

Local Governing Body – Woodgate Primary Academy

The Local Governing Body for Woodgate Primary Academy is constituted of 12 Governors.

Woodgate Primary Academy joined Sussex Learning Trust on 1 June 2023. The Local Governing Body for Woodgate Primary Academy was established under the Trust's Scheme of Delegation and ratified by the Board of Trustees on 7 June 2023.

Name of Governor	Date of appointment (*indicates renewed term of office and ^ indicates formerly a governor of Woodgate Primary School)	Term of office expires (see note)	Appointment method
Jon Brydon (Chair)	23/1/24	22/1/28	Appointed by LGB
Wendy Paul (Vice Chair)	21/11/23	20/11/27	Appointed by LGB
Jenny Bird	08/10/24**	07/10/28	Elected by staff #**
Sarah Neller	<i>Ex officio role</i>	<i>Ex officio role</i>	Headteacher (ex officio) Employee of Sussex Learning Trust
Dawn Cove	21/11/23	20/11/27	Elected by parents & carers
Dan Phillpott	08/05/24	07/05/28	Elected by parents & carers
Fathima Khan	23/09/25	22/09/29	Appointed by LGB
Jessica Rogers	23/09/25	22/09/29	Appointed by LGB
Vacancy			To be appointed by LGB
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Notes:

^ Upon Woodgate Primary Academy joining Sussex Learning Trust the Board of the Trustees approved the reappointment of those governors of Woodgate Primary School that were in office as at 31 May 2023 as the initial governors to sit on the Woodgate Primary Academy local governing body and those appointments were confirmed by the LGB on 27 June 2023

Formerly elected by staff pre conversion and appointment acknowledged by Board of Trustees and LGB

+ Formerly elected by parents pre conversion and appointment acknowledged acknowledged by Board of Trustees and LGB

** Reappointed as governor following reapplication on expiry of initial term or on conversion

Governors have declared the following interests

Sarah Neller	Employed by Sussex Learning Trust
Jenny Bird	Employed by Sussex Learning Trust Spouse is director of bus company Southern Transit and Ocean Coaches.
Fathima Khan	Director of Fin Propco Limited
Wendy Paul	Contractor providing specialist teaching role to the Trust, one hour per week, to meet an EHCP requirement for a child with specific learning needs at WPGA (since February 2024).
Jon Brydon	Trustee of Waymaker International

Governors have declared the following relationships with members of the Sussex Learning Trust academies community

Dawn Cove	Governor with two children at Woodgate Primary Academy
Dan Phillpott	Governor with one child at Woodgate Primary Academy and one child at Warden Park Secondary Academy
Fathima Khan	Governor with a child at Woodgate Primary Academy
Jessica Rogers	Governor with a child at Woodgate Primary Academy

Attendance at LGB meetings

Name of Governor	2024/25	2025/26
Jenny Bird	4/5	1/1
Sarah Neller	5/5	1/1
Dawn Cove	4/5	0/1
Wendy Paul	5/5	1/1
Jon Brydon	3/5	1/1
Dan Phillpott	4/5	0/1
Ben Buckstone	4/5	0/0 (Resigned 16/9/25)
Jessica Rogers	0/0 (not appointed)	1/1
Fathima Khan	0/0 (not appointed)	1/1

*** The record shows the number of meetings attended/number of meetings that a governor was eligible to attend

Former Governors

Former Governors (in post from 1 June 2023)	Date of appointment	Date of stepping down or expiry of term	
Marion West	Ex officio with effect from 1/5/23	31/8/23	
Janet Warwick (Vice Chair)	7/6/23 ^	12/3/24	Appointed by LGB ^
Jack Hartwell	7/6/23 ^+	12/3/24	Elected by parents/carers ^+
Ruth Whaley	7/6/23 ^	17/7/24	Appointed by Board of Trustees
Paul Rycroft	7/6/23	31/8/24	Appointed by LGB
Martin Parnell	7/6/23 ^	1/7/24 (Resigned)	Appointed by Board of Trustees
Ben Buckstone	15/05/24	16/9/25 (Resigned)	Appointed by LGB