



Discovery Schools Academy Trust – local governance arrangements 2023/24

Correct Autumn 2023

School	Name	Date of appointment	Term	Appointed by	Relevant business and pecuniary interests	Date of declaration	Meeting attendance 2022/23
Braunstone	Lauren Charlton	11.9.21	3 years	Co-opted	Staff Education Specialist, Fresh Start In Education since July 2017; vice-chair of trustees at Symphony Learning Trust since Sept 2016.	6.9.23	4/4
	Mandi Hales	9.2.23	3 years	Co-opted	Events Services, PUZL Partnership Ltd since Aug'23.	10.11.23	2/2
	Michelle Matthews	22.9.22	3 years	Parents	Governor at Nether Hall School since Jan'22	25.10.23	4/4
	Amos Mukiza	29.3.23	3 years	Parents			0/1
	Halil Tamgumus		Ongoing	Ex Officio - Headteacher	Wife is teacher at Kibworth Primary School	22.9.23	4/4
	Hannah Walley	26.2.21	3 years	Co-opted	Employed Delifrance UK and Ireland LTD since Jan'23.	29.11.23	3/4
	Sharon Walker	29.11.23	3 years	Staff			n/a
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
	Lauren Findlay	Jul-23		Staff			
Captain's Close	Joanne Angus	29.11.22	3 years	Parents	Employee, business Support - Qdos Contractor	23.10.23	2/3
	Andie Bailey		Ongoing	Ex Officio - Headteacher			4/4
	Liam Collins	26.9.23	3 years	Staff			n/a
	Charlotte Green	7.12.21	3 years	Co-opted	Employee, PepsiCo International; parent of child at ACC.	26.9.23	3/4
	Jennifer Hare		3 years	Parents	Senior technician, Severn Trent Water since Sept'06; parent of child at ACC.	15.11.23	n/a
	Ruth Malkin	27.4.23	3 years	Co-opted	Member of the IT Risk and Compliance Team, Santander UK since 1988; chair of Captains Close Primary School Advisory Board since 2020 & member of Keyham Lodge Advisory Board since 2020.	12.9.23	3/4

	Natalie Willcock	27.5.21	3 years	Co-opted	Employed Corby Glen Community Primary School.	30.10.23	3/4
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
Stephen Hilton		31.8.23		Parents			
Marceline Lindsay		31.8.23		Co-opted			
Sarah Sadler		31.8.23		Ex Officio – Executive Headteacher			
Danemill	Rose Carter	4.9.23	3 years	Staff	Son is pupil at Danemill; mother is staff member at Danemill.	4.9.23	n/a
	Pranava Chada	6.9.23	3 years	Co-opted			1/1
	Darren Gunter	21.1.22	3 years	Parents	Employee at Capital One, financial services since March'15.	8.9.23	4/4
	Laura Hackett		Ongoing	Ex Officio – Headteacher			n/a
	Kat Howard	17.3.26	3 years	Parents	Exec Director of School Improvement, Core Education Trust since Sept'23; member of the Chartered College of Teaching since Jan'21; NPQ assessor with Ambition Institute since Nov'21; Expert Advisor, TDT Professional Learning since Sept'20; Community planning committee, CST since Sept'20; Visiting Fellow, Aston University since June'23; Programme Advisory Group member, National Institute of Teaching since April'23; CEO, LitdriveUK since June18.	14.9.23	1/1
	Ravinder Saund	7.9.23	3 years	Co-opted	Owner/manager RS Legal Recruitment since Jan'23.	31.8.23	3/4
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
James Lewitt		Mar-23		Parents			
Tracey Lawrence		Apr-23		Ex Officio - Headteacher			
Julie Hickinbottom		Jul-23		Staff			
Fardon Fields	Ozlem Brokenshire	4.7.21	3 years	Parents			3/4
	Pauline Craig	25.10.23	3 years	Co-opted	Employee, Macmillan.	5.9.23	4/4

