

# Synergy Education Trust

## Register of interests

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                               |                    |       |            |    |
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|   |                          | Organisation                            | Type of interest   | Notes | From       | To |
| <b>Name:</b> Gemma Duxbury<br><b>Appointment:</b> Trustee<br><b>Term of office start:</b> 01/04/2024<br><b>Term of office end:</b> 31/03/2028<br><b>Appointed by:</b> - | Confirmed:<br>18/09/2024 | Nothing to declare                      | Nothing to declare | -     | 15/11/2019 | -  |
|   | Confirmed:<br>18/09/2024 | (ATC) Achievement Through Collaboration | Director           | -     | 03/09/2020 | -  |
|   | Confirmed:<br>18/09/2024 | Roseacre Primary Academy                | Governor           | -     | 15/11/2019 | -  |
|   | Confirmed:<br>18/09/2024 | (ATC) Achievement Through Collaboration | Director           | -     | 15/09/2021 | -  |

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|   | Confirmed:<br>18/09/2024 | Roseacre Primary Academy                           | Governor                              | -                        | 15/09/2021 | - |
|   | Confirmed:<br>18/09/2024 | Forbes Solicitors LLP                              | Business or finance interests         | -                        | 29/09/2023 | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Nicola Farrer<br><b>Appointment:</b> Trustee<br><b>Term of office start:</b> 01/04/2024<br><b>Term of office end:</b> 31/03/2028<br><b>Appointed by:</b> - | Confirmed:<br>06/09/2024 | Association of Chartered<br>Certified Accountants  | Fellow                                | -                        | -          | - |
|   | Confirmed:<br>06/09/2024 | Highfurlong PTFA accounts                          | Independent Examiner - as<br>required | Not a member of the PTFA | -          | - |
|   | Confirmed:<br>06/09/2024 | Horne, Brooke and Shenton<br>Chartered Accountants | Former employee                       | -                        | -          | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Joanne Hirst<br><b>Appointment:</b> Trustee<br><b>Term of office start:</b> 01/04/2024<br><b>Term of office end:</b> 31/03/2028<br><b>Appointed by:</b> -  | Confirmed:<br>28/07/2025 | Hawes Side Primary Academy                         | Trustee                               | Vice-Chair of Trustees   | 22/09/2020 | - |
|   | Confirmed:<br>28/07/2025 | St John's Church of England<br>Primary School      | Governor                              | Vice-Chair of Governors  | 16/11/2020 | - |

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|   | Confirmed:<br>28/07/2025             | St John's Trust Fund                                  | Trust Board Member             | Trust Fund linked to St John's Church of England Primary School | 23/03/2021 | - |
|   | Confirmed:<br>28/07/2025             | NAHT  | Branch Treasurer for Blackpool | -   | -          | - |
|   | Confirmed:<br>28/07/2025             | Synergy Education Trust                               | Trustee                        | -   | 05/02/2024 | - |
|   | Confirmed:<br>28/07/2025             | The Maple School                                      | Governor                       | Chair of Interim Executive Board                                | 16/07/2025 | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Gill Hughes<br><b>Appointment:</b> Trustee<br><b>Term of office start:</b> 01/04/2024<br><b>Term of office end:</b> 31/03/2028<br><b>Appointed by:</b> - | Nothing to<br>Declare:<br>05/09/2024 | -   | -                              | -   | -          | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Matt McIver<br><b>Appointment:</b> Trustee<br><b>Term of office start:</b> 01/04/2024<br><b>Term of office end:</b> 31/03/2028<br><b>Appointed by:</b> - | Confirmed:<br>16/10/2024             | Kirkham St Michael's Church of England Primary School | Other governance role          | Foundation Governor (Vice Chair of Governors)                   | 22/02/2018 | - |
|   | Confirmed:<br>16/10/2024             | Cidari Multi Academy Trust                            | Business or finance interests  | Chief Operating Officer   | 01/09/2016 | - |

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| <b>Name:</b> Susan Strother<br><b>Appointment:</b> Trustee<br><b>Term of office start:</b> 01/04/2024<br><b>Term of office end:</b> 31/03/2028<br><b>Appointed by:</b> - | Confirmed:<br>17/09/2024 | Lancashire County Council | Employee              | Property Asset Principal<br>Completed 29.09.20 | -          | -          |
|  | Confirmed:<br>17/09/2024 | Synergy Education Trust   | Other governance role | Interim Chair of Trustees                      | 10/09/2023 | -          |
|  | Confirmed:<br>17/09/2024 | Synergy Education Trust   | Other governance role | Appointed Chair of Trustees                    | 01/04/2024 | -          |
|  | Confirmed:<br>17/09/2024 | Hlghfurlong School        | Governor              | -  | -          | 31/03/2024 |
|  | Confirmed:<br>17/09/2024 | Lotus School              | Governor              | -  | -          | 31/08/2024 |
| <b>Name:</b> Rachel Tax<br><b>Appointment:</b> Trustee<br><b>Term of office start:</b> 01/04/2024<br><b>Term of office end:</b> 31/03/2028<br><b>Appointed by:</b> -     | Confirmed:<br>09/07/2025 | Stanley Scamps OSC        | Proprietor            | -  | -          | -          |
|  | Confirmed:<br>09/07/2025 | 7th Blackpool Scouts      | Trustee               | -  | -          | -          |

