

GOVERNING BODY OF BIRDHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2025-26

Our governing board allows for 13 members and operates with a committee structure. The core functions of our governing board, as set out in The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013, and are:

- ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined;
- ensuring the head teacher performs his or her responsibilities for the educational performance of the school; and
- ensuring the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources.

The statutory purpose of the governing board is to promote high standards of educational achievement at the school.

The day-to-day management of the school is the responsibility of the Headteacher and staff, whereas the governors are responsible for the general direction of the school and providing a strategic overview.

The governing board acts as a critical friend to the school and ensures accountability, whilst considering the interests of children, parents and staff. It makes decisions about curriculum, finance, staffing and premises matters, to help raise standards of achievement and to make sure that the school provides a good quality education for all of our pupils.

Full name of Governor	Governor Category	Date of current Appointment or Election	Source of Appointment (if appropriate)	Term of office	Attendance at full GB meetings*	Committee membership	Attendance at committee meetings*	Declarations on register of business & pecuniary interest / details of governorships at other schools	Remarks
Gabbie Carter	Parent	20.11.2023	GB Appointment	4 years	4/5	Resources	2/3	None	<i>Resigned 05.08.2026</i>
Cara Castle	Co-opted	09.10.2025	GB Appointment	4 years	4/5	Resources	3/3	None	
Jonathan Farnell (Vice Chair)	Foundation	21.01.2025	GB Appointment	4 years	4/5	Education (Chair)	3/3	None	
Mark McCadden	Headteacher	01.09.2012	Ex officio	-	5/5	Education Resources	2/3 3/3	None	
Sam Parker	Ex Officio	16.12.2025	Ex officio	-	2/4	Resources	1/2	None	

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Daniel Penfold	Parent	15.11.2025	GB Appointment	4 years	4/5	Resources (Chair)	2/3	None	
Millie Pottle	Staff	14.11.2025	Staff election	4 years	3/4	Education	2/3	None	
Haydn Tarr	Parent	08.11.2024	Parent Election	4 years	4/5	Resources	3/3	None	
Chris Watson (Chair)	LA	24.03.2022	LA and GB	4 years	4/5	Education Resources	3/3 3/3	Married to Kate Watson and Father of Liz Watson (Clerk).	
Kate Watson	Co-opted	20.03.2025	GB Appointment	4 years	3/5	Education	3/3	Married to Chris Watson.	

* Attendance during previous academic year to 22.07.2026