

VICTORIA ACADEMIES TRUST AC OVERVIEWS 2025-6



Birchen Coppice

Name	Role	Appointed by	TOO from	TOO end	Skillset	Declarations of Interest
Marcia Hart	Clerk					
Roland Roberts	Chair	Trustees	30.09.2023	29.09.2027	Previous National Leader of Governance Considerable experience of school governance including chairing	Cadmus Federation – Chair Cardinal Partnership- Director Walsall Council- Consultant Cardinal Capital Ltd- Director Cadmus Services Ltd- Director The Mercian Trust- Trustee Alumwell Junior School – Chair of Governors Entrust Ltd- Consultant Diocese of Gloucester- Consultant BCRS Business loans Company secretary Severn Academies Education Trust- Trustee
Sharon Gibson	Vice Chair	Trustees	01.09.2025	31.08.2029	Retired HT, member of local community. Vast experience of education and governance.	Previous HT of Devonshire Infant Academy (retired in December 2022) Husband Business (kitchen specialist)
Sandra Pennington	Headteacher	Ex-officio				Governor on IEB for Stourport High School and Sixth Form
Catherine Harris	Community	Trustees	13.12.2024	12.12.2028	Local Community and previous education experience, voluntary sector experience	None
Charlotte Jeynes	Staff - Support	Staff	08.12.2023	07.12.2027		Runs a part time catering business (Flava)
Matthew Carpenter	Community	Trustees	22.05.2024	21.05.2028	CEO of local Trust education and community knowledge and experience	SAET CEO Hagley Rambler Scouts- Trustee

Jordan Chambers-Bligh	Staff - Teaching	Staff	11.07.2025	10.07.2029		None
Michelle Cole	Parent	Parents	07.10.2025	06.10.2029		None
Vacancy	Parent					

Devonshire Infant & Junior

Name	Role	Appointed by	TOO from	TOO end	Skillset	Declaration of Interest
Lauren Reynolds	Clerk					
Harpal Tiwana	Chair	Trustees	07.11.2024	06.11.2028	Member of the local community. Work for the NHS. Experience of Data analysis and policies within public sector.	None
Kate Lamb	Vice Chair	Trustees	03.10.2023	02.10.2027	Lecturer in initial teacher training – ex teacher with SEN specialism, brings education expertise as well as SEND and further education	University of Worcester- Lecturer in Initial teacher Training
Elise Waldron	Headteacher	Ex-Officio				Aim Environmental Group – Pest Control (Husband's company) Olivia Collinson - teacher at DJA - daughter
Leslie Clements	Community	Trustees	01.09.2025	31.08.2029	Retired Learning Support Staff	Pro-Active Financial Advisers - Director
Debbie Hunt	Staff - Teaching	Staff	22.11.2024	21.11.2028		None
Farah Javed	Parent	Parents	08.06.2025	07.06.2029	Background in media and broadcasting	None
Gary Singh	Community	Trustees	13.12.2024	13.12.2028	Paralegal	None
Ritu Sharma	Parent	Parents	08.06.2025	07.06.2029	Qualified solicitor – currently working for a local authority as an Education Lawyer.	King Edward VI Handsworth for Girls - Parent Governor
Sharon Elliott	Staff-Support	Staff	19.09.2025	18.09.2029		None

Elm Tree

Name	Role	Appointed by	TOO from	TOO end	Skillset	Declaration of Interest
Lauren Reynolds	Clerk					None
Beth Barnsley	Headteacher	Ex-Officio				None
Muheeb Azmi	Parent	Parents	29.01.2024	28.01.2028	Experience of being parent to a SEND child and the SEND education system	None
Gavin Birch	Staff Teaching	Staff	02.10.2025	02.07.2029	Assistant Head at ELM.	None
Kelly Steadman - Hope	Community	Trustees	06.11.25	05.11.2029	Education recruitment- experience of education sector	Employee- Aspire Education (education Recruitment Agency
vacancy	Community					
vacancy	Community					
vacancy	Community					
Tracy Cooper	Vice Chair	Parents	07.11.2022	06.11.2026	SEND experience as a parent, advocacy, multiagency signposting and access, autistic community experience	None
Poonam Deol	Staff-Support	Staff	02.10.2025	02.10.2029	Support Staff at ELM	None

