

Furrowfield School – Governing Body Membership and Vacancies

Appointments	Type	Start Date	End Date
Mrs Sarah Diggle	Co-opted	05/06/2022	04/06/2026
Mr Richard Marshall	Co-opted	05/06/2022	04/06/2026
Ms Jane Spence	Co-opted	05/06/2022	04/06/2026
Miss Heather Scott	Headteacher	05/06/2022	
Cllr Kathleen McCartney	Local Authority	29/03/2023	28/03/2027
Ms Vicky Armstrong	Parent	21/09/2022	20/09/2026
Ms Kate Matthews	Staff	05/06/2022	04/06/2026
Mrs Andrea Atkinson	Associate Member	11/07/2023	10/07/2027

Position	Type
Mr Richard Marshall	Chair
Ms Vicky Armstrong	Parent governor - appointed (not elected)
Mrs Andrea Atkinson	School Business Manager
Mrs Sarah Diggle	Vice-Chair

Establishment	Term	Required	Appointees	Vacancies
Co-opted	4 Years	7	3	4
Headteacher	Ex-officio	1	1	0
Local Authority	4 Years	1	1	0
Parent	4 Years	2	1	1
Staff	4 Years	1	1	0
TOTAL		12	7	5

Previous Appointments	Type	Start Date	End Date
Dr Jeanne Pratt	Co-opted	05/06/2022	21/07/2023
Mr Steve Horne	Co-opted	05/06/2022	21/07/2023

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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
 - 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).