Register of Business and Pecuniary Interests - 2025/2026

Full Name	Members					Trustees						Local Governing Bodies								Employee							
	Member	Appointed	Term Of Office	Resigned	Appointed By	Trustee	First Appointed	Term Of Office	Current Term Appointed	Resigned/End of Term	Appointed By	Local Governor	Governor Type	Local Governing Body	First Appointed	Term of Office	Current Term Appointed	Resigned/End of Term	Appointed By	Employee	Employee Position	Date of Declaration	Directorship, Partnership, Ownership or Trusteeship of other Business or Charity	Relative or Close Friend Employed or Volunteering in the Trust	Connections, Memberships or Shares in Companies with Direct or Indirect Interest to the Academy Trust	Affiliations with Voluntary Groups which have a Direct or Indirect Interest to the Academy Trust	Governance Roles Held In Other Educational Establishments	Other Interests Declared
Adam Workman												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Burnside	02/03/2017	4-Years	02/03/2025		LGB			08/09/2025	None	None	None	None	Co-Opted Governor and Chair of Governors at Westmoor Primary School from May 2022	Deputy Headteacher at Kepier Academy, feeder school to Burnside Academy.
Agnes Rowntree												Y	Community Governor	Plains Farm	03/03/2022	4-Years	04/03/2026		LGB			08/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Alastair Pentland												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Fatfield	27/01/2025	4-Years	27/01/2025		LGB			09/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Parent of a pupil at Fatfield Academy.
Allison McCully						Y	01/12/2012	4-Years	01/12/2016	30/02/2020	Members									Y	Chief Finance and Operations Officer Chief Financial Officer	30/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Partner - Paul Cummings is a sports coach who provides sports coaching to schools in Sunderland.
Andy Hunter												Y	Staff Governor	Plains Farm	25/04/2024	4-Years	25/04/2024		Elected	Y	Deputy Headteacher - Plains Farm Academy	30/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Amy Gilbertson												Y	Parent Governor	New Penshaw	22/09/2023	4-Years	22/09/2023	Resigned 31/08/2025	Elected			23/09/2024	None	None	None	None	None	Parent of pupil at New Penshaw Academy
Amy Roddam												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Fatfield	01/07/2022	4-Years	05/01/2026		LGB			09/09/2025	None	Friend M Leather is a governor at Fatfield Academy	None	None	None	Parent of pupils at Fatfield Academy
Andrew Walmsley												Y	Community Governor	New Penshaw	11/02/2016	4-Years	12/12/2021	End of Term 12/12/2025	LGB			02/10/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Family friend of Mrs J West, CEAT. Wife employed by Sedgefield Sports Partnership who are an apprenticeship provider.
Annette Parr						Y	24/01/2019	4-Years	24/01/2023		Members											16/09/2025	Former Director: Annette Parr Education Consultant	Niece Lauren Clarke employed as a Teacher at Farringdon Academy	None	None	Co-Opted Governor and Vice-chair at the Link School - Sunderland PRU from 2018 Co-Opted Governor at Thornhill Academy from January 2019 Co-Opted Governor at Harry Watt Academy from September 2021	None
Antony Brewis												Y	Community Governor	New Penshaw	06/07/2021	4-Years	06/07/2025		LGB			30/09/2025	Trustee at 1st Great Lumley Scout Group from April 2017 Trustee of Chester le Street District Scout Council from October 2022 Trustee of 1st Waldridge Fell Scout Group from November 2023	None	None	None	None	Head of Reducing Reoffending and Business Assurance at HM YOI Durham.
Ashley Watson												Y	Parent Governor	New Penshaw	20/01/2026	4-Years	20/01/2026		LGB			09/01/2026	None	Daughter K Watson employed as lunchtime staff at New Penshaw Academy.	None	None	None	None
Bethan Onwuka												Y	Community Governor	Plains Farm	24/04/2024	4-Years	24/04/2026		LGB	Y	Lunchtime Staff	21/01/2026	None	None	None	None	None	Sister in law is also a governor at Plains Farm Academy.
Bryan Buckingham												Y	Parent Governor	Fatfield	11/01/2023	4-Years	11/01/2023		Elected			30/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Parent of a pupil at Fatfield Academy
Charlotte Dumighan (Now Brown)	Y	10/02/2020	Not Applicable		Members																	09/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Former treasurer of Swalwell Cricket Club (voluntary role).
