

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

The LGB are committees of the trust board and is constituted in line with the Articles of Association, March 2021.

1. 2 parent governors
2. 2 staff governors
3. 1 headteacher
4. Co-opted governors (there is no definitive number, but no more than a third of the board should be staff governors)

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

LGB's meet five times per year.

Somers Park Primary School LGB - Declarations of interest

Full Name of Governor/ Associate Member	Category	Initial start date	Start date for current term	End date	Appointing body	Declared Interests
Mel Morris-Jones (Chair)	Co-opted	07/07/20	07/07/24	07/07/2028	Board	Business - The Solution Is - www.thesolutionis.co.uk - office and project support for SMEs www.melmorrisjones.com - purpose and mindset coaching
Hanna Barrett	Co-opted	25/03/21	25/03/2025	25/03/2029	Board	None
Frances Donohue	Parents	07/01/25	07/01/25	07/01/2029	Elected by parents	None
Chris Hansen	Headteacher	N/A	N/A	N/A	Ex officio	Local Governor at Balcarras School, Cheltenham. National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)
Alison Paisley	Parent	20/07/23	20/07/23	20/07/2027	Elected by parents	Fairfield First School- associate to governing board
Jennie Price	Staff	29/11/22	29/11/22	29/11/2026	Elected by staff	None

Daniel Thacker-Smith	Appointed	03/02/25	03/02/25	03/02/2029	Board	None
Tim Graham	Co-opted	01/05/23	01/05/23	01/01/2026	Board	Trustee for Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Member of Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM). Also co convenor of Ecological Restoration SIG at CIEEM.

Governor attendance 2025 - 26

✓ Present
A Apologies
X Absent

Governor	29/09/25	24/11/25	02/02/26	27/04/26	29/06/26	Total Meetings
Mel Morris Jones (Chair)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5 / 5
Chris Hansen (Headteacher)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5 / 5
Alison Paisley (Vice Chair)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5 / 5
Hanna Barrett	✓	A	✓	✓	A	3 / 5
Frances Donohue	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5 / 5
Jennie Price	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5 / 5
Daniel Thacker Smith	X	✓	✓	A	✓	3 / 5
Laura Edkins	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5 / 5
Tim Graham	X	–	–	–	–	0 / 1
Dawn Cuckney	✓	–	–	–	–	1 / 1
Miranda Knight	A	–	–	–	–	NA