The Governors at The Blake School are a well informed and committed group of twelve volunteers who work as a team to-

Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;

Hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;

Oversee the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent.

As part of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST) the work of the governing board is supported by the Directors of ODST. The Directors have delegated many responsibilities to the governors, if you want to read more about this you can do so here.

The governors work closely with Mr Edwards-Grundy, Mrs Patchett and the wider staff team; they routinely visit school to monitor the implementation of the school's strategic priorities. Governors receive training and support from ODST and the Diocese to help them fulfil their role effectively.

Meetings of the full governing board take place once a month during term time. There is huge variety to the work of the governors and so where necessary they also meet in smaller groups/committees.

Governors are always happy to be contacted by parents/carers and children. Governors can be contacted via the school office, or you can email them at: governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk

Governors	Role on governing body	Term of office	Appointed by	Pecuniary Interests
Tim Edwards-Grundy 	Headteacher	01/09/2012	Governor by virtue of his position as headteacher	
Matt Beer 		New to the Governing Body in September 2024	ODST (Foundation Governor)	

Ruth Cadywould 	.	25/06/2024 – 24/06/2028	ODST (Foundation governor)	
Liz Henderson 	SENCO	17/09/2024 – 16/09/2028	Staff	
Jason Hoyland 	Chair of the Finance committee SEN and Pupil Premium link governor Vice-Chair	18/10/2017 – 17/10/2029	ODST (Foundation governor)	
Clare Huggard 	Safeguarding governor Chair	01/11/2022 – 31/10/2026	Parent governor	
Elizabeth Knowles 	SIAMS link governor	01/09/2022 – 31/08/2030	ODST (Foundation governor)	Former employee of OUP Also a governor for St Mary's Infant School

Rob Miles		14/11/2023 – 13/11/2027	ODST (Foundation governor)	
Andrew Newham 	Member of the finance committee	02/12/2019 – 01/12/2027	ODST (Foundation governor)	