The Alliance Schools Trust
2026 – 2027
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	05/11/25	-		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	05/11/25	-		Members of the Academy Trust	None
Previous Members						

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	Linda Ford (Chair)	24/03/25	24/03/29		Members of the Academy Trust	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	Pending renewal	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)	Ahktar Jan	19/10/26	18/10/27		Chair	Governor at Watling Primary School (until 31/12/2026)
Trustee	Paula Lawson	17/07/24	17/07/28		Members of the Academy Trust	Headteacher & Governor at Radcliffe School

Trustee	**Naomi Lewis**	**02/11/22**	**02/11/26**	Pending renewal	**Members of the Academy Trust**	**None**
Trustee	**Jacqui Newham**	**24/03/25**	**24/03/29**		**Members of the Academy Trust**	**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	**Daniela Thompson**	**20/12/23**	**20/12/27**		**Members of the Academy Trust**	**Headteacher of Loughton Manor First School**
Lead Gov. Professional	**Sarah Georgiou**					
Former Trustees						

Committees of the Board of Trustees

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

Local School Boards

Brooksward Local School Boards (LSB split from joint LSB with DPP 1st September 2026)

Status	Name	Date of appointment	End of Term Office	Date of stepping down	Appointed by	Business and Pecuniary Interests
Governor	Ben Hodson	Governor in role as Headteacher				None
Board Appointed Governor	Karen Skegg (Chair)	01/04/23 (11/12/23)	11/12/27		Trust Board	Social Worker for MKCC
Co-opted Governor	Andrew Gallivan	02/12/24	02/12/28		Local School Board	None
Staff Governor	Sam Mungham	01/04/23 (12/12/22)	12/12/26		Trust Board	Teacher at Brooksward
Staff Governor	Vacant					
Parent Governor	Nora Pesheva	10/01/25	10/01/29		Elected by Parents	None
Parent Governor	Vacant					
Parent Governor	Vacant					
Parent Governor	Vacant					
Parent Governor	Vacant					
Community Governor	Vacant					
Community Governor	Vacant					
Gov. Prof.	Emma Charters					
Former Governors						

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
Staff Governor	Gill Molloy	24/11/22	23/11/26		Elected by staff	None
Coopted Governor	Pradeep Narayanan	01/04/25	29/03/29		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						
Community Governor	Girinath Pillai	01/04/25	31/03/29	31/03/26	Local School Board	None
Parent Governor	Russell Newham	09/01/23	09/01/27	12/06/26	Elected by parents	None
Governor	Akhtar Jan	19/07/22	18/07/26	18/07/26	Trust Board	Governor at Watling Primary School

Drayton Park Local School Boards (LSB split from joint LSB with BWD 1st September 2026)						
Status	Name	Date of appointment	End of Term Office	Date of stepping down	Appointed by	Business and Pecuniary Interests
Governor	Jen Swain	Governor in role as Exec Headteacher				None
Community Governor	Jennifer Andrews (Vice Chair)	02/12/24	02/12/28		Local School Board	None
Staff Governor	Sam Horton	01/04/23 (01/01/23)	01/01/27		Elected by Staff	Teacher at Drayton Park
Staff Governor	Laura Greenwood				Elected by Staff	Headteacher at Drayton Park
Board appointed Governor	Shanie Jamieson (Chair)	01/04/23 (12/12/22)	12/12/26		Trust Board	Employed by two other non Trust schools as Attendance Officer
Community Governor	Mike Malcolm	09/12/2025	09/12/29		Local School Board	None
Community Governor	Andreas Liassis (Pending DBS)				Local School Board	None
Parent Governor	Vacant					
Parent Governor	Vacant					
Parent Governor	Vacant					
Parent Governor	Vacant					
Parent Governor	Vacant					
Gov. Prof.	Emma Charters					

Loughton Local School Boards (joined 1 9 2026)						
Status	Name	Date of appointment	End of Term Office	Date of stepping down	Appointed by	Business and Pecuniary Interests
Board Appointed Governor	Kirstin Pryor (Chair)	11/12/24	10/12/28		Trust Board	Parent Governor at Denbigh School. SBM at Cold Harbour School
Community Governor	Vacant					
Co-opted Governor	Shelley Cadman	17/06/26	16/06/30		School Board	Secondary School Teacher (Biddenham International School, Head of ICT and Computing)
Staff Governor	Vacant					
Staff Governor	Vacant					
Governor	Bex Green	Governor in role as Headteacher				None
Parent Governor	Karen Farrell	13/12/23	12/12/27		Elected by parents	None
Co-opted Governor	Sarah Hind	04/02/26	03/02/30		School Board	None
Parent Governor	Daniela Thompson	05/06/23	04/06/27		Elected by parents	Trustee TAST HT Loughton Manor First School QA rep for TMA ITT (IfTL)
Parent Governor	Vacant					
Parent Governor	Vacant					
Gov. Prof.	Anita Groves					

