

Create Board and Committee dates 2025/2026

Education & Standards Committee	Finance, Resources, Risk & Audit Committee	Board of Trustees
		Wednesday 8 th October 2025 BROOKFIELDS Wednesday 12 th November 2025 GREET Wednesday 3 rd December 2025 HODGE HILL
		Wednesday 14 th January 2026 CONWAY Wednesday 11 th March 2026 BROOKFIELDS Wednesday 22 nd April 2026 GREET
		Wednesday 6 th May 2026 CONWAY Wednesday 10 th June 2026 HODGE HILL Wednesday 1 st July 2026 BROOKFIELDS
		Wednesday 16 th September 2026 GREET

Create Board Structure



Membership

Members Stella Blackmore Justin Gray Sue Egersdorff Sarah Smith Mary Higgins Kate Joiner Joanne Leishman	Board of Trustees Mary Higgins Gerry Crofts Richard Ellam Lynn Howard Emma Knights Rob Ratcliffe Sarah Crowe	Finance& Resources, Audit& Risk Committee –	Education & Standards Committee –
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Pay Committee (to include CEO's appraisal) Mary Higgins (Chair), + (external adviser)

Brookfields LGB	Conway LGB	Greet LGB	Hodge Hill LGB
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Create Partnership Trust

Declarations of Interest

A register of interests for the selected board. Maintained schools can use this as their register of interests but please make sure you remove any GovernorHub users who don't need to appear on the register. Trusts need to combine all boards and add details of Members and senior employees.

Current governing board

Name and appointment	Confirmed	Interests				
		Organisation	Type of interest	Notes	From	To
Name: Stella Blackmore Appointment: Member Term of office start: - 08/08/2016 Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Founding Member	Nothing to Declare: 26/09/2024	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Gerry Crofts Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 01/07/2025 Term of office end: 30/06/2029 Appointed by: - Academy Members	Nothing to Declare: 11/10/2023	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Sarah Crowe Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 03/10/2025 Term of office end: 02/10/2029 Appointed by: - Academy Members	Not Confirmed	-	-	-	-	-

Name: Richard Ellam Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 19/06/2025 Term of office end: 18/06/2029 Appointed by: -Academy Members	Confirmed: 06/10/2025	Edu-Gov	Business or finance interests	EDUCATION GOVERNANCE CONSULTANCY & RECRUITMENT BUSINESS	23/06/2025	-
	Confirmed: 06/10/2025	Grange Primary School, Scunthorpe	Other governance role	Chair of Governors of the IEB	01/03/2024	28/02/2026
	Confirmed: 06/10/2025	Create Partnership Trust	Trustee	-	19/06/2025	19/06/2029
Name: Justin Gray Appointment: Member Term of office start: -08/08/2016 Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Founding Academy Member	Confirmed: 18/03/2025	Bishop Challoner Catholic College Governor		I am a foundation governor at Bishop Challoner. I chair their designations committee.	-	-
	Confirmed: 18/03/2025	DRB Ignite MAT	Other governance role	I am a Trustee of DRB Ignite Multi Academy Trust.	01/03/2025	01/03/2027
Name: Mary Higgins Appointment: Member Term of office start: -08/08/2016 Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Founding Academy Member	Confirmed: 08/09/2025	St Theresa of Calcutta MAC	Director	-	-	-

	Confirmed: 08/09/2025	CREATE PARTNERSHIP	Director and member	-	-	-
	Confirmed: 08/09/2025	St Mary's Harborne	Foundation Governor	-	-	-
Name: Mary Higgins Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 09/10/2024 Term of office end: 08/10/2028 Appointed by: Trustees	Confirmed: 08/09/2025	St Theresa of Calcutta MAC	Director	-	-	-
	Confirmed: 08/09/2025	CREATE PARTNERSHIP	Director and member	-	-	-
	Confirmed: 08/09/2025	St Mary's Harborne	Foundation Governor	-	-	-
Name: Lynn Howard Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 01/07/2025 Term of office end: 30/06/2029 Appointed by: -Academy Members	Confirmed: 11/07/2025	GovernSandwell	Other governance role	Sandwell's independent local governor association	08/07/2019	-

	Confirmed: 11/07/2025	Sandwell MBC SACRE	Other governance role	-	01/06/2025	-
	Confirmed: 11/07/2025	Lyng Primary School	Other governance role	-	01/04/2016	01/04/2027
	Confirmed: 11/07/2025	Hampstead Primary School	Other governance role	The Primary School is an amalgamation of Hamstead Infant and Junior schools of which I have been a governor for some years.	01/09/2007	31/07/2028
Name: Kate Joiner Appointment: Member Term of office start: - 01/05/2025 Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Founding Academy Member	Not Confirmed	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Emma Knights Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 19/06/2025 Term of office end: 18/06/2029 Appointed by: -	Nothing to Declare: 02/07/2025	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Joanne Leishman Appointment: Member Term of office start: -01/05/2025 Term of office end: - Appointed by: -Founding Academy Members	Confirmed: 14/05/2025	ASTREA Academy Trust	Business or finance interests	Director of Primary	06/05/2025	-

