

The Alliance Schools Trust

2025 – 2026

Membership Details



Status	Name	Date of Appointment	End of Term Office (where relevant)	Date of stepping down (where relevant)	Appointed by	Declared Business and Pecuniary Interests
CEO of MAT and Accounting Officer	Mrs Sue Collings	31/01/24	-		Members of the Academy Trust	None
Members of MAT						
Founder Member	Sharon McGuire	17/03/17	-		Founder Member	None
Academy Trust Appointed Member	Joanne Barford	5/11/25	-		Members of the Academy Trust	None
Academy Trust Appointed Member	David D'Souza	31/01/24	-		Members of the Academy Trust	None
Academy Trust Appointed Member	Grainne Ferrari	13/07/20	-		Members of the Academy Trust	None
Academy Trust Appointed Member	Sylvia Bebbington	5/11/25	-		Members of the Academy Trust	None

Previous Members						
Founder Member	Thornton Naylor	31/03/17	-	12/9/25	Founder Member	None
Academy Trust Appointed Member	David Lock	13/07/20	-	5/11/2025	Members of the Academy Trust	Director DLA Architects Practice Ltd Consultants Director DLA Architects Ltd Consultants (Not Active) Director City Discovery Centre Training Company (Not for Profit). Employment: Strategic Planning Advisor, David Lock Associates (Part time Consultant)

Board of Trustees

Status	Name	Date of Appointment	End of Term Office (where relevant)	Date of stepping down (where relevant)	Appointed by	Declared Business and Pecuniary Interests
Trustee	Sue Collings	31/01/24	-		Members of the Academy Trust	None
Trustee (Co-opted)	Linda Ford (Chair)	24/03/25	24/3/29		Trustees	CEO Chartered Governance Institute Director of Association of Accounting Technicians, RCVS, Institute of Motor Industry
Trustee	Maureen O'Brien (Vice Chair)	29/01/25	29/01/29		Members of the Academy Trust	None
Trustee	Meanu Bajwa-Patel	02/11/22	02/11/26		Members of the Academy Trust	None
Trustee	Elizabeth Bancroft	14/12/22	14/12/26		Members of the Academy Trust	None
Trustee	William Butler	09/01/23	9/01/27		Members of the Academy Trust	Trustee & Director of four Charities: The Directory of Social Change, Community Action Bedfordshire, Shenley Leisure Centre Trust, The Pavement

Trustee	Jonathan Giles	29/01/25	29/01/29		Members of the Academy Trust	None
Trustee	John Hand	29/01/25	29/01/29		Members of the Academy Trust	None
Trustee (Co-opted)	Paula Lawson	17/07/24	17/07/28		Trustees	Headteacher & Governor at Radcliffe School
Trustee	Naomi Lewis	02/11/22	02/11/26		Members of the Academy Trust	None
Trustee (Co-opted)	Jacqui Newham	24/03/25	24/03/29		Trustees	None
Trustee	Warren Preen	29/01/25	29/01/29		Members of the Academy Trust	Employed on a full-time basis by Nomura International. Stepchildren currently attend Denbigh School.
Trustee (Co-opted)	Daniela Thompson	20/12/23	20/12/27		Trustees	Headteacher of Loughton Manor First School
Lead Gov. Professional	Sarah Georgiou					
Former Trustees						
Trustee	John Cove (Chair of the Trust)	15/03/21	15/03/25	15/03/25	Members of the Academy Trust	N/A
Trustee (Co-opted)	Helen Wood	24/03/25	24/03/29	13/01/26	Trustees	None

Committees of the Board of Trustees

Committee Name	Chair of Committee
Care & Operations Committee	John Hand
Education & Ventures Committee	Jonathan Giles
Audit & Risk Committee	Warren Preen
Trustee Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding	Maureen O'Brien
SEND	Meanu Bajwa-Patel

Local School Boards

Brooksward/Drayton Park Local School Boards (joined 1 4 2024)

