



BRADGATE
Education Partnership

Stronger Together

Trust Governance 2025–26

Ambitious
Collaborative
Ethical

Members of the Academy Trust

Jon Ingleton (appointed 14/07/16, resigned 19/06/24)
Karen Lock (appointed 14/07/16)
Gill Hussey (appointed 13/11/18)
Heidi Seary (appointed 18/09/19)
Liz Moore (appointed 28/10/20)

Board of Trustees (term of office – 4 years)

Stephen Cotton (Chair)
Dave Ellis
Gill Hussey
Adam Longley
Carl Musson
Liz Moore
Gareth Nelmes (Trust CEO and Accounting Officer)
Rina Pancholi
Ed Tarelli
Peter Wardman (Vice Chair)

Trust

Gareth Nelmes (CEO)
Stephen Kearsley (Director of HR)
Marie Collins (Director of Education)
Nicola Harwood (Director of Education)
Simon Cotton (Director of Education)
Sarah Edge (Finance Manager/CFO)
Sarah Burdett (Procurement Manager)
Andy Marshall (Head of Estates and IT)

Sub-committees of the Board

Finance, Audit & Risk (CFO and Procurement Manager in attendance)
Education (Directors of Education in attendance)
Property, Health & Safety (Head of Estates and IT)
Workforce & Organisational Development (Dir. of HR in attendance)

Chairs of Local Advisory Boards

(For full details of Local Advisory Board Governance Arrangements, please click [here](#) to access individual schools' websites)

Broomfield Primary School – Christie-Lee Ravenscroft
Church Hill Infants School – Angela Billingham
Cobden Primary School – Alison Heathcote
Eastfield Primary School – Christine Comber
Gaddesby Primary School – TBC
Great Dalby Primary School – Debbie Hardy
Highgate Primary School – Jason Fitchett
Mercenfeld Primary School – TBC
The Merton Primary School – Jennifer Scothern
Mountfields Lodge Primary School – Andrew Bruce
Newtown Linford Primary School – Clive Rowe
The Pochin School – Jyoti Pancholi
Ratby Primary School – Jasmine Clarke
Seagrave Village Primary School – Alison Heathcote
Stafford Leys Primary School – Beenal Rajyaguru
Swallowdale Primary School – Zoe Nelson
Secondaries Joint Local Advisory Board (The Roundhill Academy and Wreake Valley Academy) – TBC

Board of Trustees

Name	Appointed by	Start Date	Current Term Start	End Date	Membership of sub committees
Stephen Cotton	Members	01/09/17	01/09/25		Education; CEO Performance Management
Dave Ellis	Members	14/07/16	14/07/24		Property, Health & Safety
Adam Longley	Co-opted by Trustees	18/03/20	18/03/24		Finance, Audit & Risk
Gill Hussey	Co-opted by Trustees	10/09/25	10/09/25		Education
Carl Musson	Members	05/03/25	05/03/25		Finance, Audit & Risk
Liz Moore	Members	01/05/20	01/05/24		Education; Workforce & Organisational Development
Gareth Nelmes	Members	14/07/16			Education; Finance, Audit & Risk; Property, Health & Safety; Workforce & Organisational Development
Rina Pancholi	Members	22/10/24	22/10/24		
Ed Tarelli	Co-opted by Trustees	01/09/19	01/09/23		Finance, Audit & Risk; Workforce & Organisational Development
Peter Wardman	Members	01/09/20	01/09/24		Education; Property, H&S; Workforce & Organisational Development

Trustee Attendance at Meetings in Previous Year (2024-25)

2024-25	Board		Finance, Audit & Risk		Education		Property, H&S		Workforce & Organisational Dev	
	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
Stephen Cotton	3	4			3	3			2	2
Dave Ellis	3	4					3	3		
Adam Longley	3	4	2	3						
Liz Moore	4	4			3	3			3	3
Carl Musson	2	2	1	1						
Phillipa Maffioli	3	3	2	2			2	2		
Gareth Nelmes	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Rina Pancholi	3	3					2	2		
Ed Tarelli	3	4	3	3					3	3
Peter Wardman	4	4			3	3	3	3	3	3

Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interests

Below is a summary of Members' and Trustees' Annual Declaration of Interests for 2025-26. Full declarations are retained by the Academy Trust. (For full details of Local Advisory Board Governance Arrangements, including register of interests, please click [here](#) to access individual schools' websites)

Name	Member/Trustee	Nature of Employment	Declared Interests
Karen Lock	Member	HR Manager, Systems and Information, Leicester College	Nil
Heidi Seary	Member	Social Farms and Gardens (Charity)	Nil
Stephen Cotton	Trustee (Chair)	Retired	Nil
Dave Ellis	Trustee	Wilson Bowden Developments	Nil
Gill Hussey	Member and Trustee	Retired	Employment of family member
Adam Longley	Trustee	Lyfe Accountants Ltd	Fellow – Association of Accounting Technicians
Liz Moore	Member and Trustee	Ofsted – Lead Inspector, DfE – National Leader of Education until 09/06/21 Educational Consultant – Self employed	Nil
Carl Musson	Trustee	S & J European Haulage Ltd	Nil
Gareth Nelmes	Trustee and Accounting Officer	CEO Bradgate Education Partnership – 14/07/16	Employment of family member Business use of friend's company
Rina Pancholi	Trustee	Centrica Plc	Nil

Ed Tarelli	Trustee	Central Consulting	Smart Energy GB – Non Executive Director (Interest ended 01/07/21)
Peter Wardman	Trustee	Retired	Nil