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	Helen Pidgeon (Chair)	01/07/23	01/07/27		Elected by parents	None
Parent Governor	Angela Chilton (Vice Chair)	01/07/23	01/07/27	23/09/26	Elected by parents	None
Governor	Emma Anderson	Governor in role as Headteacher				None
Parent Governor	Vacancy				Elected by parents	None
Co-opted Governor	Howard Fielder	01/09/24	01/09/28		School Board	None
Parent Governor	Vacancy	01/07/23	01/07/27		Elected by parents	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
Community Governor	Kunal Puri	21/10/26	21/10/30		School Board	None
Community Governor	Akash Nayee	21/10/26	21/10/30		School Board	None
Co-Opted Governor	Antonio Zapata-Webborn	21/10/26	21/10/30		School Board	None
Gov. Prof.	Katie Brennen					
Former Governors						
Board Appointed Governor	Rob Simpson (Chair)	19/07/22	19/07/26	31/7/26	Trust Board	Trustee of charity 'Project Possibility'. No immediate plans to work with Watling Academy or the wider Trust
Co-opted Governor	Jason Vaughan	01/09/22	01/09/26		School Board	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
Governor	Jeremy Burey-Abraham (Chair)	10/25	10/29		School Board	TBC
Co-opted Governor	Katheryn Gilbert (Vice Chair)	06/24	10/27		School Board	None
Governor	Vikki Pegg	Governor in role as Headteacher				None
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
Board Appointed Governor	Akhtar Jan	17/12/25	12/26		Trust Board	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						
Board Appointed Governor	William Butler (Chair)	19/07/23	19/07/27	9/12/2025	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)	03/12/25	02/12/29		Trust Board	None
Governor	Carrie Matthews	Governor in role as Headteacher				None
Staff Governor	Kelly Bargman	01/09/24 (29/09/23)	29/09/27		Elected by Staff	None
Community Governor	Edward Ficek	01/09/24 (19/06/23)	18/06/27		Trust Board	None
Staff Governor	Louise Tyas	TBC	TBC		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)	01/09/24 (01/12/22)	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	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 Chartersf					
Former Governors						
Staff Governor	Hayley Gates	26/02/25	25/02/29	19/7/2026	Elected by Staff	None

LSB Assurance Roles

Brooksward School Local School Board

Chair	Karen Skegg
Governor Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding	TBC
Inclusion inc. Pupil Premium, LAC, PLAC & SEND	TBC
Health & Safety inc. Trips & Visits	TBC
Student Behaviour & Attendance	Nora Pesheva
Curriculum, Teaching & Achievement	Andrew Gallivan
Staff Wellbeing	Karen Skegg
Personal Development	TBC
EYFS & Nursery	TBC

Denbigh School Local School Board

Chair	Mr Dominic Wood
Governor Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding	Alex Tidy
Inclusion inc. Pupil Premium, LAC, PLAC & SEND	Martin Leib
Health & Safety inc. Trips & Visits	Vanessa Taibo
Student Behaviour & Attendance	Dominic Wood
Curriculum, Teaching & Achievement	Kirstin Pryor
Staff Wellbeing	Pradeep Narayanan
Careers & Personal Development	Sukhi Gill
Sixth Form	Vacant

Drayton Park Schools Local School Board

Chair	**Karen Skegg**
Governor Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding	Shanie Jamieson
Inclusion inc. Pupil Premium, LAC, PLAC & SEND	Jennifer Andrews
Health & Safety inc. Trips & Visits	Mike Malcolm
Student Behaviour & Attendance	TBC
Curriculum, Teaching & Achievement	TBC
Staff Wellbeing	TBC
Personal Development	TBC
EYFS	Shanie Jamieson

Loughton School Local School Board

Chair	
Governor Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding	Shelley Cadman
Inclusion inc. Pupil Premium, LAC, PLAC & SEND	Kirstin Pryor
Health & Safety inc. Trips & Visits	Sarah Hind
Student Behaviour & Attendance	Karen Farrell (tbc)
Curriculum, Teaching & Achievement	Daniela Thompson
Staff Wellbeing	Shelley Cadman
Personal Development	Kirstin Pryor (tbc)
Governor Development	Karen Farrell

