

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 eleven governor meetings in an academic year to meet and review the progress of the school. The Governing Body meetings for 2022/23 are as follows:

- Monday 18th September 2023
- Monday 16th October 2023
- Monday 13th November 2023
- Monday 11th December 2023
- Monday 15th January 2024
- Monday 26th February 2024
- Monday 25th March 2024
- Monday 29th April 2024
- Monday 20th May 2024
- Monday 17th June 2024
- Monday 15th July 2024

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

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.

Members of the Governing Body


The Chair of Governors is Dee Hill.

The Vice-Chairs of Governors are Alison Cresswell and Lucy Temple.


All three can be contacted via the school.

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


Headteacher (1)


Name	Darren Hooley 
Responsibilities on governing body:	Headteacher
Appointed by:	Governing Body
Term of office:	N/a
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 
Responsibilities on governing body:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chair- Link Governor for GDPR & Compliance; Early Years
Appointed by:	Nominated by LA, appointed by Governing Body
Term of office:	20.09.2022 – 31.01.2025
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests:	Clerk to Governors at: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ladycross Infant & Nursery School- Milford Primary School- Ripley Nursery School
Governor at another school:	Vice-Chair of Governors at Cotmanhay Junior School
Relationships between governors and any other staff members:	None declared

Co-opted Governors (4)

Name	Alison Cresswell 
Appointed by	Governing Body, Recommended by Local Authority
Term of office	08.06.2020 – 07.06.2024
Responsibilities on governing body	Link Governor for: - Safeguarding & Early Help; Anti-Bullying; Vulnerable and Looked After Children and those with protected characteristics.
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

Name	Anna Rose 
Appointed by	Governing Body
Term of office	21.2.2022 – 20.02.2026
Responsibilities on governing body	Link Governor for: - Reading and Phonics (KS2) - Writing (KS2) - Curriculum
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	None declared
Governor at another school	None declared
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared

Name	Karen MacDonald 
Appointed by	Governing Body
Term of office	19.06.2023 – 18.06.2027
Responsibilities on governing body	Link Governor for EAL and Refugee Support
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	None declared
Governor at another school	None declared
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared


Name	Lucy Temple 
Appointed by	Governing Body
Term of office	1.02.2021 – 31.01.2025
Responsibilities on governing body	Link Governor for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PHSE) education - Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) - Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education (SMSC) - British Values
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	None declared
Governor at another school	None declared
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared

Parent governors (2)

Name	Sabrina Palmeri 
Appointed by	Governing Body
Term of office	21.02.2022 – 20.02.2026
Responsibilities on governing body	Link Governor for: - Reading and Phonics (KS1) - Writing (KS1) - Curriculum
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	None declared
Governor at another school	None declared
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared

Name	Adam Henry
Appointed by	Governing Body
Term of office	02.02.2024 – 01.02.2026
Responsibilities on governing body	
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	None declared
Governor at another school	None declared
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared

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Staff Governor (1)

Name	Sam Greatorex 
Appointed by	Elected by Staff
Term of office	05.02.2021 – 04.02.2025
Responsibilities on governing body	Staff Governor
Relevant Business/Pecuniary Interests	Employee of the school
Governor at another school	None declared
Relationships between governors and any other staff members	None declared

Sue Loveridge was appointed Clerk to the Governors by the Governing Body in January 2023.

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