	Confirmed: 14/05/2025	ELEVATE Academy Trust	Business or finance interests	-	-	-
Name: R Ratcliffe Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: -	Not Confirmed	-	-	-	-	-

Other positions

Name and appointment	Confirmed	Interests				
		Organisation	Type of interest	Notes	From	To
Name: Chris Dyson Appointment: Other Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: -	Nothing to Declare: 17/09/2025	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Janine Gardner Appointment: Observer Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: -	Not Confirmed	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Lorna Ingram Appointment: Other Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: -	Not Confirmed	-	-	-	-	-



Name: Mark Unwin Appointment: CEO Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: -	Confirmed: 26/09/2024	Precision Education Consulting Ltd.	Director	No link to Create Partnership Trust	01/09/2022	-
	Confirmed: 26/09/2024	Public Sector Analytics Ltd.	Co-Founder and Director	No financial link to Create	01/09/2023	-
Name: James Wright Appointment: Other Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: Janine Gardner	Not Confirmed	-	-	-	-	-

Historical positions

Name and appointment	Confirmed	Interests				
		Organisation	Type of interest	Notes	From	To
Name: George Craig Appointment: Other Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: Janine Gardner Effective removal date: 02/10/2025		-	-	-	-	-
Name: Sangeeta Walia Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 16/09/2024 Term of office end: 18/06/2025 Appointed by: Members Effective removal date: 18/06/2025	Nothing to Declare: 18/03/2025	-	-	-	-	-

Name: Hana Haq Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 24/03/2025 Term of office end: 16/06/2025 Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 16/06/2025	Nothing to Declare: 11/09/2024	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Jay Hussain Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 09/10/2024 Term of office end: 16/06/2025 Appointed by: Trust Board Effective removal date: 16/06/2025	Nothing to Declare: 11/02/2023	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Julian Miller Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 23/10/2024 Term of office end: 12/06/2025 Appointed by: Trust Board Effective removal date: 12/06/2025	Nothing to Declare: 18/03/2025	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Alison Kriel Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 12/09/2023 Term of office end: 12/06/2025 Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 12/06/2025	Nothing to Declare: 24/11/2023	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Tim O'Brien Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 21/03/2024 Term of office end: 11/06/2025 Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 11/06/2025	Nothing to Declare: 12/11/2024	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Paul Taylor Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 28/06/2023 Term of office end: 09/06/2025 Appointed by: Members Effective removal date: 09/06/2025	Nothing to Declare: 09/10/2024	-	-	-	-	-

Name: Sophie Garner Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 24/03/2021 Term of office end: 19/03/2025 Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 19/03/2025	Nothing to Declare: 06/03/2024	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Jodie Richards Appointment: Clerk Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 24/10/2024	Confirmed: 24/10/2023	Services4Schools - Clerking Service	Employee	(RBI form for Graiseley Primary signed 1 Sept 21)	25/02/2015	-
	Confirmed: 24/10/2023	Graiseley Primary School	Chair of Governors		29/06/2021	-
	Confirmed: 24/10/2023	Fed GB Bilston & Eastfield Nursery Schools	Co-opted Governor		01/10/2021	-
Name: Wendy Armour Appointment: Clerk Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 23/10/2024		-	-	-	-	-
Name: Sue Egersdorff Appointment: Member Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 23/10/2024	Confirmed: 27/01/2022	Ready Generations Charity	Founder	Intergenerational pedagogy charity www.readygenerations.co.uk	17/12/2019	-

	Confirmed: 27/01/2022	drb Ignite Trust	Employee	drb Ignite Trust is a multi academy trust of nine primary schools based in Birmingham and Dudley	01/09/2016	-
Name: Jonathan Moore Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 19/10/2020 Term of office end: 18/10/2024 Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 18/10/2024	Confirmed: 14/10/2024	Aston Tower MAT	CEO and trustee		04/04/2016	-
	Confirmed: 14/10/2024	King Edward VI (Aston) Governing Body	Governor		01/09/2022	-
Name: Becky Perkes Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 24/03/2021 Term of office end: 23/03/2025 Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 07/10/2024	Confirmed: 05/09/2024	Nishkam Schools Trust	Employee		27/08/2024	-
	Confirmed: 05/09/2024	Department for Education - Regional Delivery Directorate	Employee		01/01/2022	29/07/2022
	Confirmed: 05/09/2024	Moseley Church of England Primary School	Chair of Governors		29/09/2017	01/09/2023