Status	Name	Date of appointment	End of Term Office	Date of stepping down	Appointed by	Business and Pecuniary Interests
Governor	Jen Swain	Governor in her role as Headteacher				None
Community Governor	Karen Skegg (Chair)	01/04/23 (11/12/23)	11/12/27		Trust Board	Social Worker for MKCC
Community Governor	Jennifer Andrews	02/12/24	02/12/28		Local School Board	
Co-opted Governor	Andrew Gallivan	02/12/24	02/12/28		Local School Board	
Staff Governor	Sam Horton	01/04/23 (01/01/23)	01/01/27		Trust Board	Teacher at Drayton Park
Co-opted Governor	Shanie Jamieson (Vice-Chair)	01/04/23 (12/12/22)	12/12/26		Elected by Parents	Employed by two other schools (not DELTA) as Attendance Officer
Community Governor	Mike Malcolm (DBS Pending)	9/12/2025	9/12/29		Local School Board	
Staff Governor	Sam Mungham	01/04/23 (12/12/22)	12/12/26		Trust Board	Teacher at Brooksward
Parent Governor	Nora Pesheva	10/01/25	10/01/29		Elected by Parents	TBC
Gov. Prof.	Emma Warner					
Former Governors						
Associate Governor	Lisa Gudgeon	1/04/2023 (12/12/22)	12/12/26	31/7/24	Trust Board	Federation Business Manager
Community Governor	Samantha Green	01/04/23 (11/12/23)	11/12/27	01/01/25	Trust Board	Teacher NOT at DELTA
Board appointed governor	Richard Lee (Chair)	01/04/23	1/04/27	9/5/25	Trust Board	Works for MKC Children & Social Care

Denbigh School Local School Board						
Status	Name	Date of appointment	End of Term Office	Date of stepping down	Appointed by	Business and Pecuniary Interests
Board Appointed Governor	Dominic Wood (Chair)	17/07/24	16/07/28		Trust Board	None
Parent Governor	Martin Leib (Vice Chair)	18/11/24	17/11/28		Elected by parents	Chair of Trustees at Samuels' Charity – October 2014 to present.
Governor	Anthony Steed	Governor in role as Headteacher				None
Parent Governor	Sukhi Gill	24/03/25	23/03/29		Elected by Parents	None
Governor	Akhtar Jan	19/07/22	18/07/26		Trust Board	None
Staff Governor	Gill Molloy	24/11/22	23/11/26		Elected by staff	None
Coopted Governor	Pradeep Narayanan	1/04/25	29/03/29		Local School Board	None
Parent Governor	Russell Newham	09/01/23	09/01/27		Elected by parents	None
Community Governor	Girinath Pillai	01/04/25	31/03/29		Local School Board	None
Parent Governor	Kirstin Pryor	23/02/24	22/02/28		Elected by Parents	Chair of Governors of Loughton School
Parent Governor	Vanessa Taibo	24/03/25	23/03/29		Elected by Parents	None
Community Governor	Alex Tidy	05/12/23	04/12/27		Trust Board	Member of the Conservative Party to March 2024

Gov. Professional	Tracey Stewart					
Former Governors						
Co-opted Governor	Christopher Pitt	30/03/22	30/03/26	13/09/24	Trust Board	None
Co-opted Governor	Neil Stickland	24/03/21	24/03/25	24/03/25	Trust Board	Director Coyote Moon Ltd (online pneumatic sales), Member at Loughton School, MK
Staff Governor	Louise Conway	30/01/24	29/01/28	01/09/25	Elected by staff	None

Watling Academy Local School Board						
Status	Name	Date of appointment	End of Term Office	Date of stepping down	Appointed by	Business and Pecuniary Interests
Board Appointed Governor	Rob Simpson (Chair)	19/07/22	19/07/26		Trust Board	Trustee of charity ‘Project Possibility’. No immediate plans to work with Watling Academy or the wider Trust
Parent Governor	Angela Chilton (Vice Chair)	01/07/23	01/07/27		Elected by parents	None
Governor	Helen Fry	Governor in role as Headteacher				None
Parent Governor	David Cattigan	01/07/23	01/07/27		Elected by parents	None
Co-opted Governor	Howard Fielder	01/09/24	01/09/28		School Board	None
Parent Governor	Helen Pidgeon	01/07/23	01/07/27		Elected by parents	None
Co-opted Governor	Jason Vaughan	01/09/22	01/09/26		School Board	None
Staff Governor	Marea Stears	07/07/25	07/07/29		Elected by staff	None
Staff Governor	Victoria Colyer	07/07/25	07/07/29		Elected by staff	None
Gov. Prof.	Katie Brennen					
Former Governors						
Parent Governor	Muntazir Mhadi	12/10/20	11/10/24	11/10/24	Elected by parents	N/A
Co-opted Governor	Rianna Owusu	01/09/24	01/09/28	03/03/25	School Board	N/A
Staff Governor	Marea Stears	22/03/21	21/03/25	21/03/25	Elected by staff	None
Staff Governor	Addobea Okutu	02/12/24	02/12/28	12/05/25	Elected by staff	None

