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South Street Community Primary School – Governing Body Membership and Vacancies

Governing Body	Type	Start Date	End Date
Mr Amimur Hasib	Co-opted	14/11/2023	13/11/2027
Mrs Rose Ireland	Co-opted	13/11/2022	12/11/2026
Cllr Leigh Kirton	Co-opted	24/05/2024	23/05/2028
Mr Allan Symons	Co-opted	05/10/2021	04/10/2025
Miss Alyson Wilson	Co-opted	18/03/2025	17/03/2029
Mrs Janice Wynn	Co-opted	24/06/2025	23/06/2029
Ms Lynne Wales	Headteacher	01/09/2022	
Cllr Bernadette Oliphant	Local Authority	22/05/2023	21/05/2027
Miss Joanne Burns	Parent	17/12/2021	16/12/2025
Mrs Emily Wigham	Parent	27/10/2023	26/10/2027
Mrs Tania Saxby	Staff	17/12/2021	16/12/2025
Mrs Carolyn Taylor	Associate Member	13/11/2022	12/11/2026

Position	Type
Mr Allan Symons	Chair
Mrs Carolyn Taylor	Deputy Headteacher
Mrs Rose Ireland	Vice-Chair

Establishment	Term	Required	Governors	Vacancies
Co-opted	4 Years	6	6	0
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		**11**	**11**	**0**

Previous Appointments	Type	Start Date	End Date
Mrs Margaret Thornton	Co-opted	10/10/2021	06/02/2025

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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).