

AYLESFORD SCHOOL GOVERNANCE INFORMATION

LOCAL GOVERNING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FEBRUARY 2026

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 Committee (LGC), and Trust governance, delivered via the Trust Board and Committees. The Aylesford School LGC consists of a group of people including community nominees, Aylesford School parents and school staff, and who are appointed by the CET Trust Board. The LGC's shares the CET vision which is “to support and encourage the students within the Trust to develop good character, to be confident and kind; to have integrity; to respect difference and to make a positive contribution to the community around them”.

The LGC's role:

The Committee's role is to:

- Monitor inclusion, attendance, and behaviour data.
- Scrutinise personal development and wellbeing strategies for students.
- Provide local insight and stakeholder voice to the Trust Board.
- Stakeholder survey monitoring.
- Act as a local link for parents and the community.
- Escalate concerns to the Trust Board

LGC Governors' Terms of Office, Attendance 2025-26 and Personal and Pecuniary Interests

Details of the current membership and membership over the past 12 months together with attendance over the academic year 2025/26 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 who satisfies either of those criteria or who is employed by the trust/school.

Name	Appointed/ Elected by	Start of Term of Office	End of Term of Office	Positions of Responsibility/Monitoring role(s) 2025/26	Attendance at LGB meetings 2024/25	Pecuniary and Personal Interests
Maria Abbott	Trust Board	6/10/24	Resigned 23/9/25		83% (5/6)	
Linda Blumsum	Trust Board	1/9/22	Resigned 16/9/25	Chair (appointed September 2024 for a two-	100% (6/6)	
Luke Chapman	Trust Board	24/3/25	23/3/29	LGB Vice Chair, Link Governor for Teaching & Learning	100% (2/2)	Parish Councillor (Aylesford) Trustee, Aylesford Village Community Centre Trustee, The Hospital of the Holy Trinity, Aylesford Brother is student at Aylesford School Snodland East & Ham Hill Bor Councillor
Joanne Coveney	Trust Board	1/9/22	15/12/25 (resigned)			
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	LGB Chair, Safeguarding governor, Health & Safety/PFI governor (with CET Trustee Mark Reeve), Link governor for KS4 and Outcomes	67% (4/6)	J Murphy Security 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	SEND governor, Link governor for KS3 & Literacy	100% (6/6)	Retired No interests declared
Kerrie Weeks	Trust Board following Parent Election	9/12/24	Resigned 23/9/25		75% (3/4)	

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

CHARACTER EDUCATION TRUST MEMBER AND TRUSTEE INFORMATION

March 2026

Name	Appointment History/Term of Office	CET Member?	Attendance: Trust Board meetings	Attendance: Finance & Audit Committee	Business Interests
Mr M Cater	Chief Executive Officer of CET Appointed September 2025 by the Trust Board	No	3 of 5 100%	2 of 3 100%	Previous Headteacher at Wrotham School
Mrs S Smith	Member and Chair of Trustees Original signatory Appointed April 2013 by Members Reappointed May 2017 and again in September 2020 and 2024 by Members	Yes	3 of 5 100%	N/A	Nothing to declare
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 in September 2022	Yes	N/A	N/A	
Mr M Reeve	Member and Trustee Original signatory Chair of Finance & Audit Committee Appointed April 2013 by Members Reappointed April 2017 by Members Reappointed in October 2024 by Trust Board	No	3 of 5 100%	2 of 3 100%	Consultant for Trax Computing Wife employed at Wrotham School
Mr D Stone	Trustee Appointed by the Trust Board in October 2025	No	3 of 5 100%	2 of 3 100%	Deputy Group Finance Director of LSEAT (London South East Academies Trust) Member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
Mrs Y Cook	Trustee Appointed by the Trust Board in May 2025	No	2 of 5 66%	N/A	Operations Manager at Beck Greener LLP

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Mr A Malik	Trustee Appointed March 2020 by Members Resigned July 2021 Reappointed September 2024	No	2 of 5 66%	N/A	Wife employed as teacher at Wrotham School – Feb 2023
Mr J Emmitt	Trustee Appointment by Trust Board in January 2026	No	2 of 4 100%	NA	Teacher at Sevenoaks School Director for Emmitt Coaching Limited.
Mr L Chapman	Trustee Appointment by Trust Board in January 2026	No	2 of 4 100%	1 of 2 100%	Vice Chair of the Aylesford School LGC Member of the Aylesford Parish Council Trustee for The Hospital of the Holy Trinity Trustee for the Aylesford Village Community Centre
Mr J Murphy	Trustee Appointment by Trust Board in January 2026	No	2 of 4 100%	NA	Director and PSC for Redfox Facilities Limited and Hot Frog Pub Company Limited Self-employed with J Murphy Security
Mr D Day	Resigned in January 2026 Trustee and Vice Chair of the Chair of Trustees Appointed December 2023 by Trustees	No	1 of 3 100%	N/A	Contractor at Thinking Schools Academy Trust GCSE History Examiner for Pearson Member of ASCL Chair of Goodwin Academy, Deal Member of TSAT Regional Governing Body for Kent