Fibbersley Park

Name	Role	Appointed by	TOO from	TOO end	Skillset	Declaration of Interest
Lauren Reynolds	Clerk					
Lucy Cooper	Chair	Trustees	06.11.2025	06.11.2029	Schools Business Manager Statutory guidance for schools Pupil premium lead HR	Business Manager/Associate Member at Bilston CE Primary
Kathryn Sugars	Headteacher	Ex-Officio			Experienced Headteacher with over 16 years' experience. I have led both LA and Academy schools. Strategic Planning Policies and processes Teaching and Learning Finance	Stourport Primary school - Supporting Project Board
Amy Hubble	Staff Teaching	Staff	26.05.2023	25.05.2027	Experienced KS2 teacher. Now based in Year 6. Values champion for the school. SEND AC link Leading on Metacognition ETC mentor across the school	Links with IEWS (Independent Education Welfare Service) Mom is Attendance Officer at FPA
Susan Walls	Staff Support	Staff	19.06.2025	18.06.2029	Support Staff	None
Holly Owen	Vice Chair	Trustees	13.12.2024	12.12.2028	Teacher of Humanities at Wednesfield Academy	Teacher of Humanities at Wednesfield Academy
Bajinder Singh Kundan	Parent	Parents	02.05.2025	01.05.2029	Experience of local community needs and business	Business Owner - King Cod Chippy
vacancy	Parent					
vacancy	Community					
vacancy	Community					

Foley Park

Name	Role	Appointed by	TOO from	TOO end	Skillset	Declaration of Interest
Marcia Hart	Clerk					
Richard Collie	Chair	Trustees	07.07.2026	06.07.2029	Ran a management consultancy company for 20 years before retirement	Chair Wyre Forest Swimming Club
Soneeta Reynolds	Headteacher	Ex-Officio				None
Kirsty Fellows	Staff Teaching	Staff	27.02.2025	06.02.2029		None
Micaila Price	Staff Support	Staff	18.10.2023	17.10.2027		None
Lucy Valentine	Parent	Parents	28.02.2024	27.02.2028		None
Sarah Dunlop	Community	Trustees	11.07.2025	10.07.2029		None
Rob Lloyd	Community	Trustees	23.05.2025	22.05.2029		Trustee – Arely Kings Village Hall Trustee - Burlish Bike park Trustee- Elizabeth Mills Day Centre Trustee – 16 th St Michaels Scout Group
Vacancy	Parent					
Vacancy	Community					

Northfield Manor

Name	Role	Appointed by	TOO from	TOO end	Skillset	Declaration of Interest
	Clerk					
Emma Tunley	Chair	Trustees	02.12.2022	01.12.2026		None
Tom Hull	Headteacher	Ex-Officio				None
Salaheddin Aboulgasem	Parent	Parents	18.10.2024	17.10.2028		None
Paul Blakey-Harris	Community	Trustees	02.12.2022	01.12.2026	DHT at VPA-education background	DHT at Victoria Park Academy
Robert Eeles	Associate Member	Trustees	01.02.2023	31.01.2027		
Donna McCarty	Staff Teaching	Staff	25.09.2024	24.09.2028		None
Mandy Sheldon	Staff Support	Staff	12.12.2024	11.12.2028		None
Akaal Sidhu	Community	Trustees	02.12.2022	01.12.2026		None
Mandeep Vryaparj	Community	Trustees	13.02.2025	13.02.2029		Wife is class teacher at NMA