	Victoria Douglas	2.2.21	3 years	Staff			4/4
	Simone Harrison		Ongoing	Ex Officio - Headteacher	Director of company, 50% shareholder, Cherrybrook Properties Ltd since June21; Member of governing body and director of the trust, Welland Park Community College Academy Trust since July23.	7.9.23	n/a
	Matthew James	25.9.21	3 years	Parents	Site Manager at Beauchamp College, Lionheart Education Trust since 2016.	5.9.23	4/4
	Emma Tapson	23.1.23	3 years	Co-opted	Supply chain manager, Lucky Saint, since July'21	2.2.23	1/2
	Verina Wenham		3 years	Co-opted	Self-employed associate with Hoey Ainscough Associates Limited (HAA) since Jan'22; Trustee and honorary Secretary of the Northamptonshire Victoria County History Trust since June'22; member of the Law Society.	1.12.23	2/2
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
Julie Simpson		Jul-23		Co-opted			
Nikki Matthew		Jul-23		Ex Officio - Headteacher			
Fossebrook	Richard Bailey	23.5.22	3 years	Co-opted	Senior Lecture, De Montfort University since June 2017; Fellow of Advanced HE since March 2021.	2.10.23	4/4
	Erica Dodd	22.11.23	3 years	Parents	Operations Partner, Alloneword.	26.11.23	n/a
	Kellie Lees	19.9.26	3 years	Staff			n/a
	Joanne Stone		Ongoing	Ex Officio - Headteacher	Shareholder, Ginger Bear catering since April 2021; husband, CEO of Discovery Schools Trust.	7.9.23	4/4
	Sam Williams	10.3.23	3 years	Parents			4/4
	Mark Widdop	8.3.26	3 years	Co-opted	Employee, Barratts Plc since July22	2.10.23	2/2
	Urszula Zawadzka	22.11.23		Parents	Community Brands UK.	27.11.23	n/a
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
Dan Hay		Jul-23		Staff			
Sachin Dogra		2.11.23					

Greystoke	Neeta Jain-Mistry	26.9.22	3 years	Co-opted	Part-time Maths Teacher at Charnwood College; Director of NKJM Properties Ltd (Property Rental); 25% shareholder Renergy Solutions Ltd (Renewable and Energy Efficient Technologies Fitted)	16.11.23	2/4
	Paul Meredith	4.9.22	3 years	Co-opted			3/4
	Ronnie Richardson		Ongoing	Ex Officio - Headteacher	Parent of child attending Fossebrook Primary School.	23.10.23	4/4
	Mark Rose	10.5.21	3 years	Parents			3/4
	Lizzie Wright	15.9.22	3 years	Staff			3/4
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
Aneeta Hulait		Oct-23		Parents		4.9.23	
Dina North		Sept-23		Parents			
Keyham Lodge	Marie Bannatyne	11.1.23	3 years		Head of Governance at Discovery Trust since Oct'22.	1.9.23	2/3
	James Brown	11.1.23	3 years	Co-opted			3/3
	Chris Bruce		On going	Ex Officio – Executive Headteacher	Chair at Leicester Partnership School.	21.9.23	1/3
	Kevin Dakin	5.1.23	3 years	Staff			3/3
	Sunny Dogra	29.11.23	3 years	Co-opted			n/a
	Vicky Edwards		On going	Ex Officio - Headteacher	Parent governor KGGs since Sept'22; member of the British Dyslexia Association since 2016.	27.11.23	3/3
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
Ruth Malkin		29.11.23		Co-opted			
Joe Young		Dec-22		Staff			
Kibworth	Mick Beck	16.9.21	3 years	Staff			4/4
	Helen Collins Rackley	7.2.21	3 years	Parents	Daughter pupil at Kilworth Primary School	6.9.23	3/4
	Matthew Day	1.11.22	3 years	Co-opted	Strategy of Sound Ltd.	6.9.23	n/a
	Ludger Fremmer		Ongoing	Ex Officio – Local incumbent	Rector at St Wilfrid's Church of England since 2007; Trustee, Kibworth and Smeeton Religious Education Trust (registered charity) since 2007; wife is a Primary School teacher (not within Discovery).	26.10.23	3/4

