

Swalwell Primary School – Governing Body Membership and Vacancies

Governing Body	Type	Start Date	End Date
Ms Lucy Gray	Co-opted	01/08/2023	31/07/2027
Mrs Danielle Harding	Co-opted	07/12/2022	06/12/2026
Ms Jacqueline Jones	Co-opted	07/12/2022	06/12/2026
Mr Alex Perkins	Co-opted	22/11/2021	21/11/2025
Mrs Jan Rodriguez	Co-opted	06/11/2022	05/11/2026
Mr Russell Warren	Headteacher	10/06/2024	
Cllr Dorothy Burnett	Local Authority	11/12/2023	10/12/2027
Ms Liann Ridley	Parent	14/11/2022	13/11/2026
Miss Beverley Wright	Parent	26/11/2021	25/11/2025
Mrs Karen McCall	Staff	15/11/2020	14/11/2024
Mrs Eileen Elliott	Associate Member	23/03/2022	22/03/2026

Position	Type
Mrs Karen McCall	Assistant Headteacher
Ms Lucy Gray	Chair
Mrs Eileen Elliott	School Business Manager
Mr Alex Perkins	Vice-Chair

Establishment	Term	Required	Governors	Vacancies
Co-opted	4 Years	7	5	2
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 Hocking	Headteacher	01/09/2019	02/06/2024
Rev Barry Abbott	Co-opted	07/12/2022	21/03/2024
Mrs Samantha Leaver	Associate Member	01/09/2023	31/12/2023
Mr Malcolm Brown	Co-opted	01/08/2023	06/12/2023
Mrs Samantha Leaver	Associate Member	01/09/2019	31/08/2023

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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).