meeting the Governors agreed and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Pack</li> <li>• ISDR</li> <li>• SIP Report</li> </ul>
Pay/Finance - 10.3.2026	<p>During the meeting the Governors discussed and/or agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Report</li> <li>• SFVS</li> <li>• Finance Policy</li> <li>• Charging Policy</li> <li>• Whistleblowing Policy</li> <li>• Financial Risk Assessment</li> <li>• Best Value Statement</li> <li>• Benchmarking Report Card</li> <li>• Staffing Structure</li> <li>• Internet Banking and Debit Card Policy</li> <li>• Lettings Policy</li> </ul>
Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing/Health and Safety/Safeguarding - 3.3.2026	<p>During the meeting the Governors reviewed and/or agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safeguarding Audit Action Plan</li> <li>• Boiler update</li> <li>• Kitchen equipment update</li> <li>• Dukefield Report</li> <li>• Repairs update</li> </ul>

Committee Membership		Business, Pecuniary and Personal Interest	Last meeting attended
Curriculum Staffing Significant Change Pupil Discipline Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing/Health and Safety Appeals SEND Governor Head Teacher Performance Review	Mrs. Pauline Whitehead	None 4.9.2025	Curriculum - 29.4.25 Pay/Finance - 10.3.2026 Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing - 24.6.25
Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing/Health and Safety Health and Safety Attendance	Mr. Ian Hartley	None 3.11.25	Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing - 3.3.26
Curriculum Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing/Health and Safety Staffing Appeals Pupil Absence Pupil Discipline Child Protection/Safeguarding Governor	Mrs. Susan Gee	None 5.11.25	Curriculum - 29.4.25 Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing - 3.3.26
Curriculum Literacy Governor SEND	Mrs. Jill Hudson	Parent 5.11.25	Curriculum - 30.9.25
Significant Change Pay/Finance I.T. Governor Financial Health and Efficiency Significant Change I.T. Digital and Remote Learning Head Teacher Performance Review	Mr. James Woodward	None 17.9.25	Pay/Finance - 10.3.26
Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing/Health and Safety Pay/Finance	Mrs Liz Rudd	Parent 17.11.25	Pay/Finance - 10.3.26 Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing - 3.3.26
Curriculum Pupil Discipline Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing/Health and Safety	Mrs. Helen Singleton	Parent 4.11.25	Curriculum - 28.1.26 Premises/Health and

Closing the Gap for EAL Learners EMHW Science Governor			Safety/Wellbeing - 3.3.26
Curriculum History and Geography Maths,	Mrs Anne Hanaghan	None 5.11.25	Curriculum - 28.1.26
Curriculum Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing/Health and Safety	Mr Phil Guest	Parent 1.11.25	Curriculum - 28.1.26 Pay/Finance - 10.3.26
Pay/Finance Analyse data	Mr John Starkey	Parent 18.10.25	Pay/Finance - 11.11.25
Curriculum Staffing Pay/Finance Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing/Health and Safety	Miss Sarah Healey c/o Buckstones School	None 16.11.25	Curriculum - 28.1.26 Pay/Finance - 10.3.26 Premises/H ealth and Safety/Wellbeing - 3.3.26
Curriculum Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing/Health and Safety Safeguarding R.E. Art	Mrs Valerie Joyce	None 27.10.25	Curriculum - 28.1.26 Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing - 3.3.26
Pay/Finance Premises/Health and Safety/Wellbeing/Health and Safety	Mrs Janet Morrish	None 16.10.25	Pay/Finance - 3.3.26
	Miss Melanie Platt	None 5.11.25	