



QUEST Trust
Supporting Young People from
Early Years to Employment

(A Church of England Schools Trust)

Governance Structure and Register of Interests – Updated July 2026

The Academy Trust aims to serve its communities by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian and moral values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

Trust Members

Name	Category	Appointing Body and date	Positions of Responsibility	Relevant Business Interests or Governance roles in other educational establishments	Relevant Relationships
Mr. Stuart Harrison	Member	Diocesan Corporate Member	None	Diocesan Advisor	None
Mr. David Thorpe	Member	Diocesan Corporate Member Representative – 01.01.2015	None	Diocesan Adviser PCC Member/Trustee of St. Luke's Eccleston	None
Mr. Paul Smalley	Member	Diocesan Corporate Member Representative – 08.04.2022	None	Trustee of the Inter Faith Network for the UK; Trustee of the RE Council of England and Wales; Trustee of the Warrington Church of England Educational Trust; Executive Assistant of NASACRE; Senior Lecturer Edge Hill University	None
Miss. Caroline Cowburn	Member	University Sponsor Member – 18.03.2025	None	Assistant Vice Chancellor of University of Greater Manchester	None
Dr. Greg Walker	Member	University Sponsor Communicant Member – 22.11.2021	None	University Academic Leader – University of Greater Manchester	None

Trust Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; hold senior leaders to account for the educational performance of all academies and their pupils and the performance management of staff; and will oversee the financial performance of the Academy Trust making sure its money is well spent.

Trustee's Name	Dr. C Palling
Category	Trustee
Date of Appointment	3 rd January 2026 (re-appointed)
Appointing Body	Academy Trust Members
Term of Office	4 years
Governance Positions of Responsibility	Chair of Board of Trustees – Equality & Mental Health Champion/Performance Management Committee Trustee - Safeguarding
Relevant Business Interests or governance roles in other educational establishments	Trustee/Director of Mission in the Economy; Albert Dock Charitable Trust; Blitz Memorial Appeal; Local Solutions; Mersey Mission to Seafarers; Royal Liverpool Seamen's Orphanage Institute; Early Music as Education; Battle of the Atlantic Memorial. Trustee of Micah Liverpool; Parochial Church Council of Liverpool Parish Church; Molyneux and Warbrick Charity
Relevant Relationships	None
Attendance Record – 2025/26 Academic Year	Trustee Board Meeting 5/5

Trustee's Name	Dr. A Roberts
Category	Trustee
Date of Appointment	1 st August 2020 – Re-appointed 1 st August 2024
Appointing Body	University of Greater Manchester Sponsor
Term of Office	4 years
Governance Positions of Responsibility	Vice-Chair of Board of Trustees – RAR Committee Chair/Performance Management Committee
Relevant Business Interests or governance roles in other educational establishments	Director of: Victoria Road (Avonmouth) Management Company; Bolton College; Network Sales & Solutions Ltd; Videonations Ltd; Nycomm Ltd; Nycomm Holdings Ltd; FMP Leisure Services Ltd; Yealink (UK) Ltd; The Whitehorse Project; Pennine Communications Ltd; Interquartz (UK) Ltd; Avoira Ltd; Co-Channel Electronics Ltd. Trustee of: The White Horse Project; The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary, Rawtenstall; Chair of Governors Bolton College; Governor University of Greater Manchester. Fellow RSA; Fellow IET Shareholder of: Nycomm Holdings Ltd; FMP Leisure Services Ltd. Chair of Trustees – University of Greater Manchester.
Relevant Relationships	None
Attendance Record – 2025/26 Academic Year	Trustee Board Meeting 5/5 Resources, Audit & Risk (RAR) 3/3

Trustee's Name	Mr. S Derringer
Category	Trustee
Date of Appointment	29 th November 2022
Appointing Body	Academy Trust Members
Term of Office	Term 4 Years
Governance Positions of Responsibility	Educational Standards Committee/Pay & Remuneration Committee
Relevant Business Interests or governance roles in other educational establishments	Director for Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance. Director for the Liverpool Diocesan Educational Trust.
Relevant Relationships	None
Attendance Record – 2025/26 Academic Year	Trustee Board Meeting 2/5 Pay & Remuneration 1/1 Educational Standards Committee 0/1