	Confirmed: 05/09/2024	Our Lady of the Magnificat Multi Academy Company	Other governance role		01/09/2022	27/08/2024
Name: Sarah Smith Appointment: Member Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 31/08/2024	Confirmed: 18/09/2024	The Diocese of Birmingham Educational Trust	Director	Appointments (voluntary or otherwise) e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals, etc.	26/02/2015	-
	Confirmed: 18/09/2024	NAHT	Member	Professional bodies/Special Interest groups/Mutual support organisations	-	-
	Confirmed: 18/09/2024	Tudor Grange Academies Trust	Member	Appointments (voluntary or otherwise) e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals, etc.	08/12/2016	-
	Confirmed: 18/09/2024	BDMAT	Director & Member	Chair of Directors	19/04/2017	-
	Confirmed: 18/09/2024	S4E Limited	Director	Services For Education Chair of trustees	09/03/2015	-

Confirmed: 18/09/2024	Birmingham Diocesan Board of Finance	Employee	Employed as Diocesan Director of Education	22/02/2015	-
Confirmed: 18/09/2024	Fioretti Trust	member		26/08/2016	-
Confirmed: 18/09/2024	St Patricks Cof E Primary Academy	Member		29/04/2021	-
Confirmed: 18/09/2024	EDUCO	Director	School MAT	15/02/2021	-
Confirmed: 18/09/2024	St John and St Peter's Cof E Primary School	Governor		01/09/2021	-
Confirmed: 18/09/2024	COOP Academy Florence McWilliams	Community Council Member		01/09/2024	-

Name: Kiran Vithal Appointment: Other Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 31/08/2024	Confirmed: 06/09/2024	Sidney Stringer MAT	Director / Governor	19/06/2019	-
	Confirmed: 06/09/2024	Educo Academies Trust	Trustee	02/08/2021	-
	Confirmed: 06/09/2024	DfE	Other governance role	Ex-Employee	- -
	Confirmed: 06/09/2024	Sidney Striner MAT	Trustee	-	-
	Confirmed: 06/09/2024	Ark Kings Academy	Governor	-	-
	Confirmed: 06/09/2024	Core Education Trust	Finance & Audit Governor	-	-

	Confirmed: 06/09/2024	Educo Academies Trust	Other governance role	-	-
	Confirmed: 06/09/2024	Ormiston Academies Trust	Employee	Director of Transformation	01/07/2024 -
	Confirmed: 06/09/2024	Ark Boulton - Ark Schools	Other governance role	Chair of LGB	01/07/2024 -
	Confirmed: 06/09/2024	Create Partnership Trust	Employee	DCEO	01/01/2023 31/08/2024
	Confirmed: 06/09/2024	Ark Kings Academy	LGB Governor		04/08/2021 31/12/2024
Name: Shabina Zaman Appointment: Other Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 14/12/2022		-	-	-	-

Name: Kiran Vithal Appointment: Other Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 05/09/2022	Not Confirmed	DfE	Employee	-	-
	Not Confirmed	Sidney Striner MAT	Trustee	-	-
	Not Confirmed	Ark Kings Academy	Governor	-	-
	Not Confirmed	Core Education Trust	Finance & Audit Governor	-	-
Name: Paul Byford Appointment: Other Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 01/09/2022		-	-	-	-
Name: Pat Smart Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 31/08/2022	Not Confirmed	Thrive Education Partnership	Trustee	18/07/2016	-

	Not Confirmed	Birmingham Education Partnership	Trustee	17/12/2014	-
	Not Confirmed	Create Partnership Trust	Trustee and CEO	08/08/2016	-
Name: Maria-Cristina Cipriani Appointment: Other Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 01/05/2022		-	-	-	-
Name: Richard Selwyn Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: 04/03/2020 Term of office end: 31/12/2021 Appointed by: Trust Board Effective removal date: 31/12/2021		-	-	-	-
Name: Sandra Taylor Appointment: Clerk Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 13/10/2021		-	-	-	-
Name: Mark Ellis Appointment: Trustee Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 13/10/2021		-	-	-	-



Name: David Hawker Appointment: <i>Trustee</i> Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 08/09/2021	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Andy Bush Appointment: <i>observer</i> Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 18/11/2020	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Emily Aldridge Appointment: <i>trustee</i> Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 02/07/2020	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Amanda Moore Appointment: <i>clerk</i> Term of office start: - Term of office end: - Appointed by: - Effective removal date: 18/11/2019	-	-	-	-	-

Trustee	Date appointed	Term of office as of 2025/2026 Academic year
Mary Higgins	8 August 2016	9 years
Richard Ellam	July 2025	
Emma Knights	July 2025	
Gerry Crofts	July 2025	
Lynn Howard	July 2025	
Rob Ratcliffe	October 2025	
Sarah Crowe	October 2025	