

Thrussington CE Primary School

Local Trust Committee LTC

The Role of Governors at Thrussington C of E Primary School?

Our Local Trust Committee is a group of governors who work closely with the school to help maintain high standards of education within a caring Christian environment. Our goal is to ensure every child is happy, safe and ready for the next stage of their education.

What we do:

Governors focus on the bigger picture of the school by:

- *Helping set the school's vision and values*
- *Checking how well pupils are learning and progressing*
- *Checking that safeguarding systems keep children safe*
- *Monitoring how school resources are used*
- *Supporting and constructively challenging school leaders*
- *Keeping links between the school, families and the wider community*

Governors meet once a term and visit the school regularly to monitor learning, talk to staff and pupils, and understand how the school is developing. Some governors take on special roles (such as SEND, Safeguarding or Early Years), and all are linked to different subjects. Termly observations and monitoring visits are held with subject leaders and reports are recorded on GovernorHub.

What we don't do:

- *We don't run the school day-to-day – that's the Headteacher's role*
- *We don't manage staff or tell teachers how to teach*
- *We don't deal with individual concerns outside the school's normal procedures*
- *We don't act alone – decisions are made together as a group*



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Meet the Board



Ash Ward

Mr Ward is an ex-officio member of the board and Headteacher at Thrussington and Scaford Schools.

Mr Ward has extensive school leadership experience in the UK and overseas, with a strong record of improving provision across diverse primary settings.

Mr Ward played a central role in establishing and leading a brand-new primary school in the region, shaping its development and later guiding it through a key period of leadership transition. A champion of high-quality, child-centred education, Mr Ward is committed to curriculum innovation, personal development and high expectations for every pupil.

He has also served as Lead Practitioner within Archway CE Trust, strengthening SIAMS practice, curriculum design and wider school improvement. With governance experience across both primary and secondary phases, Mr Ward supports effective strategic decision-making and strong accountability.

Beyond school, Mr Ward volunteers with Safe Families and the Dreaming the Impossible Youth Movement, and coaches basketball within the Leicester Riders National League Programme—reflecting a deep commitment to inclusion, community engagement and developing young people.



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Patrick Rendall MBE

Patrick is a Foundation Governor and Chair of Governor

Patrick lives in Thrussington. He has been a governor of the school since 2014. He is Chair of Governors of 3 other schools, the Chair of all the Chairs in Learn Academies Trust and on the Learn Academies Trust Board. Patrick brings experience from outside education and although, now retired, had a long career as an Army Officer. He is passionate about Thrussington school and its importance in our Leicestershire village. Patrick has responsibility for English, PE. and Pupil Premium



Katie Miller

Katie is a Foundation Governor and Vice-Chair of Governors

Katie brings experience and knowledge of safeguarding children and working with local authorities to the role. Katie has two children who both attend Thrussington School, and she is committed to working with the school and village community to create a safe and happy environment for students to thrive. Katie is Link Governor for Safeguarding and oversees the Single Central record, French and Music.



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Fiona Bashford

Fiona is a Local Governor

Fiona works in Marketing within the construction industry and has been a resident of the village for more than ten years. She is a strong believer in the school's role at the heart of the community and in its commitment to providing a high-quality education in a safe, nurturing environment. Fiona has contributed her professional skills to the school in several ways, including leading the development of the school website, supporting the creation of a new school badge and visual identity, and producing the school prospectus. She holds subject responsibility for Design & Technology and Art..



Charles Bentley

Charles is a Local Governor

Charles is a local resident of Ratcliffe on the Wreake and has strong ties to the school community, with his grandchildren attending the school. He is an experienced business owner and serves as CEO of his family firm based in Loughborough. Charles brings valuable leadership and management expertise from the business sector. He has responsibility for Estates, Maintenance, Health and Safety and Geography. His local knowledge and professional experience help ensure the school maintains a safe and supportive environment for pupils and staff.



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Adie Durrant

Adie is a Foundation Governor

Adie is a Headteacher at a large primary school in Leicester. He is familiar with all aspects of Primary Education and Management. His knowledge of primary school curriculum is invaluable to the Board. Adie is the Link SEN Governor and oversees SEND, RE and general curriculum. He has 3 children who attend Thrussington school.



Liz Iliffe

Liz is a Local Governor

Liz has lived in Thrussington for 25 years. Her children attended Thrussington Primary School. Liz is retired, having worked for over 40 years in Secondary and Post 16 Education. She is familiar with governance, as well as all aspects of school/college management. Liz is Link Governor for EYFS, and oversees PSHE, RE and Collective Worship. Liz believes that children flourish when there is harmony between school, family and the community and where every individual is valued for their contribution



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Alison Oatey

Alison is the Staff Teaching Governor

Miss Oatey has been a teacher at Thrussington for the past 17 years and also has the role of SENDCo and deputy safeguarding lead. Alongside her SENDCo role, Miss Oatey teaches in Class One (Year 1 and 2) and leads in the curriculum areas of phonics and early reading, R.E and Music. She believes strongly in ensuring that all children should be included and contribute to school life and that all children can make progress and succeed.



Philip Warren

Philip is a Parent Governor

Philip moved to Leicestershire in 2013 and currently lives on the Brooksby College grounds. He has worked in the education sector for over 16 years, primarily in Post-16 Education, covering further education, apprenticeships, and higher education. He currently works in the public sector, overseeing Governance and Quality Assurance across the education landscape, bringing a strong professional background in this field. Philip oversees Science and Maths. Both of his children attend Thrussington School. He is passionate about education and believes that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive and succeed in their learning.



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In addition, Learn Academies Trust is represented on the Board by:



Sarah Sadler
Area Director of
Schools



Roshni Gounder
Finance and
Operations Manager