



Governance at Jerry Clay Academy

At Jerry Clay Academy, governance is split into committees; Standards & Pupils Committee, Finance & facilities Committee & Performance Management Committee.

What are our roles and responsibilities?

The whole Governing Body

- Responsible for raising school standards
- Set strategic direction of the academy
- Ensure accountability:
 - Monitor attainment and progress. Challenge and support where required
 - Monitor curriculum so it stays broad and balanced
 - Ensure professional development of staff
 - Act as a 'critical friend'. Use our own skills and judgement to provide an independent view
 - Oversee appointment of staff, staff performance and pay
 - Review the effectiveness of the school's Behaviour Policy
 - Review school policies
 - Ensure the school's complaints policy is being used effectively
 - Carry out annual safeguarding audit
- Ensure that the academy manages within its budget and takes steps to plan to generate income
- Develop strategic partnerships with other schools
- Develop strategic partnerships and innovations for the benefit of education, the community and the academy

What do we do?

- Attend weekday evening meetings, twice a term for the Full board & once a term for committee working party meetings
- Attend Trustees' Open Days, a chance to see the school in action
- Meet with subject leaders for Link Trustee reports
- Attend events to represent the Board of Trustees

Who's Who?

Chair of the Trustee Board

Andrew Carter

Vice Chair

Sarah Green

Finance & resources

Sarah Green-Chair of the F&R

Margaret Dean- Vice Chair

Liz Brook

David Dews

Helen Taylor-Lyte

Tracy Swinburne

Andrew Carter

Standards & Pupils Committee

Tony Palin– Chair of the S & P

Louise Bland-Vice Chair

Sally Williamson

Helen Taylor-Lyte

Tracy Swinburne

Performance Management Committee

Andrew Carter

Helen Taylor-Lyte

David Dews

How to get in touch

As Trustees are volunteers, the time we can dedicate to Trustee matters is limited.

We are not responsible for day-to-day running of the academy, so in most cases, concerns should be sent through your child's teacher or through the office. However, if you see us in the playground, at

Open Evenings or school events, do come over and say hello.

Alternatively, you can contact us through the school office. We cannot action individual cases, but our ears are always open.

Can I become a Trustee?

There are many benefits to becoming a Trustee. Sharing your skills, developing new ones and making a real difference to children's education are just the start.

Many employers value governance as a part of professional development and will allow you time off to fulfil your duties.

At present there are no vacancies on the GB but if you feel you have skills, which would be of benefit to the academy, or just want to contribute your enthusiasm, via either the GB, please do come forward. You can contact us through the academy office.

We hope this handout has been useful and we look forward to seeing you in our academy.