Trustee's Name	Mr. I Ismail
Category	Trustee
Date of Appointment	20 th April 2023
Appointing Body	Academy Trust Members
Term of Office	4 Years
Governance Positions of Responsibility	People Committee (Chair)/Pay & Remuneration Committee
Relevant Business Interests or governance roles in other educational establishments	Director – Myhome/Mycare Ltd. Chair of the Bolton Vision Steering Group
Relevant Relationships	None
Attendance Record – 2025/26 Academic Year	Trustee Board Meeting 1/5 People Committee 1/1 Pay & Remuneration 1/1

Trustee's Name	Mrs. S Darbyshire
Category	Trustee
Date of Appointment	22 nd February 2024
Appointing Body	Academy Trust Members
Term of Office	4 Years
Governance Positions of Responsibility	Educational Standards Committee (Chair)
Relevant Business Interests or governance roles in other educational establishments	Lead of Kingsbridge EIP SCITT Wigan Education Partnership Board School Improvement Lead on the School Improvement Board Wigan LA - Children & Young Peoples Strategic Alliance
Relevant Relationships	None
Attendance Record – 2025/26 Academic Year	Trustee Board Meeting 3/5 Educational Standards 1/1

Trustee's Name	Mrs. J Buckley
Category	Trustee
Date of Appointment	22 nd January 2025
Appointing Body	Academy Trust Members
Term of Office	4 Years
Governance Positions of Responsibility	People Committee/RAR
Relevant Business Interests or governance roles in other educational establishments	COO at Epworth Education Trust
Relevant Relationships	None
Attendance Record – 2025/26 Academic Year	Trustee Board Meeting 2/5 People Committee 1/1 Resource, Audit & Risk (RAR) 3/3

Trustee's Name	Dr. R Bibby
Category	Trustee
Date of Appointment	22 nd January 2025
Appointing Body	Academy Trust Members
Term of Office	4 Years
Governance Positions of Responsibility	People Committee SEND and G&T
Relevant Business Interests or governance roles in other educational establishments	
Relevant Relationships	
Attendance Record – 2025/26 Academic Year	Trustee Board Meeting 2/5 People Committee 1/1

Trustee's Name	Mrs. J Stevenson
Category	Trustee
Date of Appointment	2 nd December 2025
Appointing Body	Academy Trust Members
Term of Office	4 Years
Governance Positions of Responsibility	Educational Standards Committee
Relevant Business Interests or governance roles in other educational establishments	Principal – UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park
Relevant Relationships	None
Attendance Record – 2025/26 Academic Year	Trustee Board Meeting 3/5

Trustee's Name	Mrs. K Flood
Category	Trustee
Date of Appointment	3.12.25
Appointing Body	Academy Trust Members
Term of Office	4 Years
Governance Positions of Responsibility	RAR Committee/Trustee for Pupil Premium
Relevant Business Interests or governance roles in other educational establishments	Chair/Director at Bolton College Independent Board Member at the University of Greater Manchester (Bolton) Managing Director Bury Black Pudding Company - Commercial Director at NextGen360 Ltd - Commercial Director at Park Cakes Ltd Chief Commercial Officer at Hill Biscuits
Relevant Relationships	None
Attendance Record – 2025/26 Academic Year	Trustee Board Meeting 5/5 Resource, Audit & Risk 2/3

Resources, Audit & Risk Committee	Pay and Remuneration Committee	Educational Standards Committee	Performance Management Committee	People Committee (September 2025)
Dr. A. Roberts (Chair)	Mr. S. Derringer	Mrs. S. Darbyshire (Chair)	Dr. C. Pailing	Mr. I. Ismail (Chair)
Mrs. J. Buckley	Mr. I. Ismail	Mr. S. Derringer	Dr. A. Roberts	Mrs. J. Buckley
Mrs. K. Flood		Dr. R. Bibby	Mrs. S. Darbyshire	Dr. R. Bibby
		Mrs. J. Stevenson		
<i>In Advisory Role – CFOO</i>	<i>In Advisory Role – CEO/CFOO</i>	<i>In Advisory Role – CEO/DCEO</i>	<i>External Advisor to Board</i>	<i>In Observation Role – HR/CEO/CFOO/DCEO</i>

Adhoc committees – Staff Disciplinary; Pupil Discipline; Complaints.

Local Governing Boards (LGB) are responsible for ensuring that each Academy is conducted in accordance with its ethos and values.

