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Name	Type of Governor or Trustee or Member	Member of Board of Trustees/ Governing Body	Appointed by	Officer	Term of Office	End Date	Committee Membership	Attendance at Meetings 2025/26	Registered Interests
Anthony Alexander	Trustee Member Governor	Board of Trustees and Governing Body	Board of Trustees	Chair of the Governing Body Chair of the Education Standards Committee	10/04/19 – 09/04/27	09/04/27	Education Standards Committee Nominations & Remuneration Committee	3 out of 11	None
Hannah Anglin-Jaffe	Governor	Governing Body	Board of Trustees		27/03/25 – 26/03/29	26/03/29	Education Standards Committee	6 out of 6	None
Rob Aubry	Co-opted Governor	Governing Body	Board of Trustees		13/04/23 – 12/04/27	12/04/27	Education Standards Committee	3 out of 6	Independent Director & Sports Committee Chair Boccia England Member World Para Swimming GB Head Coach Aquatics GB Self employed consultant

Madeleine Collie	Trustee Member	Board of Trustees	Board of Trustees		19/10/23 – 18/10/27	18/10/27	Finance & Resources Committee	8 out of 9	Trustee Budleigh Salterton Festival Ltd
Anthony Collyer	Trustee Member Governor	Board of Trustees and Governing Body	Board of Trustees	Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee Honorary Treasurer Vice-Chair of the Governing Body Chair of the Fearnside House Management Committee	03/07/20– 02/07/28	02/07/28	Finance & Resources Committee Education Standards Committee Nomination & Remuneration Committee Fearnside House Management Committee	16 out of 17	None
Liz Cosford	Governor	Board of Trustees	Governing Body		27/03/25 – 26/03/29	26/03/29	Education Standards Committee	6 out of 6	None
Rhodri Davey	Trustee Member	Board of Trustees	Board of Trustees		05/10/17 – 16/10/26	16/10/26		4 out of 6	Trustee at DRRC Healthcare Trustee at Dartmoor Search & Rescue Team (Tavistock) Director at Patterson Law Ltd

									Director at Minerva House (Management Company) Limited Member and Managing Partner at Kitsons LLP Director at Game Change Legal Limited
Sylvan Dewing	Ex-officio Governor	Governing Body	Board of Trustees		23/01/18 -		Care & Safeguarding Standards Committee* Children's Home Governing Body* Education Standards Committee* Finance & Resources* Committee Health & Safety Committee* *in capacity as Principal	3 out of 3	Principal at The Deaf Academy
Vivien Duval-Steer	Co-opted Governor	Governing Body	Board of Trustees		30/03/23 - 29/03/27	29/03/27	Finance & Resources Committee	5 out of 5	Trustee Abbeyfield (Exmouth) Society Limited

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Jill Elson MBE	Co-opted Governor	Governing Body	Governing Body		10/12/20 - 09/12/28	09/12/28	Finance & Resources Committee	7 out of 7	Trustee Exmouth and District Community Transport Group
Anthony Farnsworth	Co-opted Governor	Governing Body	Board of Trustees		30/06/23 - 29/06/27	29/06/27	Care & Safeguarding Standards Committee Fearnside House Management Committee	8 out of 9	Trustee Making Sense CIO Trustee CoLab Exeter
Dr Ann Harvey	Co-opted Governor Trustee	Governing Body Trustee Member Governor	Board of Trustees	Chair of the Governing Body (10/4/27 – 31/10/31)	30/03/23 - 31/10/26 1/11/27 - 31/10/31	31/10/26 31/10/31	Finance & Resources Committee Health & Safety Committee	8 out of 10	Chair Friends of Exmouth Coastwatch NHS Leadership Coaching and Mentoring
Matt Jenkins	Staff Governor	Governing Body	Staff Election		11/10/18 - 10/10/26	10/10/26	Education Standards Committee	6 out of 6	Member of teaching staff at The Deaf Academy
Sara Papworth	Trustee Member	Board of Trustees	Board of Trustees		09/02/23 - 08/02/27	08/02/27	Finance & Resources Committee	12 out of 12	Trustee of Devon Wildlife Trust Ride2B Ltd (related party interest)

							Health & Safety Committee		
Dame Angela Pedder OBE	Trustee Member	Board of Trustees	Board of Trustees	Chair of the Board of Trustees	01/09/20 - 31/08/28	31/08/28	Nomination & Remuneration Committee	5 out of 5	Director at Pedder Consultants Ltd Non-executive Director University Hospitals Plymouth
David Robertson	Trustee Member	Board of Trustees	Board of Trustees	Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees	05/11/20 - 31/08/27	31/08/27	Finance & Resources Committee Children's Home Governing Body Nomination & Remuneration Committee	11 out of 13	None
Robert Spencer	Trustee Member	Board of Trustees	Board of Trustees	Chair of Care and Safeguarding Committee	05/11/20 - 04/11/28	04/11/28	Care & Safeguarding Committee Children's Home Governing Body	8 out of 8	None
Jennifer Stephens MBE	Trustee Member	Board of Trustees	Board of Trustees	Chair of Children's Home Governing Body	04/05/23 - 03/05/27	03/05/27	Care & Safeguarding Committee Children's Home Governing Body	13 out of 15	None

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							Fearnside House Management Committee		
Vanessa Thulbon	Parent Governor	Governing Body	Parent representative		01/09/26 – 31/08/30	31/08/30	Education Standards Committee	N/A	None

Governors and Trustees who left Office during 2025/26

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Alistair Dewhirst	Trustee Member Governor	Board of Trustees and Governing Body	Board of Trustees	Chair of the Care & Safeguarding Standards Committee Chair of the Children's Home Governing Body	12/12/16 - 11/12/25	10/12/25	Care & Safeguarding Committee Children's Home Governing Body	4 out of 15	None
Debbie Bowden	Co-opted Governor	Governing Body	Board of Trustees		Parent Governor to 22/05/24	22/7/26	Care & Safeguarding Committee	3 out of 6	None

					Co-opted Governor from 23/5/24 – 22/7/26				
Mark Peel	Staff Governor	Governing Body	Board of Trustees		17/12/18 - 16/12/26	22/7/26	Care & Safeguarding Committee	6 out of 6	None