

Appendix 1.1 Composition of the Governing Body and Pecuniary Interests

We have 12 Governors: 4 Parent governors, 4 Co-opted Governors, 1 Staff Governor, 1 local authority governors, 2 Foundation Trust Governors, 5 Associate Members.

Membership and pecuniary interest details as at September 2016

Governor Type	Name	Pecuniary Interests
Parent Governor	Louisa Atkinson	Nil
Parent Governor	Samantha Davies	Nil
Parent Governor	Marie Pick	Nil
Parent Governor	Tony Stephenson	Nil
LA Governor	Margaret Fisher	Nil
Co-opted Governor	Lynn Stephenson	Chair of Governors Bridgewater Primary School
Co-opted Governor	VACANT	
Co-opted Staff	Joanne Jameson	Nil
Foundation Trust Governor	Rev Jacqueline Stober	Nil
Foundation Trust Governor	VACANT	
Headteacher	David McLeod	Nil
Associate	Cllr Rob Higgins	National Probation Service (Part Time) Newcastle City Councillor
Associate	Tracey Caffrey	Headteacher St Johns Primary School, West End Schools Trust Director
Associate	Susan Brooks-Tyreman	Nil
Associate	Jane Dube	Canning Street School Staff Member
Associate	Nitin Shukla	Nil

Associate Members

The attendance of individuals other than governors at full governing body meetings and committee meetings may be appropriate to support the work of the governing body. The invitation for associates to attend is a full governing body decision. Those associates who do attend are bound by the same rules of confidentiality as the governing body.

Register of Interests

Under section 538 of the Education Act 1996, maintained school GBs are required to provide information about their members for the DfE's national database on those involved in governance and to keep the Edubase system up to date when changes occur.

Governing bodies also have a statutory duty to publish on their website information about their members, including Register of Interests.

Additional Guidance Notes

It is important that governors and staff not only act impartially, but are seen to act impartially. The Governing Body and school staff have a responsibility to avoid any conflict between their business and personal interests and affairs and those of the school. There is a legal duty on all Governors to declare an interest likely to lead to questions of bias when considering any item of business at a meeting and for the Governor concerned to withdraw, if necessary whilst the matter is being considered.

The declaration of interests should include, governance roles in other educational institutions and where appropriate the company by whom they are employed, directorships, significant shareholding or other appointments of influence within a business or other organisation which may have dealings with the school. Governors should also include any material interests arising from relationships between governors or relationships between governors and school staff (including spouses, partners and close relatives) or other individuals known to them who may exert influence.

The register will enable Governors to demonstrate that in spending public money they do not benefit personally from any decisions that they make.

Governing bodies should ensure the register is up to date, complete and include all governors and associates. Dated nil returns are also required – if there are no interests Governors should record nil return for each section. The register will be completed and reviewed annually but governors are reminded that they should declare any changes as and when they occur.