

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 and other members of the 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, meeting in different classrooms in order to see the work that is being displayed and get a feel for what is going on in the school.

There is huge variety to the work of the governors and so where necessary they also meet in smaller groups/committees.

The Finance committee has responsibility for the in-depth scrutiny of the school's finances; their meetings are attended by the School Business Manager. Governors are involved in the recruitment of staff, decisions regarding staff pay and they look at any staffing/personnel matters.

The Admissions committee consists of any three members of the Governing Board, they meet once a term to discuss any in-year applications for places at the school.

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

To find out more about the work of the governors, you can read their [newsletters](#) and termly [summaries of business](#). You can also meet governors at school events, where they will be happy to talk to you about their work.

Governors	Role on governing body	Term of office	Appointed by	Pecuniary Interests
David Eaton 	Member of the Finance committee. Admissions link governor	01/09/2018 – 31/08/2022	ODST (Foundation governor)	Member of The Blake Educational Trust
Tim Edwards-Grundy 	Headteacher	01/09/2012	Governor by virtue of his position as headteacher	
Philip Fowler 	Chair of Governors Data link governor	15/01/2016 – 22/10/2023	Parents	
Fiona Hayes 	Member of the Finance committee.	01/09/2016 – 31/08/2020	Staff	
Jason Hoyland 	Chair of the Finance committee SEN and Pupil Premium link governor	18/10/2017 – 17/10/2021	ODST (Foundation governor)	

Simon Kirby 		01/03/2015 – 28/02/2023	ODST (Foundation governor)	Vicar of St Mary's, Cogges. Member of the Blake Educational Trust
Elizabeth Knowles 	SIAMS link governor	01/09/2018 – 31/08/2022	ODST (Foundation governor)	Former employee of OUP
Barbara March 	English and Literacy link governor.	18/12/2015 – 28/02/2023	ODST (Community governor)	
Andrew Newham 		02/12/2019 – 01/12/2023	ODST (Foundation Governor)	
Samantha Sadler 	Vice-Chair Training link governor Health and safety link governor	23/10/2015 – 22/10/2023	Parents	
Anthony Sayles 	Safeguarding link governor.	01/09/2015 – 31/08/2023	ODST (Foundation governor)	

