

Grove Primary School Local Governing Body (LGB), part of Mercian Educational Trust (MET)

The LGB is a committee of the Trust Board and is constituted in line with the Articles of Association, March 2021.

Composition:

- 2 parent governors
- 2 staff governors
- 1 headteacher
- Co-opted governors (no fixed number, but no more than one-third of the board should be staff) The core strategic functions of

MET LGBs are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school
- Holding leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and headteacher performance management
- Ensuring there are suitable arrangements in place to support children with SEND and that safeguarding procedures are robust
- Stakeholder engagement

The Grove LGB met six times during the 2024–25 academic year. From September 2024 until the summer term of 2025, the school was governed by an Interim Executive Board (IEB), which transitioned into a Local Governing Body in July 2025.

Grove Primary School LGB - Declarations of Interest

Full Name	Category	Initial Start Date	Start Date (Current Term)	End Date	Appointing Body	Declared Interests
John Painter (Chair)	Co-opted	01/09/2023	01/07/2025	01/07/2029	Board	Trustee, Prince Henry's High School
Samantha Bilke	Staff	08/07/2025	08/07/2025	08/07/2029	Staff	None
Richard Bowkett	Co-Opted	31/07/2025	31/07/2025	31/07/2029	Board	AHT at Leigh and Bransford
Lizzie Guest	Headteacher	Ex officio	NA	NA	Ex officio	None
Anne Howells	Co-opted	01/09/2023	01/07/2025	01/07/2029	Board	None
Jen Price	Co-Opted	31/07/2025	31/07/2025	31/07/2029	Board	Governor and AHT at Somers Park Primary School
Katie Schilling	Parent	08/07/2025	08/07/2025	08/07/2029	Parents	None
Denise White	Co-opted	01/09/2023	01/07/2026	13/01/2026	Board	None

Governor Attendance 2025-26

Governor	30/09/25	25/11/25	03/02/26	30/06/26	Total Meetings
John Painter (Chair)	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Samantha Bilke	✓	A	✓	✓	3/4
Richard Bowkett	✓	A	✓	✓	3/4
Lizzie Guest (Headteacher)	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Anne Howells	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Jen Price	✓	A	✓	A	2/4
Katie Schilling (Parent Gov.)	✓	A	A	A	1/4
Denise White	✓	A	✓	NA	2/3