

Athersley South Primary School Governing Body

What do Governors do?

School governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools. Governors appoint the head teacher and deputy headteacher. It is governors who hold the main responsibility for finance in schools, and it is governors who work with the headteacher to make the tough decisions about balancing resources.

Each individual governor is a member of a governing board, which is established in law as a corporate body. Individual governors may not act independently of the rest of the governing board; decisions are the joint responsibility of the governing board.

The role of the governing board is a strategic one, its key functions are to:

- set the aims and objectives for the school
- set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives
- set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives
- monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives
- be a source of challenge and support to the headteacher (a critical friend)

(Source - <http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor/Be-a-Governor.aspx>)

The Governing Body has established a number of committees to which it delegates day to day responsibility for the oversight of various aspects of the running of the school. The main committees are:

Finance Committee

Initial oversight and management of the annual budget drawn up by the school; Ensures the school maintains an appropriate system of internal financial control; Agrees priorities for revenue and capital funding.

The Chairperson is Mrs Kath Bostwick

Curriculum and Staffing Committee

Ensures the school offers a broad and balanced curriculum in accordance with the National Curriculum; Provides strategic advice and guidance on staffing and personnel issues; Reviews proposals for the promotion of staff.

The Chairperson is Mrs Kath Bostwick

Buildings and Maintenance Committee

Oversight of the management and maintenance of the school premises; Reviews proposals for capital projects and ensures best practice in procurement and implementation of works; Provides advice and guidance on premises maintenance issues; Lead responsibility for Health & Safety and monitoring of associated statutory requirements (eg Fire safety, Legionella etc).

The Chairperson is Mrs Kath Bostwick

School Improvement Strategy Group

Reviews progress against the agreed improvement plan and the deployment of the school's resources to meet identified needs; Review the impact of improvement strategies on outcomes for pupils and the quality of learning and teaching across the school.

The Chairperson is Mrs Kath Bostwick

Governor Name	Governor Type (eg., Foundation; Community; LA; etc.)	Governor Position (eg., Chair; Vice Chair; Parent Governor; Teacher etc)	Committees	Initial Start Date	Term of Office	End Date	Appointing Body	Declared Interests
Mrs Kathleen Bostwick	Co-opted	Chair of Governors	Staffing & Curriculum; Finance; Buildings & Maintenance; School Improvement Strategy Group	17/06/2019	4 years	16/06/2023	Elected	
Mr Neil Wright	Local Authority Governor	Local Authority Governor	Staffing & Curriculum	12/10/2019	4 years	11/10/2023	Elected	
Mrs Emma Sanderson	Headteacher	Headteacher	Staffing & Curriculum; School Improvement Strategy Group	01/09/2014	Ongoing with position	Ongoing with position	Automatic on appointment to position	
Miss Jodie Stanley	Staff	Staff – Class Teacher and Leader of Learning	To be confirmed	13/01/2022	4 years	12/01/2026	Elected	
Mrs Claire Nock	Co-opted	Vice Chair of Governors (SEN Governor)	Staffing & Curriculum; Buildings & Maintenance School Improvement Strategy Group	27/09/2018	4 years	26/09/2022	Elected	
Mrs Zoe Popplestone	Parent	Parent (Safeguarding Governor)	Staffing & Curriculum; Finance School Improvement Strategy Group	9/6/2020	4 years	9/06/2024	Elected	
Mrs Jane Beech	Co-opted	Community	Staffing & Curriculum; Buildings & Maintenance	01/02/2021	4 years	31/01/2025	Elected	
Mr Jacques Chery	Parent	Parent	Finance; Staffing & Curriculum	03/02/2021	4 years	02/02/2025	Elected	
Mrs Emma McDonald-Brown	Parent	Parent	To be confirmed	13/05/2021	4 years	13/05/2025	Elected	
Mrs Jenna Allott	Parent	Parent	Finance; Buildings & Maintenance	13/11/2018	4 years	12/11/2022 Resigned: 04/03/2021	Elected	Related to staff member