Watling Primary Local School Board						
Status	Name	Date of appointment	End of Term Office	Date of stepping down	Appointed by	Business and Pecuniary Interests
Board Appointed Governor	Akhtar Jan (Chair)	17/12/25	12/26		Trust Board	None
Co-opted Governor	Katheryn Gilbert (Vice Chair)	06/24	10/27		School Board	None
Governor	Vikki Pegg	Governor in role as Headteacher				None
Governor	Jeremy Burey-Abraham	10/25	10/29		School Board	TBC
Staff Governor	Grace Burrows	10/23	10/27		Elected by staff	None
Staff Governor	Imogen Day	12/11/25	10/27		Elected by staff	None
Co-opted Governor	Priti Jilka	06/24	10/27		School Board	None
Community Governor	Tony McGinley	10/23	10/27		School Board	None
Parent Governor	Matheus Pedroso	03/24	10/27		School Board	None
Parent Governor	Liandra Walker	10/23	10/27		Elected by parents	None
Co-opted Governor	Danielle Yearwood	06/24	10/27		School Board	None
Gov. Prof.	Emma Adams					
Former Governors						
Co-opted Governor	Sinead Henry	06/24	10/27	31/7/2025	School Board	None
Board Appointed Governor	William Butler (Chair)	19/07/23	19/07/27		Trust Board	Trustee & Director of four Charities: The Directory of Social Change, Community Action Bedfordshire, Shenley Leisure Centre Trust, The Pavement

Willen Primary Local School Board (joined 1/9/2024)

Status	Name	Date of appointment	End of Term Office	Date of stepping down	Appointed by	Business and Pecuniary Interests
Board Appointed Governor	Raymond Moodley (Chair)	01/09/24 (20/08/21)	19/08/25		Trust Board	None
Governor	Carrie Matthews	Governor in role as Headteacher				None
Staff Governor	Kelly Bargman	1/09/24 (29/09/23)	29/09/27		Elected by Staff	None
Community Governor	Edward Ficek	1/09/24 (19/06/23)	18/06/27		Trust Board	None
Staff Governor	Hayley Gates	26/02/25	25/02/29		Elected by Staff	None
Co-opted Governor	Laura Geering	26/02/25	26/02/29		Trust Board	None
Parent Governor	Steve Helfet (Joint Vice-Chair)	1/09/24 (1/12/22)	06/12/26		Elected by parents	None
Parent Governor	Irfan Mohamed (Joint Vice-Chair)	06/11/24	05/11/28		Elected by Parents	None
Parent Governor	Stuart Oliphant (Pending DBS)	20/03/25	20/03/29		Elected by Parents	None
Co-opted Governor	Neda Rezaei	01/09/24 (07/09/23)	07/09/27		Trust Board	None
Gov. Prof.	Emma Warner					
Former Governors						
Governor	Muzzammil Umair	01/09/24 (29/04/21)	28/04/25	28/04/25	Trust Board	None
Community Governor	Jade Gilks (Vice Chair)	1/09/24 (19/06/23)	19/06/27	17/7/25	Trust Board	None

LSB Assurance Roles

Brooksward/Drayton Park Schools Local School Board

Chair	Karen Skegg
Governor Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding	Shanie Jamieson
Inclusion	Jennifer Andrews
Health & Safety inc. Trips & Visits	Mike Malcolm
Behaviour and Personal Development	Nora Pesheva
Curriculum & Achievement	Andrew Gallivan
Staff Wellbeing	Karen Skegg
EYFS	Shanie Jamieson

Denbigh School Local School Board

Chair	Mr Dominic Wood
Governor Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding inc. Attendance	Alex Tidy with Dominic Wood supporting
Inclusion inc. Pupil Premium, LAC, PLAC & SEND	Martin Leib with Kirstin Pryor supporting
Health & Safety inc. Trips & Visits	Vanessa Taibo with Sukhi Gill supporting
Student Behaviour & Attitudes & Personal Development	Kirstin Pryor
Curriculum, Achievement & Learning	Girinath Pillai
Staff Wellbeing	Pradeep Narayanan with Russell Newham supporting
Careers	Sukhi Gill with Alex Tidy supporting
Sixth Form	Akhtar Jan

Watling Academy Local School Board

Chair	Mr Rob Simpson
Governor Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding	Angela Chilton
Inclusion	Helen Pidgeon
Health & Safety inc. Trips & Visits	Howard Fielder

Behaviour and Personal Development	Jason Vaughan
Curriculum/Achievement	Marea Stears
Staff Wellbeing	Jason Vaughan
Careers	David Cattigan
Sixth Form	David Cattigan

