

## **AYLESFORD SCHOOL GOVERNANCE INFORMATION**

### **LOCAL GOVERNING BODY MEMBERSHIP MAY 2025**

Aylesford School became a member of the [Character Education Trust](#) (CET) in September 2022. There are two elements to the governance of the CET academies – local governance that is delivered via the Local Governing Body (LGB), and Trust governance, delivered via the Trust Board. The Aylesford School LGB consists of a group of people who could be parents, community nominees, or academy staff, with a minimum of five and a maximum of nine people, and who are appointed by the CET Trust Board. The LGB's vision and aims are:

#### **LGB Vision:**

Our vision is to ensure school development through effective and accountable governance, challenge and support.

#### **LGB Aims:**

Our aims are:

- To act as a key link between the school, parents, and local community
- To support the work of the school in the community
- To support the Headteacher and School Leadership Team in the development and implementation of the School Development Plan and other relevant plans, ensuring that the CET ethos remains at the heart of the school community
- To monitor the financial position of the school and its budget
- To help on the ground with the implementation of certain CET and School policies
- To offer challenging but positive and proactive support to the Headteacher
- To regularly review the School's performance in relation to the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

### **LGB Governors' Terms of Office, Attendance 2023-24 and Personal and Pecuniary Interests**

Details of the current membership and membership over the past 12 months together with attendance over the academic year 2023/24 are set out below:

Governors are also required to register and declare pecuniary and personal interests relating to any other governor/trusteeships, their ownership of/partnership in a company or organisation which may be used by the trust/school to provide goods or services, goods or services which they offer which might be used by the trust/school; any close relationship to someone to satisfies either of those criteria or who is employed by the trust/school.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed/ Elected by</b>	<b>Start of Term of Office</b>	<b>End of Term of Office</b>	<b>Positions of Responsibility/Monitoring role(s) 2024/25</b>	<b>Attendance at LGB meetings 2023/24</b>	<b>Pecuniary and Personal Interests</b>
Maria Abbott	Trust Board	6/10/24	5/10/28	Careers link governor, Governor Training and Development	N/A	Aylesford School Office Manager
Linda Blumsum	Trust Board	1/9/22	31/8/26	Chair (appointed September 2024 for a two-year term), Link governor for Leadership & Management, Behaviour, Character Development and Attendance, Wellbeing, Member of Pay Committee	100% (6/6)	Employed by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council. Character Education Trust Board Trustee
Luke Chapman	Trust Board	24/3/25	23/3/29	tbc	N/A	Parish Councillor (Aylesford) Trustee, Aylesford Village Community Centre Trustee, The Hospital of the Holy Trinity, Aylesford Brother is student at Aylesford School
Joanne Coveney	Trust Board	1/9/22	31/8/26	6 <sup>th</sup> Form link governor	67% (4/6)	Teacher at Maidstone Grammar School
Ria Graham	Trust Board	1/9/23	14/11/24 (resigned)		100% (6/6)	
Tanya Kelvie	Trust Board	1/9/22	N/A	Ex officio appointment as headteacher of Aylesford School First appointed as Headteacher on 16/1/2017.	83% (5/6)	Member of The Rosewood School and Maidstone Alternative Provision Management Committees
Jonathan Murphy	Trust Board	10/7/23	9/7/27	Safeguarding governor, Health & Safety/PFI governor (with CET Trustee Mark Reeve)	100% (6/6)	J Murphy Security Employed by Tonbridge & Malling Leisure Trust Associate Member Pool Water Treatment Advisory Group (PWTAG) Cadet Forces Adult Volunteer, Sea Cadets (First Lieutenant)
Gillian Needham	Trust Board	10/7/23	9/7/27	Vice Chair (appointed September 2024 for a two-year term)(. SEND governor, Link governor for Teaching & Learning (with CET Trustee Sheila Smith) and Pupil Premium, Member of Pay Committee	100% (6/6)	Retired No interests declared
Kerrie Weeks	Trust Board following Parent Election	9/12/24	8/12/28	To be confirmed	N/A	No interests declared

Clerk to the Local Governing Board – Lesley Hardwick (Lesley.hardwick@aylesford.kent.sch.uk)

## CHARACTER EDUCATION TRUST MEMBER AND TRUSTEE INFORMATION

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment History/Term of Office</b>	<b>CET Member?</b>	<b>Attendance: Trust Board meetings</b>	<b>Attendance: Finance &amp; Audit Committee meetings</b>	<b>Business Interests</b>
Mrs S Smith	Member and Chair of Trustees Original signatory Appointed April 2013 by Members Reappointed May 2017 by Members	Yes	5 of 6	5 out of 6	Penta International
Mr M Reeve	Trustee Original signatory Appointed April 2013 by Members Reappointed April 2017 by Members Reappointed sept 2024 by Trustees	No	5 out of 6	5 out of 6	Trax Computing The Village Forum Ltd Futronics Wife employed at Wrotham School
Mrs L Blumsum	Trustee Appointed September 2021 by Members	No	4 out of 6	4 out of 6	Local Governing Board member and Chair of LGB, Aylesford School Employed by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
Mr A Malik	Trustee Appointed March 2020 by Members Resigned July 2021 Reappointed September 2024	No	2 out of 6	2 out of 6	Chanel Ltd Member of ISACA Information systems Audit and controls Association Wife employed as Maths Teacher at Wrotham School – Feb 2023
Mr D Day	Trustee Appointed December 2023 by Trustees	No	5 out of 6	5 out of 6	Thinking Schools Academy, Trust Lead Practitioner Member of ASCL Chair of Goodwin Academy, Deal Member of TSAT Regional Governing Body for Kent
Mrs A Clarke	Trustee Appointed March 2024 by Trustees	No	3 out of 6	3 out of 6	Employed by Teach First. Director of Red Lion Square Ltd
Mrs Y Cook	Trustee Appointment May 2025 by Trustees	No	1 out of 2	1 out of 2	

Mr M Cater	Acting CEO and CAO Headteacher at Wrotham School	No	5 out of 6	5 out of 6	Headteacher at Wrotham School
Mr P Brozsek	Member Original Signatory Appointed April 2013 by Members Reappointed April 2017 by Members	Yes	N/A	N/A	Cory Environmental
Mrs C Gilhooly	Member Appointed September 2022 by Members	Yes			