

Governor Information

2025 – 2026



Governors

What does a governor do?

All governors have the same powers, duties and responsibilities, irrespective of what category of governor they are. As a governor, you are acting in the interests of all children at the school. You should not see it as an opportunity to gain any advantages for a particular child.

A key aspect of being a governor is asking questions. As a governor you bring to the governing body your own particular perspective and, perhaps, that of the part of the community you represent and can share these views with other members of the governing body. You may receive information that other members of the community are not aware of and this may influence how you vote; how individuals on the governing body vote should remain confidential. The decisions made are recorded in the minutes, which are a public record, but details of discussions, and who said what, are not reported.

The role of a Parent Governor

Parent governors have the same powers, duties and responsibilities as all other governors. As a governor, they are expected to act in the interests of all children at the school. Parent governors should not see it as an opportunity to gain any advantages for their own child.

Parent governors bring to the governing body the particular perspective of a parent, ensuring that all governors are aware of the views of parents. They are a representative of parents, but are not a delegate. This means that while parent governors should represent the views of parents, they may also express their own views and vote according to their own beliefs on any issue.

If you are interested in joining our Local Governing Committee as a Parent Governor please contact our Business Lead, Mrs Wood on 01253 763414 or email a.wood@revoe.svt.org.uk

Full name	Term of Office	Date of Appointment	Appointed by	Position	Role
Andrew Hurley	2 nd Term	08.07.2024	Trust	Chair of Governors	Finance
Hannah Eaglestone	Reappointed 06.03.2026 1 st Term	06.03.2022	Governors	Vice Chair/ Co-Opted Governor	Monitoring Performance and Community Liaison
Lydia Murphy	1 st Term	10.11.2025	Staff	Staff Governor	Wellbeing
Ana Botu	Reappointed 22.07.2025 1 st Term	22.07.2021	Staff	Staff Governor	Community Liaison
Alexandra Cookson	Reappointed 20.01.2024 2 nd Term	20.01.2020	Governors	Co-Opted Governor	Risk and Health and Safety
Stuart Johnson	1 st Term	02.03.2026	Governors	Co-Opted Governor	CPD
Vacancy			Governors	Parent Governor	
Gemma Clayton	2 nd Term	20.12.2024	Governor	Parent Governor	SEND/Safeguarding

Who are our Governors?

Andrew Hurley - Chair of Governors

I have been a governor, in many different capacities for the past 34 years. This has included being a governor at seven schools, including chair or vice chair of governors at three schools. I am also currently a Trustee of the Fylde Coast Multi-Academy Trust. I currently chair the Local Governing Committee at Revoe, and I am link governor for safeguarding.

I have worked in a range of leadership roles in the primary education sector for the past 34 years. This has included experience of working in four different schools, eight years as a headteacher, four years as a Lancashire primary adviser and four years in higher education developing Initial Teacher Training at the University of Cumbria. My professional qualifications include the National Professional Qualification for Headteachers (NPQH), School Improvement Partner accreditation and a PgC in Learning & Teaching for Higher Education.

Presently I work as a School Improvement Lead for the Sea View Trust supporting and advising a number of schools in the Blackpool area.

I am passionate about governance and how governance can both support and challenge schools and school leadership.

Hannah Eaglestone – Vice Chair of Governors

I became a co-opted Governor at Revoe Learning Academy in 2022, motivated by a deep commitment to supporting the school, its pupils, and the wider community. With a professional background in youth work and community development, I bring experience in youth voice, co-production, and community cohesion to help shape and support the school's ongoing development. I am especially passionate about ensuring that the voice of RLA—its pupils, staff, and families—is heard and valued in decision-making processes that aim to improve both the school environment and its impact within the wider community. I believe in the power of collaboration and am proud to work alongside RLA staff and families to build a stronger, more inclusive school community.

Ana Botu - Staff Governor (since 2021) & Parent at Revoe

I have been a Staff Governor at Revoe since 2021 and am also a parent of a child at the school. I work as an Additional Needs Teaching Assistant in the Learning Garden, supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

In addition to my role in school, I actively support engagement with Romanian-speaking parents and children, helping to strengthen inclusion and communication across the school community.

I also work with Revoelution, supporting the wider local community through outreach and engagement initiatives that aim to improve the lives of families in the area.

Alex Cookson - Co Opted Governor

As a co-opted governor at Revoe for the past five years, and PCSO for the area for 16 year I have a wealth of experience in community engagement, safeguarding, and public service. In my professional role as a Police Community Support Officer, I work closely with local schools, families, and residents to help create a safe and supportive environment for children and young people.

My role as a governor and PCSO offers valuable insight into safeguarding practices, behaviour support, and local issues that affect students both in and out of school. I am passionate about building strong school-community relationships and ensuring that all pupils feel safe, valued, and empowered to succeed.

As part of the governing body, I support the school's vision and values, and helps ensure accountability and continuous improvement across all areas of school life.

Stuart Johnson – Co-Opted Governor

My name is Stuart Johnson and I am currently the Assistant Headteacher at Park Community Academy, where I have a focus on behaviour and attendance. I have worked at the school for 22 years and during that time have undertaken a number of different roles which have given me extensive experience in supporting pupils, staff and families within an educational setting.

Over the years I have taken on several additional responsibilities that have helped broaden my educational experiences. I am currently the schools Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC), ensuring that school trips and experiences are well planned and enriching for pupils. I am also a Team Teach Advanced Instructor, supporting staff to develop safe and positive behaviour management strategies. I am also Head of the Health Living Faculty, leading a team delivering physical education, health and wellbeing, and promoting the value of healthy and active lifestyles.

Alongside my role in school, I also contribute to teacher training by delivering on the Primary PGCE Physical Education course at the University of Cumbria. This work allows me to support new teachers as they begin their careers and helps ensure that pupils benefit from high-quality teaching in physical education and school sport.

As a governor at Revoe, I am keen to use my experience to support the school in continuing to provide the best possible opportunities for its pupils. I hope to offer a practical perspective from my years working in education, particularly in areas such as behaviour, attendance and pupil wellbeing. I look forward to working closely with the leadership team and staff to help support the school's priorities and ensure that every pupil is given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

The values that Revoe promotes, particularly its commitment to supporting families and the wider community, are ones that I feel are extremely important. I am excited to play a role in supporting the school's ongoing development and contributing to the positive work already taking place.

Gemma Clayton – Parent Governor

I have worked in education for nearly 20 years, mainly within alternative provision and SEND leadership. I am currently Headteacher of a specialist provision. Alongside my day job and role as Safeguarding Governor at Revoe Learning Academy, I serve as SEND Governor at Armfield Academy, and a co-opted member of Blackpool Council's Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. I am passionate about fairness, compassion, and helping every child thrive, I balance busy school life with family, pets, beach walks, and trips to Disneyland!