

Usworth Colliery Primary School – Governing Body Membership and Vacancies

Governing Body	Type	Start Date	End Date
Mr Laurence Andrews	Co-opted	14/07/2025	13/07/2029
Mr Stuart Daly	Co-opted	19/11/2023	18/11/2027
Mr Craig Johnson	Co-opted	10/06/2025	09/06/2029
Mrs Alison Logan	Co-opted	19/05/2023	18/05/2027
Rev Bethany McNeeley	Co-opted	14/11/2023	13/11/2027
Mrs Amanda Robson	Co-opted	12/06/2024	11/06/2028
Mrs Clare Seccombe	Co-opted	12/05/2022	11/05/2026
Mrs Rosey Walker	Co-opted	10/07/2022	09/07/2026
Mrs Alison Forster	Headteacher	01/09/2023	
Mr Jonathan Chicken	Local Authority	20/11/2022	19/11/2026
Mrs Andrea Kent	Parent	07/02/2023	06/02/2027
Mrs Vivian Okoye	Parent	25/04/2024	24/04/2028
Ms Sarah Jones	Staff	18/05/2022	17/05/2026
Mrs Victoria Moore	Associate Member	01/04/2025	31/03/2029
Mrs Paula Thomson	Associate Member	28/03/2023	27/03/2027

Position	Type
Mr Jonathan Chicken	Chair
Mrs Rosey Walker	Chair
Mrs Amanda Robson	Co-opted governor - staff member
Mrs Victoria Moore	Deputy Headteacher
Mrs Paula Thomson	School Business Manager
Mrs Clare Seccombe	Vice-Chair

Establishment	Term	Required	Governors	Vacancies
Co-opted	4 Years	9	8	1
Headteacher	Ex-officio	1	1	0
Local Authority	4 Years	1	1	0
Parent	4 Years	2	2	0
Staff	4 Years	1	1	0
TOTAL		14	13	1

Previous Appointments	Type	Start Date	End Date
Mrs Vicky Kennedy	Co-opted	09/07/2023	31/03/2025

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Governing body regulations (maintained schools)

- As stated in the DfE's "Maintained schools governance guide", the core functions of the governing body are as set out in (regulation 6) and include, but are not limited to ensuring:
 - that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined
 - that the headteacher performs their responsibilities for the educational performance of the school
 - the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources
- Governors are appointed/elected as follows:
 - Co-opted - appointed by the governing body
 - Foundation - appointed by the Diocese (or the PCC if appropriate - there may also be provision in the Instrument of Government for the parish priest to be ex-officio)
 - Headteacher - ex-officio
 - Local Authority - appointed by the governing body, following approval of the 'nomination' by the LA
 - Parent/Staff - elected by parents/staff respectively
- Governing bodies must have at least seven governors, including the Headteacher; one and only one Local Authority governor; one and only one Staff governor; at least two Parent governors; and for Voluntary Aided schools, there must be exactly two more Foundation governors than all other categories combined.
- The total number of Co-opted governors who are also eligible to be elected as Staff governors, when counted with the Staff governor and the Headteacher, must not exceed one third of the total membership of the governing body.
- The term of office for any governor shall be four years (unless otherwise stated in the Instrument of Government), save that this time limit shall not apply to any post which is held ex officio. Associate Members can be appointed for between one and four years. Parent governors may serve out their term of office when their child leaves the school, but Staff governors must resign when they leave the school.
- Associate Members and governors who are members of staff cannot be Chair or Vice-Chair. Associate Members also do not count towards a quorum and do not have voting rights for governing body meetings (but can be appointed with voting rights on committees).
- The governing body must hold at least three meetings in every school year, and the quorum for a meeting of the governing body and for any vote on any matter at such a meeting, is one half (rounded up to a whole number) of the membership of the governing body, i.e. the number of governors in post at the date of the meeting.
- Every question to be decided at a meeting of the governing body is to be determined by a majority of the votes of the governors present and voting on the question, and where there is an equal division of votes the Chair, or as the case may be, the person who is acting as Chair for the purposes of the meeting (provided that such person is a governor), will have a second or casting vote (the governing body may approve alternative arrangements for governors to participate or vote at meetings of the governing body including but not limited to by telephone or video conference).