

Governor Register of Interests 2024-25

It is important that the governors and staff not only act impartially, but are also seen to act impartially. In May 1996 the Nolan Committee published a report on standards in public life as applicable to local public spending bodies, including schools. The report identified seven principles, which should be applied in public life. These are: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. One important means by which a school may demonstrate that it is applying these principles is by maintaining a Register of Business Interests. The governing body and school staff have a responsibility to avoid any conflict between their business and personal interests and affairs and the interests of the school. Paragraph 2.9 of the "Scheme of Local Management of Schools" requires that a register of business interests must be maintained for both Governors and the Headteacher (and staff with significant financial responsibilities), which must be freely available for inspection by governors staff and parents. The register must include all business interests such as directorships, share holdings and other appointments of influence within a business or other organisation, which may have dealings with the school. The disclosures should also include business interests of relatives and other individuals who may exert influence. Schools should ensure the register is up to date and complete, includes all governors and relevant staff and in this regard signed and dated nil returns are also required.

Name	Type of Governor	Term of Office	Interests declared
Laura Bennett	Headteacher	Ex officio (ongoing)	None declared
Ann Harris	Co-opted	03/07/2024 – 02/07/2028	Director of Plymouth CAST Governor Bearwood Nursery and Primary School
Lisa Jepson	Co-opted	28/05/2021- 27/5/2025	Paradigm Multi Academy Trust (London and Suffolk) Paradigm Multi Academy Trust (London and Suffolk)
Louise Middleton	Parent	07/02/2024 – 06/02/2028	None
Bernadette Taylor	Co-opted	01/09/2023- 31/08/2027	Volunteer for CAFOD
Kate Webster	Parent	01/09/2023- 31/08/2027	None Declared

1 parent vacancy 4 co-opted vacancies, 1 staff vacancy