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|  | <i>Confirmed:</i><br>09/07/2025 | Blackpool Reform Jewish Congregation    | Trustee               | -  | -          | - |
|  | <i>Confirmed:</i><br>09/07/2025 | Blackpool and Fylde Light Opera Company | Other governance role | Amateur Dramatics Trustee                  | 01/02/2024 | - |
|  | <i>Confirmed:</i><br>09/07/2025 | IAG - Independent Advisory Group        | Other governance role | Advisory Group for Lancashire Constabulary | 21/11/2023 | - |

## Other positions

| Name and appointment   | Confirmed                       | Interests           |                                       |       |      |    |
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|  |                                 | Organisation        | Type of interest                      | Notes | From | To |
| <b>Name:</b> Paula Barlow<br><b>Appointment:</b> Other<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> -           | Not Confirmed                   | -                   | -                                     | -     | -    | -  |
| <b>Name:</b> Ainsley Cheetham<br><b>Appointment:</b> Other<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> Members | <i>Confirmed:</i><br>13/03/2025 | Synergy Trust Board | Personal or close family relationship | -     | -    | -  |

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| <b>Name:</b> Jacqueline Currey<br><b>Appointment:</b> Clerk<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> -      | <i>Nothing to Declare:</i><br>12/09/2024 | -   | -         | -   | -          | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Kathryn Fowler<br><b>Appointment:</b> Other<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> Members   | <i>Nothing to Declare:</i><br>10/01/2025 | -   | -         | -   | -          | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Edwina Grant OBE<br><b>Appointment:</b> Other<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> Members | <b>Confirmed:</b><br>06/02/2025          | Grant Public Consultancy Ltd                  | Director  | Undertakes contracts with councils and private sector organisations on children's services improvement. | 22/10/2022 | - |
|  | <b>Confirmed:</b><br>06/02/2025          | Grange Close Management Association           | Director  | Manages the communal interests of leasehold flats   | 01/04/2004 | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Neill Oldham<br><b>Appointment:</b> CEO<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> -             | <b>Confirmed:</b><br>06/11/2024          | Blackburn Festival for Speech Music and Drama | Treasurer | -   | -          | - |
|  | <b>Confirmed:</b><br>06/11/2024          | European Youth Summer Music (Summer School)   | Trustee   | -   | -          | - |
|  | <b>Confirmed:</b><br>06/11/2024          | NAHT  | Member    | -   | -          | - |

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|  | <i>Confirmed:</i><br>06/11/2024          | Sam's Place                 | Business or finance interests | A local SEND charity providing education and social activities for young adults with additional needs | 01/11/2023 | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Jamie Truelove<br><b>Appointment:</b> Other<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> Members | <i>Nothing to Declare:</i><br>02/10/2024 | -                           | -                             | -   | -          | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Lisa Tupman<br><b>Appointment:</b> COO<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> -            | <i>Confirmed:</i><br>06/05/2025          | Highfurlong School PTFA     | Business or finance interests | Trustee/ Treasurer  | 15/11/2019 | - |
|  | <i>Confirmed:</i><br>06/05/2025          | Royles Brook Primary School | Other governance role         | coopted governor  | 01/04/2025 | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Hilary Wood<br><b>Appointment:</b> CFO<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> -            | <i>Confirmed:</i><br>10/09/2024          | Sea View Trust              | Other governance role         | I am a Member of this Trust.  | 01/09/2023 | - |

## Historical positions

| Name and appointment | Confirmed | Interests    |                  |       |      |    |
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|                      |           | Organisation | Type of interest | Notes | From | To |
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| <b>Name:</b> Lesley Gwinett<br><b>Appointment:</b> Member<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> -<br><b>Effective removal date:</b> 17/03/2025  |   | - | - | - | - | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Jenny Olivine<br><b>Appointment:</b> Member<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> -<br><b>Effective removal date:</b> 13/03/2025   | <i>Nothing to<br/>Declare:<br/>13/12/2024</i> | - | - | - | - | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Paul Barker<br><b>Appointment:</b> Member<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> -<br><b>Effective removal date:</b> 05/09/2024     | <i>Nothing to<br/>Declare:<br/>22/08/2024</i> | - | - | - | - | - |
| <b>Name:</b> Susan Strother<br><b>Appointment:</b> Trustee<br><b>Term of office start:</b> -<br><b>Term of office end:</b> -<br><b>Appointed by:</b> -<br><b>Effective removal date:</b> 08/01/2024 |   | - | - | - | - | - |