



The Governors of Ashbourne Hilltop Primary & Nursery School

All schools in England have a Governing Body which is responsible for overseeing many of the strategic decisions of the school. A key role is to act as a 'critical friend': to support, to challenge, to ask questions and ultimately to represent the school community.

The Governing Body works in close partnership with the Headteacher, staff and the local authority. Whilst the Headteacher is, responsible for the day to day running of the school, the governors are involved with such things as staffing, curriculum, school buildings and finance. It ensures the school functions well and maintains the proper range of academic and social objectives.

Governing Body meetings

The Governing Body holds six governor meetings in an academic year to meet and review the progress of the school. The Governing Body meetings for 2020/21 are as follows:

- Monday 14th September 2020
- Monday 7th December 2020
- Monday 1st February 2021
- Monday 22nd March 2021
- Monday 17th May 2021
- Monday 5th July 2021

The Governing Body also has Committees to deal with specific details of governing the school. These committees report back to the Governing Body meetings.

Link Governors


A number of governors are also 'Link Governors' with responsibilities to review curriculum and other areas of the school's role. Each link governor meets the subject leader in school who is responsible for that subject area.



Governing Body Information

In December 2014 the governing body elected to reconstitute under 'The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012'. The standard term of office for a governor is four years. The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected annually at the first meeting of the academic year.

The Chair of Governors is Lynda Joyce who can be contacted via the school. The Vice-Chair of Governors is Nick Longley.


The Governing Body is made up of 11 governors divided into 5 governor categories:

Headteacher	
Name	Darren Hooley (Head Teacher) 
Appointed by	Governing Body
Term of office	n/a
Governor Committees served on:	All committees
Responsibilities on governing body	Head Teacher
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	None declared
Governor at another school	None declared
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared
Co-opted Governor (6) 2 vacancies	
Name	Lynda Joyce
Appointed by	Governing Body
Term of office	27.01.2019 – 26.01.2023
Governor Committees served on:	Pay & Performance Management, Teaching & Learning
Responsibilities on governing body	Chair of Governors, SEN&D and Pupil Premium Link Governor
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	None declared
Governor at another school	None declared
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared


Name	Nick Longley 
Appointed by	Governing Body
Term of office	01.07.2019 – 01.07.2023
Governor Committees served on:	Finance & Premises Committee (Chair)
Responsibilities on governing body	Vice-Chair, Sports Premium Link Governor
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	None declared
Governor at another school	None declared
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared
Name	Alison Cresswell 
Appointed by	Governing Body, Recommended by Local Authority
Term of office	08.06.2020 – 07.06.2024
Governor Committees served on:	Finance & Premises Committee, Pay & Performance Management
Responsibilities on governing body	Safeguarding, Anti-Bullying & Looked After Children Link Governor


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Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	None declared
Governor at another school	Chair of the Dales Federation
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared

Local Authority Governor (1)	
Name	David Leighton 
Appointed by	Governing Body, Recommended by Local Authority
Term of office	08.06.2020 – 07.06.2024
Governor Committees served on:	Airfield Working Party, Finance & Premises, Teaching & Learning (Chair)
Responsibilities on governing body	Compliance and GDPR Link Governor Health & Safety Link Governor
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	None declared
Governor at another school	None declared
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared
Local Authority Governor (1)	
Name	Dee Hill
Appointed by	Nominated by LA, appointed by Governing Body
Term of office	TBC
Governor Committees served on:	Finance & Premises
Responsibilities on governing body	
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	Clerk to Governors at: Ladycross Infant & Nursery School

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	Milford Primary School Shirland Primary School Ripley Nursery School Stonebroom Primary School Pilsley Primary School
Governor at another school	Vice-Chair of Governors at Cotmanhay Junior School
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared
Parent Governor (2) 1 vacancy	
Name	Lucy Temple 
Appointed by	Governing Body
Term of office	1.02.2021 – 31.01.2025
Governor Committees served on:	Teaching & Learning, Publicity & Marketing Working Party, Airfield Working Party
Responsibilities on governing body	Vision, Ethos and Behaviour Link Governor
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	None declared
Governor at another school	None declared
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared

Staff Governor (1)	
Name	Sam Greatorex 
Appointed by	Elected by Staff
Term of office	05.02.2021 – 04.02.2025
Governor Committees served on:	Finance & Premises
Responsibilities on governing body	Sports Premium
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	Employee of the school
Governor at another school	None declared
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared

As of June 2021, there are two co-opted governor vacancies and one parent governor vacancy on the Governing Body. An electronic version of the register of business interests is stored on GovernorHub.

A Clerk to the Governors is currently being appointed.