Poppyfield

Name	Role	Appointed by	TOO from	TOO end	Skillset	Declaration of Interest
Andy Chell	Clerk					
Simon Davies	Chair	Trustees	21.10.2022	20.10.2026	Inspiring healthy lifestyles – community, procurement and performance management	Lichfield District Council- employee SD Coaching - Owner
Diane Pritchard	Vice Chair	Trustees	21.10.2022	20.10.2026	Assistant Headteacher of secondary school – safeguarding, data	Kingsmead - Husband Business Manager Kingsmead – Teacher of Music
Becky Scordis	Headteacher	Ex-Officio				None
Chris Berry	Parent	Parents	06.12.2022	05.12.2026	Part time year 6 teacher, curriculum and assessment, performance management, data	None
Scarlett Sabin	Staff Teaching	Staff	03.02.2023	02.02.2027		None
Vicky Targosz-Johnson	Parent	Parents	02.12.2022	01.12.2026	Social worker – safeguarding, procurement	None
Lotty Clarke	Staff Support	Staff	10.12.2024	10.12.2028		None
Julie Flowers	Community	Trustees	07.02.2025	07.02.2029		None
Vacancy	Community					

Rowley Park

Name	Role	Appointed by	TOO from	TOO end	Skillset	Declaration of Interest
Andy Chell	Clerk					
Anna McNulty	Vice Chair	Parents	06.05.2023	25.05.2027	Qualified Teacher currently working with a primary early year setting.	None
Annika Beaumont	Headteacher	Ex-Officio				None
Daniel Hunt	Staff Teaching	Staff	05.02.2025	05.02.2029		None
Tapiwa Kandengwa	Community	Trustees	02.12.2022	01.12.2026	Works for National Rail locally, also works with outreach programme to raise aspirations/experiences	None
Debbie Lipton	Staff Support	Staff	17.09.2024	16.09.2028		None
Lucinda Burgess	Community	Trustees	13.12.2024	12.12.2028	Local pastor and experienced teacher	None
Faye Meacham	Parent	Parents	13.12.2024	13.12.2028	Performing Arts and teaching	None
Vacancy	Community					
Vacancy	Community					

Victoria Park

Name	Role	Appointed by	TOO from	TOO end	Skillset	Declaration of Interest
Lauren Reynolds	Clerk					
Kuldip Kaur	Chair	Parents	20.07.2025	19.07.2029	Solicitor and ex pupil of the school. Part of the community	None
Niamh Mulcahy	Vice Chair	Trustees	22.03.2024	21.03.2028		None
Rob Reed	Headteacher	Ex-Officio				None
Robert Eeles	Community	Trustees	06.07.2025	05.07.2029	He brings an understanding of the community, as well as Teaching and Learning.	Deputy Head Teacher at Northfield Manor
Jattinder Khaira	Community	Trustees	01.12.2022	30.11.2026	He has previously worked at Sandwell and City hospitals and as a GP in Handsworth. Raised in Smethwick and still have local personal links to the area. Previous experience as a Governor	Handsworth Grammar – Governor University Hospital – Employee
Larisa Pavel	Parent	Parents	23.05.2025	22.05.2029	Health and Social Care Lecturer, Post Graduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Vocational Studies (PGLTVS), Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA), MA Education and Learning, BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care Scholars School System	None
Threema AbdulKarim	Staff Support	Staff	23.10.2024	22.10.2028		None
Kirandeep Kaur	Staff Teaching	Staff	23.10.2024	22.10.2028		None
Tasneem Yafai	Parent	Parents	04.06.2025	03.06.2029		None

Whitehall Infant & Nursery

Name	Role	Appointed by	TOO from	TOO end	Skillset	Declaration of Interest
Claire Cocker-Stewart	Clerk					
Lee Kilkenny	Headteacher	Ex-Officio				Governor- Whitehall Junior School
Liz Attwood	Community	Trustees	01.04.2025	31.03.2029	HT at local Junior school, extensive local and education experience	HT at local Junior School
Skerntian Keri	Community	Trustees	01.04.2025	31.03.2029		None
Ali Abbas	Co-Chair	Parents	01.04.2025	31.03.2029		Wife is accountant that oversees public sector pensions (incl VAT schools) Walsall Council Education Scrutiny- Governor
Habiba Amjad	Co-Chair	Parents	01.04.2025	31.03.2029		None
Sa'diyah Bibi	Parent	Parents	01.01.2022	31.12.2026		
Hilary Ware	Staff Support	Staff	08.09.2025	07.09.2028		None
Laura Barter	Staff Teaching	Staff	01.08.2022	31.07.2026		None