



The role of the Members

As an Academy Trust, we have a separate tier of governance called the Members. Our Members are the 'guardians of the constitution'. They exist to: provide oversight, to ensure that our charitable objects are fulfilled and, to hold the Trust Board and Trustees to account for delivering on the three core functions of governance.

Members have a number of duties and responsibilities. They control changes to our constitution (subject to DfE approval) which means they can make amendments to our Articles of Association. They can appoint some of the Trustees, and also have the right to remove a Trustee. Members are also responsible for appointing the Trust's external auditors. For details of the terms of reference for our Members, please see our Trust Governance document on the website.

The role of the Members is very much a 'hands-off role'. It is the Trust Board and its Trustees (who are also Directors) who are responsible for running the Academy Trust.

Holding the Trust Board to account is the key role of the Members, in fact it's the most important role. This is done in a 'hands off' manner by monitoring the work of the Trust Board. This is performed by hearing from the Trust Board once a year at the Member's Annual General Meeting (AGM), receiving information from trustees on progress made and plans going forward and receiving copies of the audited accounts and annual report.

We have four Members who come from an array of different backgrounds, and all share a common passionate interest in education. For more information about our members, please see their pen profiles on this website.

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