

Members & Trustees

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Carolyn Shoyer	Member	05/02/2024	01/10/2025		Academy Members	None	
Chasca Twyman	Member	16/12/2024			Academy Members	B – Consultant/Trainer with NGA, Learn Sheffield, Derbyshire LA. P – Trustee at Tapton School Academy Trust B – Derbyshire Leader of Governance, Derbyshire LA	16/12/2024
Christopher Best	Member	07/07/2025			Academy Members	B – Deputy CEO at Manor Hall Trust P – Trustee, Grow Moorlands Charity	01/10/2016 01/01/2015
Paul Drummond	Member	01/12/2018	01/12/2024		Original Member	None	01/12/2024
Sarah Charles	Member	22/01/2021			Academy Members	B – Embark Schools host University of Derby student placements	23/09/2020
Judith Vale	Member	10/11/2025			Academy Members	None	

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Liz Seymour	Member	01/11/2025			Academy Members	None	
David King	Member/Trustee	15/08/2024		4 years	Academy Members	B – Business Advisor and CEO Coach to Optimus Education, Coopted Independent Member for Derbyshire County Council's Audit Committee	12/09/2024, 02/12/2024
Amanda Johnson	Trustee	22/04/2024		4 years	Academy Members	None	
Claire Leitheiser	Trustee	23/11/2022		4 years	Academy Members	None	
Denise Boyle	Trustee	09/12/2024		4 years	Appointed by Trust	B – Employed at Department of Education (Civil Service Education Department)	04/06/2019
Eleanor Hedley	Trustee	25/01/2019		4 years	Appointed by Trust	None	
Ian Paxton	Trustee	07/12/2018		4 years	Academy Members	None	
Lindsey Smethem	Trustee	23/11/2022		4 years	Academy Members	None	
Mark James	Trustee	12/10/2024		4 years	Diocese	None	
Mike Firbank	Trustee	07/02/2022		4 years	Diocese	None	
Paul Drummond	Trustee	02/12/2024		4 years	Academy Members	None	
Peter Ricketts	Trustee	01/01/2024		4 years	Academy Members	P – Spouse Co-opted Governor at Longford School	01/01/2020 01/09/2025

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Rosie Harrison	Trustee	16/11/2022		4 years	Academy Members	None	
Theresa Peltier	Trustee	04/09/2024		4 years	Academy Members	None	

Governors

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Amanda Potts	Co-opted Local Governor	21/01/2024		4 years	Governing Board	P – Chair of Governors at The Green Infant School	

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Amy Slater	Co-opted Local Governor	28/09/2021	18/07/2024	4 years	Governing Board	B – Employed at Kirk Hallam Community Academy	18/07/2024
Andrew Joesbury	Co-opted Local Governor	01/07/2023	24/09/25	4 years	Governing Board	None	
Ann Harrison	Co-opted Local Governor	30/03/2023	31/08/25	4 years	Governing Board	None	
Eileen (Annie) Nelson	Co-opted Local Governor	01/03/2018		4 years	Governing Board	None	
Brian McBean	Co-opted Local Governor	05/12/2022		4 years	Governing Board	B – Employed at Tibshelf Infant School	
Carolyn Wood	Co-opted Local Governor	05/12/2022		4 years	Governing Board	None	
Christine Wojtania	Co-opted Local Governor	01/09/2024	31/08/25	4 years	Governing Board	None	
Claire Keyte	Co-opted Local Governor	01/10/2022		4 years	Governing Board	None	
Claire Sharpe	Co-opted Local Governor	25/04/2024		4 years	Governing Board	B – Governor at Langley Mill Academy / Regional Manager at Vaillant Commercial Boiler Systems	26/09/2020

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Claire Stanton	Co-opted Local Governor	01/04/2023		4 years	Governing Board	B – Labour Member	01/04/2023
Craig Vitale	Co-opted Local Governor	28/09/2021		4 years	Governing Board	P – spouse employed at Ladywood Primary School	28/09/2021
David Fisher	Co-opted Local Governor	24/05/2022		4 years	Governing Board	B – Trustee at Home-start, Erewash B – Employee at TES Global	04/09/2024
David Seckington	Co-opted Local Governor	23/11/2021		4 years	Governing Board	B – Owner of recycling services business, providing financial donations to the school	23/11/2021
Dawn Abernethy	Co-opted Local Governor	01/10/2022	28/07/25	4 years	Governing Board	B – Director at AKA Case Management Limited	01/10/2022
Emma Gemmell	Co-opted Local Governor	30/11/2021		4 years	Governing Board	None	
Georgina Blair	Co-opted Local Governor	22/05/2023		4 years	Governing Board	B – Employee of University of Leeds	03/09/2023
Gillian Hart	Co-opted Local Governor	16/10/2019		4 years	Governing Board	P – Governor at Netherthorpe Secondary	26/03/2024
Jake Wright	Co-opted Local Governor	02/09/2024		4 years	Governing Board	P – family member employed at Kilburn Junior School B – employed at Advanced Commercial Interiors	02/09/2024