	Harmony Lansdown	4.5.23	3 years	Parents	Employed by the University of Leicester since October 2015.	31.8.23	n/a
	Nikki Matthew		Ongoing	Ex Officio – Headteacher			n/a
	Andrew Petersen	21.9.23	3 years	Co-opted	Spouse is Chair of Kibworth PTA.	6.9.23	4/4
	Simon Riley	3.3.22	4 years	Foundation	Chief Operating Officer, Cheshire and Chester West Council; member Chartered Institute of Public Finance.	6.9.23	3/4
	Elizabeth Scott	23.9.21	4 years	Foundation			4/4
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
Gilly Paterson		Apr-23		Ex Officio – Headteacher			
Robert Woolston		5.12.23		Co-opted			
Leighfield							
	Vicky Craven	20.3.23	3 years	Co-opted			4/4
	Sophie Dawson	16.5.22	3 years	Parents	HR manager at Rutland & District Schools' Federation (MAT) since May 2013; Director SSMA Property Ltd and Director Quad D Property Ltd since October 2021; trustee of Friends of Leighfield since May 23; spouse is MD of Rutland Merchandise & Deco School Wear since March 2015.	11.9.23	4/4
	Sarah Eaton		Ongoing	Ex Officio – Headteacher			4/4
	Barry Read	3.2.23	3 years	Co-opted			3/4
	Hannah Roddy	26.1.21	3 years	Parents	Headteacher at Thrussington Primary school since April 2020	11.9.23	4/4
	Russell Speirs	11.9.23	3 years	Co-opted	Founder and chairman, RSAcademics Ltd since 2001.	11.9.23	n/a
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
Emma Speirs		Jul-23		Co-opted			
Merrydale							
	Fahima Ali	9.11.22	3years	Parents			2/2
	Marie Bannatyne	28.9.23	3 years	Co-opted	Head of Governance at Discovery Trust since Oct'22.	1.9.23	n/a
	Tony Corbett		Ongoing	Ex Officio – Headteacher	Daughter employed at Merrydale Junior School.	21.9.23	n/a

	Mariam Essof	26.2.20	3 years	Co-opted	Employed at DMU since December 2013.		4/4
	Kate Hodgkinson	19.5.23	3 years	Staff			1/1
	Rawinder Kaur	7.4.22	3 years	Co-opted	Senior Lecturer at De Montfort University since Sept 2018; member of ACCA since January 2020.	28.9.23	3/4
	Karen Ludden	7.4.22	3 years	Co-opted			4/4
	Rizwana Parkar	9.11.22	3 years	Parents	Employee, University of Leicester since July 2022.	31.10.23	2/2
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
	Tarikul Islam	4.2.23		Co-opted			
	Toby Brown	Mar-23		Staff			
	Lesley Butcher	Jul-23					
	Catriona Mugglestone	Jul-23		Ex Officio – Headteacher			
Millgate	Delphi Angus	23.2.23	3 years	Parents			1/1
	Chris Bruce		Ongoing	Ex Officio – Executive Headteacher	Chair at Leicester Partnership School.	21.9.23	2/3
	Suraj Chudasama	14.3.23	3 years	Staff			2/2
	Kate Jones	23.11.21	3 years	Parents			4/4
	Adam Lapidge	24.11.21	3 years	Co-opted	Stepbrother to Paul Stone, Trust Leader	30.10.23	4/4
	Sara Marsh		Ongoing	Ex Officio – Headteacher	Fiancé Jie Elveson, Millgate School; Mother Angie Blackburn, Millgate School.	7.9.23	4/4
	Lynn Moore	24.11.21	3 years	Co-opted	Managing Director, Independent Child Psychology Services Ltd since 1993; elected member for Knighton ward, Leicester City Council 2011; member & associate fellow, British Psychological Society, 1993.	27.9.23	4/4
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
Mowmacre	Michelle Bown	26.1.22	3 years	Co-opted	Casual Lunch time supervisor, Mellor Primary School; daughter pupil at Mowmacre Hill Primary School.	31.8.23	3/4
	Jennifer Connelly	9.10.23	3 years	Parents			4/4
	Jackie Dean	16.11.22	3 years	Co-opted	Ministry of Justice (non-legal member) since 2010.	15.9.23	2/3
	Estelle Ewing	22.9.23	3 years	Staff			n/a