Watling Academy Local School Board

Chair	
Governor Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding	TBC
Inclusion inc. Pupil Premium, LAC, PLAC & SEND	Helen Pidgeon
Health & Safety inc. Trips & Visits	Howard Fielder
Student Behaviour & Attendance	TBC
Curriculum, Teaching & Achievement	Marea Stears
Staff Wellbeing	TBC
Careers & Personal Development	TBC
Sixth Form	TBC

Watling Primary Local School Board

Chair	**Jeremy Burey-Abraham**
Governor Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding	Liandra Walker/ Katherine Gilbert
Inclusion inc. Pupil Premium, LAC, PLAC & SEND	Danielle Yearwood
Health & Safety inc. Trips & Visits	Matheus Pedroso
Student Behaviour & Attendance	Jeremy Burey-Abraham
Curriculum, Teaching & Achievement	Katherine Gilbert/Matheus Pedroso
Staff Wellbeing	Tony McGinley/Priti Jilka
Personal Development	TBC
EYFS & Nursery	Katherine Gilbert

Willen Primary Local School Board

Chair	
Governor Assurance Roles	
Safeguarding	Laura Geering
Inclusion inc. Pupil Premium, LAC, PLAC & SEND	Raymond Moodley
Health & Safety inc. Trips & Visits	Ed Ficek
Student Behaviour & Attendance	Stuart Oliphant
Curriculum, Teaching & Achievement	Steve Helfet
Staff Wellbeing	Irfan Mohamed
Personal Development	TBC
EYFS	Neda Rezaei

Attendance Record of Trustees and Governors at Trust Meetings 2025 – 2026

Board of Trustees

Name	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
Maureen O'Brien	5	5
Willi Butler	4	5
Jonathan Giles	3	5
John Hand	4	5
Warren Preen	3	5
Sue Collings	4	5
Meanu Bajwa-Patel	4	5
Naomi Lewis	3	5
Elizabeth Bancroft	4	5
Daniela Thompson	4	5
Paula Lawson	3	5
Linda Ford	4	5
Jacqui Newham	5	5

Audit and Risk Committee

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

Care & Operations Committee

Name	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
John Hand (Chair)	5	5
Willi Butler	5	5
Naomi Lewis	3	5
Sue Collings	4	5
Linda Ford in attendance	3	5
Jacqui Newham in attendance	2	5
Maureen O'Brien in attendance	3	5

Education & Ventures Committee

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

Brooksward/Drayton Park Local School Board Meetings 2025 – 2026

Name	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
Natalie De'Ath	4	4
Laura Greenwood	4	4
Sam Hopton	3	4
Shanie Jamieson	2	4
Sam Mungham	2	4
Karen Skegg (Chair)	4	4
Jen Swain	4	4
Andrew Gallivan	4	4
Jennifer Andrews	3	4
Nora Pesheva	1	4
Mike Malcom	4	4

Denbigh School Local School Board Meetings 2025 – 2026

Name	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Dominic Wood (Chair)	4	5
Martin Leib (Vice Chair)	4	5
Akhtar Jan	5	5
Pradeep Narayanan	4	5
Anthony Steed (Headteacher)	5	5
Gill Molloy	4	5
Russell Newham	1	4
Neil Stickland	3	5
Alex Tidy	3	5
Vanessa Taibo	3	5
Sukhi Gill	4	5
Giri Pillai	2	2

Watling Academy Board Meetings 2025 – 2026

Name	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Rob Simpson (Chair)	3	4
Angela Chilton	4	4
Jason Vaughan	3	4
Helen Pidgeon	3	4
David Cattigan	0	4
Howard Fielder	3	4
Marea Stears	3	4
Victoria Colyer	3	4

Watling Primary School Board Meetings 2025 – 2026

Name	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs Akhtar Jan (Chair)	3	3
Mrs Liandra Walker	3	3
Mr Tony McGinley	3	3
Mrs Vikki Pegg	3	3
Ms Grace Burrows	3	3
Matheus Pedroso	1	3
Katheryn Gilbert	2	3
Priti Jilka	0	3
Mr William Butler	1	1
Danielle Yearwood	1	3
Jeremy Burey-Abraham	2	3
Imogen Day	1	3

Willen Primary School Board Meetings 2025 – 2026

Name	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs Kelly Bargman	3	3
Mr Ed Ficek	0	0
Miss Laura Geering	3	3
Mr. Steve Helfet	3	3
Miss Hayley Gates	1	3
Miss Carrie Matthews	3	3
Dr Raymond Moodley (Chair)	3	3
Mr Stuart Oliphant	2	3
Mrs. Neda Rezaei	2	3
Mr. Irfan Mohamed	2	3