<i>Cllr Jenny Platts</i>	<i>Local Authority Governor</i>	<i>Vice Chair of Governors (Safeguarding Governor)</i>	<i>Finance; School Improvement Strategy Group</i>	<i>17/06/2015</i>	<i>4 years</i>	<i>16/06/2019</i> <i>Stepped down: 16/06/2019</i>	<i>Elected</i>	
<i>Mrs Stephanie Carson</i>	<i>Co-opted</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Staffing & Curriculum; Buildings & Maintenance</i>	<i>01/02/2017</i>	<i>4 years</i>	<i>31/01/2021</i> <i>Stepped down: 17/07/2020</i>	<i>Elected</i>	
<i>Mrs Megan Wheelwright</i>	<i>Parent</i>	<i>Parent</i>	<i>Finance; Buildings & Maintenance</i>	<i>30/01/2018</i>	<i>4 years</i>	<i>29/01/2022</i> <i>Stepped down: 2021</i>	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Related to staff member/ HLTA in school</i>
<i>Mr Dale Gledhill</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>Staff – Class Teacher and Leader of Learning with responsibility for Maths</i>	<i>Finance</i>	<i>22/09/2020</i>	<i>4 years</i>	<i>21/09/2024</i> <i>Stepped down: December 2021</i>	<i>Elected</i>	

Governing Body Meetings 2020 - 2021	Spring 2021 (Virtual Meeting due to Covid-19) 10 th February 2021	Summer Term 2021 (Virtual Meeting due to Covid-19) 16 th June 2021	Autumn Term 2021 21 st October 2021
Mrs Kathleen Bostwick	Present	Present	Present
Mrs Joanne Boreham	In attendance	In attendance	In attendance
Mr Dale Gledhill	Present	Present	Present
Mrs Claire Nock	Present	Present	Present
Mrs Emma Sanderson	Present	Present	Present
Mrs Jenna Allott	Absent	n/a	n/a
Mrs Zoe Popplestone	Present	Present	Present
Mrs Emma McDonald-Brown	n/a	n/a	Present
Mr Neil Wright	Present	Present	Present
Mrs Jane Beech	n/a	Present	Present
Mr Jacques Chery	n/a	Present	Present
Clerk	Mrs Caroline Donovan	Mrs Caroline Donovan	Mrs Caroline Donovan

Committee Meetings

SPRING TERM 2022

Finance – 6th January 2022

Present: Zoe Popplestone, Jacques Chery, Claire Nock

In attendance: Joanne Boreham

Apologies: None

Absent: Kath Bostwick

Buildings & Maintenance – 6th January 2022

Present: Claire Nock

In attendance: Joanne Boreham

Apologies: None

Absent: Kath Bostwick, Jane Beech

Staffing & Curriculum – 6th January 2022

Present: Emma Sanderson, Zoe Popplestone, Claire Nock, Jacques Chery

Apologies: None

Absent: Kath Bostwick, Neil Wright

AUTUMN TERM 2021**Finance – 15th October 2021**

Present: Zoe Popplestone, Dale Gledhill, Kath Bostwick, Jacques Chery

In attendance: Joanne Boreham, Emma McDonald-Brown

Apologies: None

Buildings & Maintenance – 15th October 2021

Present: Claire Nock, Kath Bostwick, Jane Beech

In attendance: Joanne Boreham, Jacques Chery, Emma McDonald-Brown

Staffing & Curriculum – 15th October 2021

Present: Emma Sanderson, Zoe Popplestone, Claire Nock, Jane Beech, Kath Bostwick

In attendance: Emma McDonald-Brown, Jacques Chery

Apologies: Neil Wright

SUMMER TERM 2021 (virtual meetings due to Covid-19)**Finance – 9th June 2021**

Present: Zoe Popplestone, Dale Gledhill, Kath Bostwick, Jane Beech, Jacques Chery

In attendance: Joanne Boreham

Apologies: N/a

Buildings & Maintenance – 9th June 2021

Present: Claire Nock, Kath Bostwick, Jane Beech

In attendance: Joanne Boreham

Apologies: N/a

Staffing & Curriculum – 9th June 2021

Present: Claire Nock, Kath Bostwick

Absent: Neil Wright