	Rob Hinsley	16.11.22	3 years	Co-opted	Vicar and Chair of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), Diocese of Leicester and the Church Commissioners since Nov'21; Chair of the PCC and Trustee, Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of Stocking Farm, Saint Luke and Beaumont Leys, Christ the King since Nov'21.	5.11.23	3/3
	Roddy Jonas	18.11.22	3 years	Parents			2/4
	Matthew Peet		Ongoing	Ex Officio – Headteacher			2/4
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
Jose Rodriguez		Jul-23		Staff			
Parkland							
	Louise Barber	26.5.22	3 years	Co-opted	Member of the Discovery Trust Senior Leadership team since September 2012.		3/4
	Lauren Charlton	14.9.23	3 years	Co-opted	Staff Education Specialist, Fresh Start In Education since July 2017; vice-chair of trustees at Symphony Learning Trust since Sept 2016.	6.9.23	n/a
	Andrew Hayes		Ongoing	Ex Officio – Acting Headteacher			n/a
	Anna Harrington	14.9.23	3 years	Co-opted	University of Leicester Research Associate	17.10.23	n/a
	Nick Hughes	12.10.23	3 years	Parents			n/a
	Taruna Masani	14.9.23	3 years	Co-opted	Employee, South Wigston HC since July'23.	11.12.23	n/a
	Niki McMillan	20.5.21	3 years	Parents	Midday supervisor and cleaner at Parkland Primary School.		4/4
	Joel Murray	12.10.23	3 years	Parents			n/a
	Rita Samji	8.4.22	3 years	Staff			4/4
	Sanjay Thakrar	7.6.26	3 years	Co-opted	Employed at Santander Banking; Parent governor at Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School since 2016; member of ACCA since 2000 and ACT since 2004.	14.9.23	4/4
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
Sam Creed		16.10.23					
Redlands							
	Simon Dalby	3.12.19	3 years	Parents	Senior Public Health Manager, Leicestershire County Council Public Health since Feb'15.	13.11.23	4/4

	Katy Green	3.2.23	3 years	Parents	Administration manager, British Triathlon Federation since July'21; shareholder, Leoma Services Ltd since Sept'20.	20.9.23	1/1
	Aabshar Piare	29.4.22	3 years	Staff	Partner A Lapidge, Discovery employee.	14.9.23	3/4
	Nick Salter	19.4.21	3 years	Co-opted			4/4
	Peter Small	19.4.21	3 years	Co-opted	Committee member, RailFuture (East Midlands branch) since July'23.	19.9.23	4/4
	Michelle Rosenitsch		Ongoing	Ex Officio – Headteacher			4/4
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
Woolden Hill							
	Lauren Atkinson	4.6.22	3 years	Co-opted			4/4
	Liz Cooper	10.12.22	3 years	Staff			2/4
	Barbara Gibson	9.3.23	3 years	Parents	Employee Special Educational Needs team, Leicestershire County Council since Jan22	9.10.23	4/4
	William James	4.6.22	3 years	Co-opted	Owner Director of Target Studios Ltd commercial photography	14.9.23	4/4
	Sujay Lavingia	19.1.23	3 years	Co-opted	Finance Manager, Marks and Spencer Plc since Oct'22.	13.11.23	3/4
	Candi Norman		Ongoing	Ex Officio – Headteacher	Cosignatory on husband's business, Mark Norman Landscapes, since Jan 2010.	10.9.23	4/4
	Orla Myatt	15.3.23	3 years	Parents	Employee, Nottingham Trent University since Feb'22; trustee, The Sentencing Academy since Feb'22'; the Law Society Nottinghamshire, non-practising solicitor member since March'23.	20.9.23	1/1
	Liz Roche	28.3.21	3 years	Co-opted			2/4
Resigned in last 12 months		Date resigned		Appointed by			
Sarah Sadler		Jul-23		Ex Officio – Executive Headteacher			