

The Governors at The Blake School are a well informed and committed group of twelve volunteers who work as a team to-

Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;

Hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;


Oversee the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent.






As part of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST) the work of the governing board is supported by the Directors of ODST. The Directors have delegated many responsibilities to the governors, if you want to read more about this you can do so [here](#).

The governors work closely with Mr Edwards-Grundy, Mrs Patchett and the wider staff team; they routinely visit school to monitor the implementation of the school's strategic priorities. Governors receive training and support from ODST and the Diocese to help them fulfil their role effectively.

Meetings of the full governing board take place once a month during term time. There is huge variety to the work of the governors and so where necessary they also meet in smaller groups/committees.

Governors are always happy to be contacted by parents/carers and children. Governors can be contacted via the school office, or you can email them at: [governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk)

<b>Governors</b>	<b>Role on governing body</b>	<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Appointed by</b>	<b>Pecuniary Interests</b>
<b>Tim Edwards-Grundy</b> 	Executive Headteacher	01/09/2012	Governor by virtue of his position as executive headteacher	Works for ODST in an additional role as a School Improvement Advisor. Also a governor at Leafield Primary School.
<b>Ruth Cadywould</b>	.	New to governor role academic year 2024/25	ODST (Foundation governor)	

<p><b>Liz Henderson</b></p> 		<p>New to governor role academic year 2024/25</p>	<p>Staff</p>	
<p><b>Jason Hoyland</b></p> 	<p>Chair of the Finance committee</p> <p>SEN and Pupil Premium link governor</p> <p>Vice-Chair</p>	<p>18/10/2017 – 17/10/2025</p>	<p>ODST (Foundation governor)</p>	
<p><b>Clare Huggard</b></p> 	<p>Safeguarding governor</p> <p>Vice Chair</p>	<p>01/11/2022 – 31/10/2026</p>	<p>Parent governor</p>	
<p><b>Simon Kirby</b></p> 		<p>01/03/2015 – 28/02/2027</p>	<p>ODST (Foundation governor)</p>	<p>Vicar of St Mary's, Cogges.</p> <p>Member of the Blake Educational Trust</p>
<p><b>Elizabeth Knowles</b></p> 	<p>SIAMS link governor</p>	<p>01/09/2022 – 31/08/2026</p>	<p>ODST (Foundation governor)</p>	<p>Former employee of OUP</p> <p>Also a governor for St Mary's Infant School</p>

<p><b>Rob Miles</b></p>		<p>14/11/2023 – 13/11/2027</p>	<p>ODST (Foundation governor)</p>	
<p><b>Andrew Newham</b></p> 	<p>Chair of Governors</p> <p>Member of the finance committee</p>	<p>02/12/2019 – 01/12/2027</p>	<p>ODST (Foundation governor)</p>	
<p><b>Rebecca Patchett</b></p> 	<p>Head of School</p>	<p>01/09/2024</p>	<p>Governor by virtue of her role as Head of School</p>	
<p><b>Lucy Phipps</b></p> 		<p>01/09/2021 – 31/08/2025</p>	<p>Parent</p>	
<p><b>Chris Rimmer</b></p>		<p>New to governor role academic year 2024/25</p>	<p>ODST (Foundation governor)</p>	

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