



## **GOVERNANCE AT JERRY CLAY ACADEMY**

At Jerry Clay Academy, governance is split into committees: Finance & Resources, Standards & Pupils & 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 & support where required
- Monitor curriculum so it stays broad and balances
- Ensure professional development of staff
- Act as '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 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 academy

### **What do we do?**

- Attend weekday evening meetings (5 times per year for the full governing body and once per term for committee meetings)
- Attend triangulation monitoring visits – intent, implementation and impact
- Attend events to represent the Board of Trustees

## **Who's Who?**

Chair of the Trustee Board – Andrew Carter

Vice Chair – Helen Taylor-Lyte

## **Finance & Resources Committee**

Chair – Sarah Akers

Tracy Swinburne (Headteacher & Accounting Officer)

Helen Taylor-Lyte

Andrew Skinner

## **Standards & Pupils Committee**

Chair – Louise Bland

Tracy Swinburne

Sally Williamson

Helen Taylor-Lyte

Andrew Loftus

## **Performance Management Committee**

Andrew Carter

Helen Taylor-Lyte

Andrew Skinner

## **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 part of professional development and will allow you time off to fulfil your duties.

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