

Ryton Infant and Junior Schools Federation – Governing Body Membership and Vacancies

Appointments	Type	Start Date	End Date
Mr Jeffrey Austen	Co-opted	05/02/2023	04/02/2027
Miss Elisabeth Baker	Co-opted	03/07/2023	02/07/2027
Mrs Xanthe Horne	Co-opted	11/07/2022	10/07/2026
Mr Andrew Hyde	Co-opted	04/06/2023	03/06/2027
Mrs Rachel Lawson	Co-opted	04/06/2023	03/06/2027
Mr Mayang Patel	Co-opted	05/02/2023	04/02/2027
Miss Lucy Saint	Co-opted	11/07/2022	10/07/2026
Rev Alison Stewart Smith	Co-opted	12/07/2021	11/07/2025
Mrs Deborah Ashcroft	Executive Headteacher	03/09/2018	
Cllr Alex Geddes	Local Authority	09/11/2020	08/11/2024
Miss Charlotte March	Parent	03/10/2022	02/10/2026
Mrs Ashleigh McNeill	Parent	28/10/2019	27/10/2023
Mrs Helen Laybourne	Associate Member	09/11/2020	31/08/2023
Mrs Susan Spurr	Associate Member	09/11/2020	08/11/2024
Miss Fran Tague	Associate Member	03/07/2023	02/07/2027

Position	Type
Mrs Rachel Lawson	Chair
Mrs Susan Spurr	Deputy Headteacher
Mrs Helen Laybourne	School Business Manager
Mr Andrew Hyde	Vice-Chair

Establishment	Required	Appointees	Vacancies
Co-opted	9	8	1
Executive Headteacher	1	1	0
Local Authority	1	1	0
Parent	2	2	0
Staff	1	0	1
TOTAL	14	12	2

Previous Appointments	Type	Start Date	End Date
Miss Fran Tague	Staff	29/09/2021	03/07/2023
Mrs Vicky Hunter	Co-opted	09/11/2020	13/03/2023
Mr Jon Comb	Co-opted	05/09/2020	31/10/2022
Mr Paul Vickers	Parent	03/10/2018	02/10/2022

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Governing body regulations (maintained schools)

- 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).