Christopher Graham						Y	24/01/2019	4-Years	24/01/2023		Members											11/09/2025	Director of the Citizens Advice Bureau Sunderland from July 2011 and currently Chair of Trustees Director of Wallsend Masonic Hall Company Limited from March 2008	None	None	None	None	None
Claire McDermott												Y	Headteacher	Farringdon	01/01/2012	4-Years	01/01/2012		LGB	Y	Headteacher - Farringdon Academy	08/09/2025	None	Sister Mrs L Wood employed as a Trainee Teacher at Plains Farm Academy	None	None	None	None
Cole Sims												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Burnside	05/12/2018	4-Years	05/12/2022		LGB			10/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Crispin Shoebridge												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Burnside	27/04/2023	4-Years	27/04/2023		LGB			08/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Danielle Ferguson												Y	Parent Governor	Farringdon	29/01/2025	4-Years	29/01/2025		Elected			09/08/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Parent of a pupil at Farringdon Academy.
Donna Watson												Y	Community Governor	Farringdon	28/01/2026	4-Years	28/01/2026		LGB			02/02/2026	None	None	None	None	None	None
Edmund Dent												Y	Community Governor	Plains Farm	21/01/2026	4-Years	21/01/2026		LGB			07/01/2026	None	None	None	None	None	None
Emma Bolton						Y	27/04/2020	4-Years	27/04/2024		Members											09/09/2025	Director of Sewell Advisory Limited from 01/01/2025. Director of Durham and Tees Community Ventures Holdco No1 Limited from 01/10/2023. Director of Community Ventures Primary Care Limited from 01/10/2023. Director of Durham and Tees Community Ventures Fundco No 4 Limited from 01/10/2023. Director of Durham and Tees Community Ventures Fundco No 2 Limited from 01/10/2023. Director of Durham and Tees Community Ventures Holdco No 4 Limited from October 2023. Director of Durham and Tees Community Ventures Limited from 01/10/2023. Director of Durham and Tees Community Ventures Fundco No 3 Limited from 01/10/2023. Director of Community Ventures Management Limited from 01/10/2023. Director of Durham and Tees Community Ventures Fundco No 1 Limited from 01/10/2023. Director of Durham and Tees Community Ventures Holdco No 3 Limited from 01/10/2023. Director of Tees and Durham Lift Investments Limited from 01/10/2023. Director of EMS Community Ventures Limited from 30/09/2003. Director of Prospearn Limited from 25/01/2016.	None	None	None	None	None
Fiona Stobbs												Y	Parent Governor	Fatfield	27/01/2025	4-Years	27/01/2025		Elected			30/09/2025	None	None	None	None	Co-Opted Governor and Vice-chair at Springwell School, Hartlepool from 9/2013	Parent of pupils at Fatfield Academy.
Gemma Owens												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Fatfield	27/01/2025	4-Years	27/01/2025		LGB			08/09/2025	Director of Peter Maughan and Co Solicitors, gateshead from 12/2022.	None	None	Committee member of the Durham Division, Camping and Caravanning Club.	None	Parent of a pupil at Fatfield Academy.
Hannah Brown												Y	Staff Governor	New Penshaw	07/03/2023	4-Years	07/03/2023		Elected	Y	School Business Manager	12/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Howard Brown						Y	25/03/2014	4-Years	26/03/2025		Members	Y	Community Governor	New Penshaw	11/02/2016	4-Years	12/12/2025		LGB			09/09/2025	None	Daughter M Brown employed as a Teacher at New Penshaw Academy	None	NEU Trade Union Branch Officer from 1977. Currently Branch Secretary.	Co-Opted Governor at Shotton Primary School from September 2018	County Councillor for Durham County Council, elected in 2025.
Jamie Houghton												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Fatfield	11/02/2016	4-Years	11/02/2024		LGB			01/10/2025	None	Spouse Mrs V Houghton works as a teacher at Burnside Academy	None	None	None	None
Jane Bulmer												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Burnside	10/01/2023	4-Years	10/01/2023		LGB			08/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Jenna Downey												Y	Staff Governor	Burnside	01/09/2017	4-Years	06/10/2025		Elected	Y	Deputy Headteacher - Burnside Academy	10/10/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Jeremy Chadd	Y	22/01/2016	Not Applicable		Members							Y	Community Governor	Farringdon	10/12/2014	4-Years	10/12/2018	11/04/2021	LGB			14/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Joanne West						Y	01/04/2013	Ex-Officio	01/06/2017		Members									Y	Chief Executive Headteacher Accounting Officer	12/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Friend A Walmsley is a governor at New Penshaw Academy.