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James Dawson	Co-opted Local Governor	18/09/2024		4 years	Governing Board	B – Governor at other schools (Granby Junior School, Kensington Junior School and Charlotte Infant School), Councillor and Shadow Executive Member for Resources on Erewash Borough Council, Member Safer Stronger Communities Board, Board Trustee – LGA appointment	18/09/2024
Jane Bowley	Co-opted Local Governor	05/12/2022		4 years	Governing Board	None	
Jane Baker	Baker	03/11/2024		4 years	Governing Board	B – Employee of TDP Ltd	
Jansen Bunker	Parent Governor	05/05/2022		4 years	Governing Board	P – Governor at Frederick Gent School	
Jason Smith	Co-opted Local Governor	24/03/2023		4 years	Governing Board	P – family member employed at Chaucer Junior School	24/03/2023
Jean Horton	Co-opted Local Governor	01/04/2023		4 years	Governing Board	None	
Jodie Dunn	Co-opted Local Governor	25/09/2023		4 years	Governing Board	None	
John Kelly	Co-opted Local Governor	01/04/2023		4 years	Governing Board	P – Trustee of Street Pastors	01/04/2023

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Judith Vale	Co-opted Local Governor	01/06/2023	07/10/2025	4 years	Governing Board	None	24/09/2025
Karen Hall	Co-opted Local Governor	12/09/2023		4 years	Governing Board	None	
Keith Falconer	Co-opted Local Governor	01/04/2023		4 years	Governing Board	B – Trustee Chesterfield & NE Derbyshire Volunteer Centre. Chesterfield Lib. Dems Exec.Member	01/04/2023
Kelly Hales	Parent Governor	02/01/2022		4 years	Elected by Parents	B – Volunteer at British Heart Foundation	2013
Lisa Washington	Co-opted Local Governor	12/10/2022		4 years	Governing Board	B – Employed at Wild Bears Forest School CIC, run community groups in Kirk Hallam	12/10/2022
Lorna Peltell	Co-opted Local Governor	24/03/2022	24/10/2025	4 years	Governing Board	None	
Louise Rowland	Co-opted Local Governor	21/09/2021		4 years	Governing Board	B – employed in Central Team P – governor at Richardson Endowed Primary	16/09/2024
Lucy Weighall	Parent Governor	04/05/2023		4 years	Elected by Parents	B – employed at Harmony Trust MAT	04/05/2023
Michelle Siddons	Co-opted Local Governor	15/10/2024		4 years	Governing Board	B – Headteacher at Aldercar Infant School	15/10/2024
Mark VonGyer	Co-opted Local Governor	02/10/2025		4 years	Governing Board	B – Employee at Nationwide Building Society	20/03/2022

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Neil Robertson	Co-opted Local Governor	01/04/2024		4 years	Governing Board	P – Spouse Governor at Pennine Way Junior Academy	01/04/2024
Paul Leeson	Co-opted Local Governor	16/09/2022		4 years	Governing Board	B – Trustee at Amber Valley Sports Partnership	01/09/2020
Polli Watkin	Co-opted Local Governor	25/05/2021		4 years	Governing Board	None	
Rebecca Flynn	Co-opted Local Governor	01/12/2022		4 years	Governing Board	B – Employed at The Pringle Academy	01/12/2022
Richard Smith	Co-opted Local Governor	15/11/2022		4 years	Governing Board	P – Spouse employed at Waingroves Primary School	15/11/2022
Robert Funnell	Co-opted Local Governor	01/06/2024		4 years	Governing Board	P – family member employed at Draycott Primary School / Trustee Hemington Recreation Ground	01/06/2024
Roger Horne	Co-opted Local Governor	01/01/2000		4 years	Governing Board	B – Trustee at The Bingham Trust	01/01/2000
Stacey Harrison	Co-opted Local Governor	12/01/2023		4 years	Governing Board	B – Trustee Scouts Association	01/07/2024
Stephen Haigh	Co-opted Local Governor	21/09/2023		4 years	Governing Board	None	

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Steve Bramley	Co-opted Local Governor	01/01/2019	18/07/25	4 years	Governing Board	None	
Sue Ricketts	Co-opted Local Governor	01/09/2024	19/06/25	4 years	Governing Board	P – Spouse Embark Trustee	04/09/2020
Sue Marshall	Co – Opted Local Governor	10/01/2009		4 years	Governing Board	B – Trustee Derbyshire Cricket Foundation	01/01/2020
Sylvia Robertson	Co-opted Local Governor	01/04/2024		4 years	Governing Board	P – Spouse Governor at Pennine Way Junior Academy	01/04/2024
Vikki Neaves	Co-opted Local Governor	12/11/2023		4 years	Governing Board	None	
Walter Greensmith	Co-opted Local Governor	01/11/2021		4 years	Governing Board	None	
Wendy Disley	Co-opted Local Governor	09/03/2015		4 years	Governing Board	B – Governor at Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy	09/03/2015
Zoe Presland	Parent Governor	11/12/2023		4 years	Governing Board	P – Pastor SNC Church / Owner Ark Development	