Watling Primary Local School Board

Chair	Mr William Butler
Governor Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding	Liandra Walker/ Katherine Gilbert
Inclusion	Danielle Yearwood
Health & Safety inc. Trips & Visits	Matheus Pedroso
Behaviour and Personal Development	Jeremy Burey-Abraham
Curriculum/Achievement	Katherine Gilbert/Matheus Pedroso
Staff Wellbeing	Tony McGinley/Priti Jilka
EYFS	Katherine Gilbert

Willen Primary Local School Board

Chair	
Governor Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding	Laura Geering
Inclusion	Raymond Moodley
Health & Safety inc. Trips & Visits	Ed Ficek/Steve Helfet
Behaviour and Personal Development	Stuart Oliphant
Curriculum/Achievement	Steve Helfet
Staff Wellbeing	Irfan Mohamed
EYFS	Neda Rezaei

Attendance Record of Trustees and Governors at Trust Meetings 2024 – 2025

Board of Trustees

Name	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
John Cove	2	2
Maureen O'Brien	4	4
Willi Butler	4	4
Jonathan Giles	4	4
John Hand	3	4
Warren Preen	4	4
Sue Collings	4	4
Meanu Bajwa-Patel	3	4
Naomi Lewis	3	4
Elizabeth Bancroft	4	4
Daniela Thompson	1	4
Paula Lawson	3	4
Linda Ford	1	1
Jacqui Newham	1	1
Helen Wood	1	1

Audit and Risk Committee

Name	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
Warren Preen (Chair)	4	4
Maureen O'Brien	4	4
Sue Collings in attendance	3	4
John Hand in attendance	1	2
Linda Ford in attendance	1	1
Jacqui Newham in attendance	1	1

Care & Operations Committee

Name	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
John Hand (Chair)	5	5
Willi Butler	4	5
Naomi Lewis	3	5
Sue Collings	4	4
Linda Ford	1	1
Jacqui Newham	1	1
Maureen O'Brien (in attendance)	1	4

Education & Ventures Committee

Name	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
Jonathan Giles (Chair)	3	3
Elizabeth Bancroft	3	3
Meanu Bajwa-Patel	3	3
Daniela Thompson	2	3
Sue Collings	3	3
Willi Butler	3	3
Paula Lawson	3	3
Helen Wood	1	1
Linda Ford	1	1
Jacqui Newham	1	1

Brooksward/Drayton Park Local School Board Meetings 2024 – 2025

Name	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
Natalie De'Ath	6	6
Emma Docherty	0	1
Samantha Green	0	2
Laura Greenwood	6	6
Sam Hopton	5	6
Shanie Jamieson	6	6
Richard Lee	4	6
Sam Mungham	2	4
Karen Skegg	5	6
Jen Swain	6	6
Andrew Gallivan	5	6
Jennifer Andrews	2	4
Nora Pesheva	3	3

Denbigh School Local School Board Meetings 2024 – 2025

Name	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Dominic Wood (Chair)	7	8
Kirstin Pryor (Vice Chair)	8	8
Louise Conway	6	8
Akhtar Jan	8	8
Pradeep Narayanan	5	8
Anthony Steed (Headteacher)	8	8
Gill Molloy	7	8
Russell Newham	1	8
Neil Stickland	1	8
Alex Tidy	6	8
Martin Leib	6	6

Vanessa Taibo	4	4
Sukhi Gill	4	4
Giri Pillai	3	4

Watling Academy Board Meetings 2024 – 2025

Name	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Rob Simpson	6	7
Angela Chilton	6	7
Jason Vaughan	5	7
Helen Pidgeon	6	7
David Cattigan	1	7
Howard Fielder	6	7
Addobea Okutu	4	5
Muntazir Mhadi	0	1
Marea Stears	4	4
Victoria Colyer	1	1
Rhianna Owusu	1	4

Watling Primary School Board Meetings 2024 – 2025

Name	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr William Butler (Chair)	3	3
Mrs Liandra Walker	3	3
Mr Tony McGinley	3	3
Mrs Vikki Pegg	3	3
Ms Grace Tillen	3	3
Matheus Pedroso	1	3
Katheryn Gilbert	3	3
Sinead Henry	2	3
Priti Jilka	1	3
Danielle Yearwood	2	3

Willen Primary School Board Meetings 2024 – 2025

Name	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs Kelly Bargman	6	6
Mr Ed Ficek	5	6
Miss Laura Geering	5	6
Miss Jade Gilks	6	6
Mr Steve Helfet	6	6
Miss Hayley Gates	2	2
Miss Carrie Matthews	6	6
Dr Raymond Moodley	4	6
Mr Stuart Oliphant	2	2
Mrs. Neda Rezaei	4	6
Mr Muzzammil Umair	0	4
Mr Irfan Mohamed	5	5