John Barron (Reverend)												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Burnside	28/04/2022	4-Years	28/04/2026		LGB			10/09/2025	Rector and Chair of Trustees at PCC Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael and All Angels from February 2019 Trustee of the Kepier Trust from May 2023	None	None	None	None	None
John D'Silva (Reverend)												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Farringdon	29/01/2025	4-Years	29/01/2025		LGB			04/10/2025	Chair of St Chad's Church Penrchial Church Council from 27/07/2023. Co-Chair of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, St Thomas' and St Oswald's from 27/07/2023. Co-Chair of St Oswald's Communicare Centre from 27/07/2023. Chair of St Mary and St peters Community Project from 01/09/2025. Director of Hope4All Community Interest Company from 27/07/2023.	None	None	None	None	St Chad's Church host school visits from Farringdon Academy, for example, Christmas. Occasional work with Farrington Academy to support their RE curriculum from 27/07/2023.
John Robert Ord						Y	09/09/2021	4-Years	09/09/2021	Term End 09/09/2025	Members											09/09/2024	None	None	None	None	Foundation Governor and Chair of Governors at Greenfields Primary School from November 2010 to present.	None
Julie-Ann Mullan												Y	Parent Governor	Burnside	21/09/2018	4-Years	28/11/2022	Resigned 02/02/2026	LGB			30/09/2024	None	None	None	None	None	Children attend Burnside Academy.
Karen Hartley												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Fatfield	11/05/2015	4-Years	11/05/2029		LGB			08/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Kate Mills												Y	Community Governor	Plains Farm	01/07/2021	4-Years	01/07/2021	End of Term 06/07/2025	LGB			09/09/2024	None	None	None	None	None	None
Katherine Mason-Gare												Y	Community Governor	New Penshaw	04/07/2023	4-Years	04/07/2023	Removed 07/10/2025	LGB			15/10/2025	Director of Penshaw Community Association from 2014	None	None	None	None	None
Keith Norton												Y	LA Governor	Fatfield	17/01/2022	4-Years	17/01/2022	End of Term 17/01/2026	LGB			11/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Kevin Buck												Y	LA Governor	Farringdon	10/07/2019	4-Years	10/07/2023		Appointed			30/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Kirsty Smith												Y	Parent Governor	Burnside	14/03/2017	4-Years	03/07/2025		Elected	Y	Lunchtime Supervisor	30/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Children previously attended Burnside Academy.
Laura Gregson												Y	Community Governor	Plains Farm	26/04/2023	4-Years	26/04/2023		Appointed			30/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Sister in law is also a governor at Plains Farm Academy.
Laura Wing												Y	Parent Governor	Farringdon	06/10/2023	4-Years	06/10/2023		Elected			08/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Parent of a pupil at Farringdon Academy
Leona Kelly												Y	Headteacher	Burnside	01/01/2017	4-Years	01/01/2017		Ex-Officio	Y	Headteacher - Burnside Academy	09/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Lesley Cassidy												Y	Headteacher	Plains Farm	01/09/2016	4-Years	01/09/2016		Ex Officio	Y	Headteacher - Plains Farm Academy	30/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Liam Clark												Y	Community Governor	Plains Farm	21/01/2026	4-Years	21/01/2026		LGB			20/03/2026	None	None	None	None	Governor at New Silksworth Academy, Sunderland. Governor at Diamond Hall Academy, Sunderland.	Principal of Thornhill Academy, Sunderland.
Lynsey Flood (nee Rowe)												Y	Staff Governor	New Penshaw	01/01/2017	4-Years	01/01/2025		Elected	Y	Deputy Headteacher - New Penshaw Academy	02/10/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Michael Leather												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Fatfield	10/12/2018	4-Years	10/12/2022	Resigned 22/01/2026	LGB			09/09/2025	None	Friend A Roddam is a governor at Fatfield Academy.	None	None	None	Parent of pupil at Fatfield Academy.