Central Team and School Staff

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Adam Blake	School staff	N/A	Trust	17/04/2023	B – Run TaeKwon-Do Club & Rents out property	17/04/2023	
Alison Rotheron	School staff	N/A	Trust	09/07/1997	P – relative employed at Chaucer Infant school	01/09/2015	
Anna Upton	Central Team Staff	N/A	Trust	01/09/2021	B – Governor at Beaufort Community Primary School	04/10/2023	
Amy Buckley	School staff	N/A	Trust	09/01/2023	P – Chair of Buxton Junior School PTFA P – Children attend Embark School	19/09/2022	
Ben Riggott	Central Team Staff	N/A	Trust	01/04/2023	P – Spouse and son employed by Cosy Direct P – Son employed at LEAD IT	2021	
Clare Rhodes	School Staff	N/A	Trust	12/05/2022	P – Spouse provides grounds Maintenance through MN Rhodes	2022	
Charlene Hudson	School staff	N/A	Trust	07/09/2015	P – spouse owns business and employed at Kilburn Junior School	20/09/2022	

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Charlotte Bailey	School Staff	11/02/2015			P – relative employed at Embark		01/09/2015
Dan Boothby	School staff	N/A	Trust	01/09/2020	B – Governor at Walton Peak Flying High Academy	15/03/2023	06/08/2025
Eleanor Wood	School Staff	N/A	Trust	09/01/2017	B - Governor at South Darley C of E Primary School	09/01/2017	
Helen Jefferson	Safeguarding Lead	N/A	Trust	01/01/2024	B – Governor at Woodlands Community School	01/01/2019	
James Benn	School staff	N/A	Trust	18/11/2018	B – Chair of Governors at Ripley Nursery School		
Jayne McMillan	School staff	N/A	Trust	01/09/2010	P – Director at No Reason Limited Clothing Company	09/01/2010	29/04/2025
Karl Barlow	School staff	N/A	Trust	01/01/2024	P – relationship with employee at Embark school	01/01/2024	
Laura Baddiley	Head of Office	N/A	Trust	01/10/2023	P – family member employed at PKF Smith Cooper	01/10/2023	
Lauren Buckley	School staff	N/A	Trust	01/08/2015	B – Committee Member at Aston on Trent Pre-School	01/06/2023	
Lisa Eaton	Central Team Staff	N/A	Trust	01/07/2023	P – Spouse owns Derby Sign and Graphics	02/03/2019	
Lisa Marriott	People and Culture Lead	N/A	Trust	01/07/2023	B – Trustee at Rebuild Project	01/09/2022	
Louise Rowland	Central Team Staff	N/A	Trust	16/09/2024	P – governor at another school Richardson Endowed Primary	16/09/2024	

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Lynn Pilling	School staff	N/A	Trust	01/01/2016	P – Spouse employed by Window/gutter cleaning company P – Daughter employed at Embark School	01/01/2016	
Matt Crawford	Central Team staff	N/A	Trust	01/01/2019	B – Member at The White Hills Park Trust Ltd & Manor Hall Academy	02/09/2024	
Melanie Lawson	School staff	N/A	Trust	01/09/2022	B – governor at Kirk Hallam Community School and Transition	01/09/2022	
Nicola Godfrey	School staff	N/A	Trust	10/09/2024	P – Spouse owns Acclimatize	2015	
Nicholas Bondswell	School Staff	N/A	Trust	30/06/2025	B – Trustee at Chilypep	01/02/2025	
Olivia Anthony	Central Team Staff	N/A	Trust	16/09/2024	B – employed at Chaucer Junior School B – Shareholder at Anthony Construction Ltd	10/01/2022-20/04/25	
Paul Scaife	Central Team staff	N/A	Trust	01/06/2022	B – Director of business providing consultancy and educational services (Scaife Finance and Business Solutions Ltd, Educational Success Partners Ltd)	17/11/14 & 02/01/2019	
Rob Hull	School staff	N/A	Trust	01/01/2019	P – Relative employed at Kilburn Junior school	01/09/2024	
Sarah Russell	School staff	N/A	Trust	01/01/2024	P – relationship with employee at Embark school	01/01/2024	
Steve Watson	School Staff	N/A	Trust	01/06/2025	P – Friend of Owner at K Smithurst Builders & Ark Developments	01/06/2025	

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Trudy Williams	School Staff	N/A	Trust	04/01/2006	P – Spouse works for Evolve	04/01/2006	
Victoria Herbert	School Staff	N/A	Trust	09/01/2014	P – Relative does work for the school	01/09/2024	