

Name of Governing Body:
ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
2026 - 2027



St Edmund Arrowsmith
Catholic High School
Prepare the way of the Lord

The remit for the Governing Body is to:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governing Body Composition:

Type of Governor	No.
Headteacher (ex-officio)	1
Local Authority	1
Parent	2
Staff	1
Foundation	6
Associate Member	2
Total	13

Chair of Governing Body: Mr Stephen Westhead

Clerk to Governors:

Mrs P Lennon
 St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School
 Rookery Avenue
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Names of Governors	Type of Governor	Date First Appointed	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Date of resignation (if resigned in the last 12 months)	Appointing Body
Mark Dumican	Headteacher	N/A	01.10.2014	n/a		Headteacher
Jim Bryne	Foundation	01.09.2021	01.09.2025	31.08.2029		The Archdiocese of Liverpool
Clare Brophy	Staff	14.10.2019	14.10.2023	13.10.2027		Elected by Governing Body
Andrew Connellan	Foundation	22.02.2003	22.02.2024	21.02.2028		The Archdiocese of Liverpool
Joanne Farrimond	Foundation	08.12.2020	01.09.2025	31.08.2029		The Archdiocese of Liverpool
Paul Jensen	Local Authority	Not set	04.12.2018	03.12.2026		Wigan Council *(appointed by Governing Body)
Peter McGhee	Foundation	01.09.2021	01.09.2025	31.08.2029		The Archdiocese of Liverpool
Natalie Lowe	Parent	30.09.2025	01.11.2025	31.10.2029		Elected by parents
Julia Kirwan	Parent	30.09.2025	01.11.2025	31.10.2029		Elected by parents
Stephen Westhead	Foundation	01.10.2012	01.10.2024	30.09.2028		The Archdiocese of Liverpool
Peter Whitfield	Foundation	01.09.2020	01.09.2024	31.08.2028		The Archdiocese of Liverpool
Kath Lydon-Brown	Associate Member	01.09.2025	01.09.2025	31.08.2029		Elected by Governing Body
Lisa Boardman	Associate Member	01.09.2021 PG	01.11.2025	31.10.2029		Elected by Governing Body
Resignations						
Cate Woods	Associate Member	20.09.2023	20.09.2025	19.09.2027	31.03.2026	Elected by Governing Body

*(if this is an appointed position because there were insufficient candidates for election this will need to be changed to 'appointed by the Governing Body'). Term of Office is 4 years.

Specific Responsibilities

Responsibility	Name
Attendance	J Farrimond
Careers	P McGhee
Chaplaincy	J Byrne
Curriculum / T&L	K Lydon-Brown
Data/Pupil Progress & Achievement	P Whitfield
H&S/GDPR	N Lowe
PDC	J Kirwan
Pupil Premium	A Connellan
SEND	A Connellan
Safeguarding / Children Looked After (LAC)	S Westhead
Wellbeing (Staff)	J Kirwan

Links to Departments / Year Groups

GOVERNOR	DEPARTMENT(S)		YEAR GROUP	RESPONSIBILITY
Joanne Farrimond	PE			ATTENDANCE
Peter Whitfield	MUSIC			DATA
				PUPIL PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENT
Andy Connellan	TECHNOLOGY			PUPIL PREMIUM
	MFL			SEND
Julia Kirwan	PDC			STAFF WELLBEING
Lisa Boardman	HUMANITIES (GEOG/HISTORY)			
Kath Lydon-Brown	ENGLISH		YEAR 10	CURRICULUM / T&L
Paul Jensen	DRAMA		YEAR 9	
Clare Brophy	MATHS		YEAR 7	
	COMPUTING			
Natalie Lowe	ART			H&S / GDPR
Peter McGhee	SCIENCE		YEAR 11	CAREERS
Jim Byrne	RE/RSE		YEAR 8	CHAPLAINCY
Steve Westhead				SAFEGUARDING / LAC

Committee Structure

Resources Committee (<i>formerly Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee</i>)	
Remit: To include all areas of Finance, Premises and Personnel for which the Governing Body is responsible in accordance with the Terms of Reference. All members have voting rights.	
Membership (6) : (Quorate Minimum 3)	
▪ Jim Byrne ▪ Andrew Connellan ▪ Natalie Lowe	▪ Julia Kirwan ▪ Paul Jensen
Standards & Effectiveness Committee (<i>formerly Quality of Education Committee</i>)	
Remit: To challenge and monitor educational, behavioural and pastoral standards as detailed within the Terms of Reference. All members have voting rights.	
Membership (6) : (Quorate Minimum 3)	
▪ Mark Dumican ▪ Clare Brophy ▪ Lisa Boardman (Associate Member) ▪ Joanne Farrimond (Vice-Chair)	▪ Peter McGhee ▪ Peter Whitfield (Chair) ▪ Kathryn Lydon-Brown (Associate Member)
Headteacher Appraisal Committee (<i>formerly Pay and Performance Committee</i>)	
Remit: To include making decisions about performance related pay for teachers and the Performance management of the Headteacher. All members have voting rights.	
Membership (3)	
▪ Andy Connellan (Chair) ▪ Peter Whitfield	▪ Stephen Westhead

Ad-hoc Committees:

- Staff Disciplinary/Dismissals/Appeals
- Pupil Discipline
- Complaints
- Appeals

Three governors with no prior knowledge will be called alphabetically to form the committee. Terms of reference for all committees are available on request from school.

Register of Interests

Name	Details of Pecuniary Interest	Details of Personal/Other Interest
Clare Brophy	Head of Science - SEACHS	
Andy Connellan	Exam Invigilator - SEACHS	
Mark Dumican	Headteacher SEACHS	Governor St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Governor St John Rigby College
Joanne Farrimond		Headteacher at St Aidan's Primary School
Paul Jensen	Sole Proprietor – Local business	Paul Jensen Ltd
Peter McGhee		Foundation Governor at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Skelmersdale Trustee of the Loreto Education Trust which oversees a co-educational high school in Manchester and 3 all girl 11-18 schools in England
Lisa Boardman	Parent of Y11 Pupil	Executive Headteacher The Wings CE Trust Headteacher Atherton St George's/ The Wings CE Trust

Material Interests

Record any material interests arising from relationships between governors or relationships between governors and school staff (including spouses, partners or close relatives).

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