Whickham Parochial CofE Primary School – Governing Body Membership and Vacancies

Governing Body	Type	Appointed By	Start Date	End Date
Mrs Lorraine Ferguson	Co-opted		01/09/2023	31/08/2027
Mr Tony Lister	Co-opted		17/03/2026	16/03/2030
Mr Tony Hewison	Foundation		20/05/2025	19/05/2029
Rev James Scott	Foundation		07/11/2025	
Mr Gareth Steer	Foundation		30/04/2025	29/04/2029
Mr Russell Warren	Headteacher		01/09/2026	
Cllr Marilynn Ord	Local Authority		20/06/2024	19/06/2028
Ms Gillian Burdis	Parent		11/06/2026	10/06/2030
Mrs Veronica MacCabe	Parent		17/02/2023	16/02/2027
Miss Sophie Harm	Staff	Elected By Staff	02/09/2026	01/09/2030

Position	Type
Mrs Lorraine Ferguson	Chair

Establishment	Term	Required	Governors	Vacancies
Co-opted	4 Years	4	2	2
Foundation	4 Years	3	3	0
Headteacher	Ex-officio	1	1	0
Local Authority	4 Years	1	1	0
Parent	4 Years	2	2	0
Staff	4 Years	1	1	0
TOTAL		**12**	**10**	**2**

Previous Appointments	Type	Start Date	End Date
Mrs Rachel Walton	Headteacher	17/03/2020	31/08/2026
Ms Helen Dillon	Staff	21/05/2025	31/08/2026
Mrs Rebecca Jackson	Co-opted	19/06/2025	21/08/2026
Mrs Angie Hulbert	Parent	09/05/2022	08/05/2026
Mr Russell Porteous	Foundation	06/08/2024	06/11/2025

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Governing body regulations (maintained schools)

- As stated in the DfE's "Maintained schools governance guide", the core functions of the governing body are as set out in (regulation 6) and include, but are not limited to ensuring:
    - that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined
    - that the headteacher performs their responsibilities for the educational performance of the school
    - the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources
- 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).

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