 HINDLEY GREEN Community Primary School	LGB Representative	Date Appointed (4 Year Term)	Appointing Body	Position of Responsibility	Declaration of Business Interests and/or relevant relationships	Attendance Record 25-26
	TBC			Chair		
	Mrs. S Cartwright	01.04.23	Board of Trustees	Vice Chair	Teaching Assistant – St Peter’s Hindley	0/1
	Miss. C Fletcher	01.09.24	Ex-officio	Executive Headteacher	None	1/1
	Mrs. F Brown	08.02.25	Elected by staff	Teacher		1/1
	VACANCY		Elected by Parents			
	Mr. J Warburton	13.7.26	Board of Trustees			New Appointee
	Mrs. E Main	13.7.26	Board of Trustees			New Appointee
	Mrs. A Pagett	22.05.25	Board of Trustees			1/1

 ST. JOHN'S Church of England Primary School, Hindley Green	LGB Representative	Date Appointed (4 Year Term)	Appointing Body	Position of Responsibility	Declaration of Business Interests and/or relevant relationships	Attendance Record 25-26
	Mrs. S Walls	18.10.23	Elected by Parents	Chair Standards Link Governor		2/2
	Miss. L Burns	01.09.25	Elected by staff	Vice Chair/Teacher		2/2
	Mrs. C Fletcher	01.09.25	Ex-officio	Executive Headteacher		2/2
	Miss. L Miller	03.12.25	Elected by Parents			1/2
	Mrs. A Naylor	01.09.25	Board of Trustees			2/2
	Mrs. S Elliott	24.03.26	Board of Trustees			1/2
	Mrs. F Thornton	22.05.25	Board of Trustees			2/2
	Mrs. L Thorniley	22.05.25	Board of Trustees			2/2

 ST. PETER'S Church of England Primary School	LGB Representative	Date Appointed (4 Year Term)	Appointing Body	Position of Responsibility	Declaration of Business Interests and/or relevant relationships	Attendance Record 25-26
	Mr. K. Hayes	07.07.20 (07.07.16)	Board of Trustees	Chair Standards Link Governor	Director of St. Peter's Pavilion	3/3
	VACANCY			Vice Chair		
	Mr. S Eccles	01.09.24	Ex-officio	Headteacher	None	3/3
	Mrs. H Fairhurst	19.05.25	Elected by Parents	SEND Link Governor		2/3
	Mr. C Hinchcliffe		Elected by Parents			2/3
	VACANCY		Board of Trustees			
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 ST. JOHN'S Church of England Primary School, Abram	LGB Representative	Date Appointed (4 Year Term)	Appointing Body	Position of Responsibility	Declaration of Business Interests and/or relevant relationships	Attendance Record 25-26
	Mr. R Kitchen	22.10.24	Elected by Parents	Chair Standards Link Governor		2/2
	Mr. S Entwistle	23.11.21	Board of Trustees	Vice Chair SEND Link Governor	None	2/2
	Mrs. R Bear	01.09.25	Ex-officio	Headteacher		2/2
	Mrs. V Aindow	10.03.25	Elected by Staff	Teacher		2/2
	Mrs. C Prendergast	02.06.25	Elected by Parents	Parent		2/2
	Mr. D Finch		Board of Trustees			New Appointee
	Mr. D Baxter	18.03.20 (16.03.16)	Board of Trustees		Trustee – Healthwatch Wigan & Leigh. Member of GM Social Enterprise Action Group; Member of Wigan Council's Community Wealth building and partnership. Member of the Local Area Board at Platt Bridge Community School.	2/2
	Mr. S Broad	29.11.22	Board of Trustees	Stakeholder Engagement	Director/Trustee – Abram Community Centre Ltd. Spring View Cricket Club	0/2



LGB Representative	Date Appointed (4 Year Term)	Appointing Body	Position of Responsibility	Declaration of Business Interests and/or relevant relationships	Attendance Record 25-26
Mr. S Leahey	26.11.24	Board of Trustees	Chair	Work as a consultant for Leigh Academies Trust and as an Educational Advisor for Baker Dearing Educational Trust	2/5
Mr. W Edwards	01.10.25	Sponsor Representative	Vice Chair		1/5
Mr. I Barry	01.09.24	Ex-Officio	Headteacher		2/5
Mr. P Rawlinson	31.03.25	Elected by Staff	Staff (Teacher)		2/5
Mrs. K Garforth	27.05.25	Elected by Parents	Parent		2/5
VACANCY		Board Appointee			
Miss. F Alam	01.10.25	Sponsor Representative			2/5
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