Michelle Barrass												Y	Staff Governor	Plains Farm	11/01/2023	4-Years	11/01/2023		Elected	Y	School Business Manager	08/10/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Mike Foster	Y	01/12/2012	Not Applicable		Members	Y	01/12/2012	4-Years	01/12/2016	31/08/2017	Members											13/09/2025	Trustee at Vision Learning Trust from 2017.	None	None	None	Trustee at Vision Learning Trust from 2017 to present date.	None
Natalie Wilson												Y	Appointed Parent Governor	Farringdon	26/01/2019	4-Years	26/01/2023		LGB			30/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Parent of two pupils who attend Farringdon Academy.
Nicky Dowdle nee Westgarth												Y	Staff Governor	Fatfield	01/09/2023	4-Years	01/09/2023		Ex-Officio	Y	Headteacher - Fatfield Academy	08/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Nisha Smith												Y	Parent Governor	New Penshaw	20/01/2026	4-Years	20/01/2026		LGB			09/01/2026	None	None	None	None	None	Parent of a pupil at New Penshaw Academy
Paul Harrison						Y	16/12/2025	4-Years	16/12/2025		Members											10/11/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Paula Kirby												Y	Staff Governor	Fatfield	29/09/2023	4-Years	29/09/2023		Elected	Y	Deputy Headteacher - Fatfield Academy	08/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None

Paul Sutherland												Y	LA Governor	Burnside	12/10/2023	4-Years	12/10/2023		LGB			09/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Parent of a pupil at Burnside Academy.
Rachael Lock												Y	Appointed Parent Governor	New Penshaw	25/04/2023	4-Years	25/04/2023		LGB			26/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Parent of pupil at New Penshaw Academy
Rebecca Bruce												Y	Parent Governor	New Penshaw	08/10/2021	4-Years	20/01/2026		LGB	Y	Teaching Assistant	09/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	Parent of pupils at New Penshaw Academy
Richard Lee												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Burnside	27/04/2023	4-Years	27/04/2023		LGB			08/09/2025	Owner of Adeptable Ltd Events from November 2022 StreamGo Ltd IP Holder from March 2016 Ground Work North and South Tyneside from October 2023 Northumbria Police Independent Scrutiny Oversight Board Trustee of Citizens Advice Gateshead from September 2022. Associate of Cumbra, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust from October 2025. Lay advisory panel member of college of optometrists from September 2024.	None	None	None	None	None
Sarah Harding (formerly Metcalfe)												Y	Co-Opted Governor	Fatfield	05/07/2017	4-Years	05/07/2021	End of Term 05/07/2025	LGB			10/09/2024	Trustee of the volunteer Zambia Foundation from August 2012	None	None	None	None	None
Sean Robinson												Y	Community Governor	Farringdon	31/01/2024	4-Years	31/01/2024		LGB			10/10/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Stephanie Johnson												Y	Headteacher	New Penshaw	01/09/2016	4-Years	01/09/2016		Ex Officio	Y	Headteacher - New Penshaw Academy	09/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Stephen Ruffell	Y	01/09/2017	Not Applicable		Members	Y	07/11/2013	4-Years	07/12/2025		Members	Y	Community Governor	Plains Farm Farringdon	19/03/2012 05/07/2021	4-Years	26/03/2023 05/07/2025		LGB LGB			30/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Susan Connelly												Y	Appointed Staff Governor	Farringdon	31/01/2024	4-Years	31/01/2024		LGB	Y	School Business Manager	09/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Susan Matthews												Y	Staff Governor	Farringdon	20/01/2014	4-Years	01/04/2026		LGB	Y	Deputy Headteacher - Farringdon Academy	09/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None
Susan Winfield	Y	18/01/2021	Not Applicable		Members																	25/09/2025	Trustee of The Derwent Initiative from 1995. Trustee of 1989 Willan trust from 2014.	None	None	None	None	None
Tristan Delf												Y	Community Governor	New Penshaw	26/01/2021	4-Years	26/01/2025		LGB			18/09/2025	None	None	None	None	Former governor at JFK Primary School Sunderland from September 2020 to 2024.	Senior Leader at Biddick Academy who are a feeder school to Inspire academies.
Vicky Gardiner-Earl												Y	Community Governor	Farringdon	04/05/2022	4-Years	04/05/2026		LGB			18/09/2025	None	None	None	None	None	None

Renewals for 2025/2026 are underway and those shown in Red are awaited.