

The role of the governing body

The purpose of governance is to provide confident, strategic leadership and to create robust accountability, oversight and assurance for educational and financial performance. The board has resolved to conduct its business by adopting the committee model structure and to delegate statutory functions to a curriculum and learning committee and a finance, resources and premises committee as well as appointing the DfE identified individual delegated governor roles of safeguarding; SEND, and for Kent County Council (KCC) maintained schools: finance and health and safety to report back on their findings.

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The board has three strategic core functions:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff
- overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent

Two committee model

Whilst the governing board (known as the board) as a whole remains responsible for the governance function, in this model there are two distinct areas of work delegated by them to a curriculum learning and development committee, and a finance, resources and premises committee.

The curriculum and learning, and finance, resources and personnel committees focus on the delivery of the annual school improvement plan in their respective areas; they may liaise and consult together where necessary, undertake monitoring and evaluation activities against these priorities and report to the board as a whole. In each case where a function has been delegated there is a statutory duty to report any findings, actions or recommended decisions to the board at its next meeting. These reports will in turn inform collective strategic decision making by the board.

Joy Lane Foundation Primary School - Governors

Name	Type	First appointed	Appointment date	End date	Additional information
Chris Graves	Local Authority	April 2010	28 April 2020	28 April 2024	Chair of the governing body • Finance
Debra Hines	Executive Headteacher	Ongoing appointment	Ongoing appointment	Ongoing appointment	Ongoing appointment
Mark Ashley-Jones	Associate governor		30 June 2020	30 June 2024	None
Sarah Baker	Staff governor	15 Dec 2021	15 Dec 2021	15 Dec 2025	
Luke Kennedy	Foundation governor	14 Sept 2027	20 Sept 2019	20 Sept 2023	
Annette Kelly	Co-opted governor	12 July 2021	12 August 2021	12 August 2025	• Oyster Bay Nursery
Sue Lindgren	Co-opted governor	4 Dec 2017	18 Sept 2021	18 Sept 2025	• Chair of RPC • Temp Vice chair of the board • Finance
Nicki Mattin	Co-opted Governor	7 Dec 2020	7 Dec 2020	• Dec 2024	• Finance
Derek Rennie	Parent governor	30 Jan 2023	30 Jan 2023	30 Jan 2027	• Health & Safety
Catherine Shearer	Co-opted governor	25 March 2019	20 March 2023	20 March 2027	• Chair LDC • Safeguarding governor
Paulette Stubbings	Co-opted governor	March 2019	20 March 2023	20 March 2027	• Attendance • RE
Marion Steff	Parent governor	1 Sept 2022	1 Sept 2022	1 Sept 2026	• SEND governor • Oyster SRP Steering group
Robin Colyer	Clerk to governors	2014			

Governor resignations - past 12 months

Name	Type	Resignation	Reason
Rob Hassle	Parent governor	15 Dec 2021	Work commitments
Helen Polley	Co-opted governor	9 Jan 2023	Work commitments

Governor Attendance

	Date	Present	Apologies
FGB	12 Sept 2022	Chris Graves, Chair, Debra Hines, Sarah Baker, Sue Lindgren, Paulette Stubbings Nikki Mattin Catherine Shearer, Mark Ashley-Jones, Marion Steff and Annette Kelly .	Helen Polley Luke Kennedy – no apologies received
FGB	5 Dec 2022	Chris Graves, Chair, Debra Hines, Sarah Baker, Sue Lindgren, Paulette Stubbings Helen Polley, Catherine Shearer, Mark Ashley-Jones, Marion Steff, Luke Kennedy, Annette Kelly (AK). Katherine Wilson School Improvement Officer Guest	Nicki Mattin
FGB	20 March 2023	Chris Graves, Debra Hines, Sarah Baker, Luke Kennedy, Paulette Stubbings, Nicki Mattin, Catherine Shearer, Mark Ashley-Jones, Marion Steff, Derek Rennie	Annette Kelly
FGB	15 May 2023 Budget		
FGB	10 July 2023		
LDC	8 Nov 2022	Catherine Shearer Chair, Helen Polley, Mark Ashley-Jones, Chris Graves, Marion Steff,. Nikki Mattin, Staff: Siobhan Harkins Stacey Gilmore Sarah Baker, Grace Clemo Annemarie Godden	Paulette Stubbings
LDC	7 March 2023	Catherine Shearer Chair, Paulette Stubbings, Mark Ashley-Jones , Chris Graves ,, Derek Rennie, Sarah Baker, Staff: Siobhan Harkins, Laura Rogers, Lynn Rawlings, Annemarie Godden	Marion Steff Nicki Mattin
LDC	20 June 2023		
RPC	15 Nov 2022	Helen Polley Chair, Chris Graves , Annette Kelly, Debra Hines, Luke Kennedy Sue Lindgren Staff: JM Henderson Varlin ,	None
RPC	14 March 2023	Sue Lindgren Chair, Chris Graves, Derek Rennie, Debra Hines, Luke Kennedy Staff: JM Henderson Varlin	Annette Kelly
RPC	13 June 2023		

At Joy Lane school the governing body work closely in a strategic role with the Executive Headteacher and leadership team in promoting high standards

School governors are appointed from different parts of the community on a skills basis to ensure the governing body has sufficient diversity of skills and experience to make the most difference. Individual governors have no power or right to act alone on behalf of the governing body except where the whole governing body has delegated a specific function to that individual or where regulations specify a function is to be exercised in a particular way. The governing body at Joy Lane consists of:

- The Executive Headteacher – who is a governor in her own right
- One Local Authority Governor
- Two parent governors - who bring a parental perspective to the governing body
- One staff governor
- Five co-opted governors

All governing body members work on a voluntary basis and give their time freely