

Diverse Academies Trust

Companies House number 07664012

Members details & Declaration of Interest 2025/2026 (updated June 2026)

| Name | Role & Specific/additional role[s] | Date of Appointment | Date stepped down (if applicable) | Term of office | Type of Trustee/ Director appointed by | Nature of Interest | Date interest began | Date interest ceased (if applicable) |
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| Mr John Richard Rolph | Member | 26/5/2011 | NA | NA | Members special resolution Article 15A | Retired | Since 2010 | |
| | | | | | | Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales | Since 1975 | |
| | | | | | | Life Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Management | Since 1975 | |
| | | | | | | Director of AS Clark Limited – dormant company | 4/3/2024 | |
| | | | | | | Director of Rosewoods Management Company Limited (C/O Allerton Property Management Limited) Company Number :09847123 | April 2024 | |
| | | | | | | Trustee Retford Bridge Club Retired | 2018 | |
| | Member | 17/12/2018 | NA | NA | | Retired | 2002 | |

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| Mrs Margaret Blore | | | | | Members special resolution Article 15A | Son's partner works in Diverse Academies Trust as SENCO and Strategic Development Lead for SEND | 2011 | |
| | | | | | | Partner in family farming business TJL & M Blore & Son | 1980 | |
| Dr Sheila Kelly | Member | 14/12/2023 | NA | NA | Members special resolution Article 15A | Husband Vice Chair of Tuxford Academy | Prior to appointment | |
| Mrs Elizabeth Anne Rew | Member | 18/01/2021 | 29/01/2025 | | Members special resolution Article 15A | | | |
| Mr Colin Shuttleworth | Member | 2/09/2024 | NA | NA | Members special resolution Article 15A | Employed by HSBC Banking | 19/01/2015 | |
| Mr Michael Quigley | Member | 13/04/2026 | NA | NA | Members special resolution Article 15A | Chair Bassetlaw Hospice of the Good Shepherd | February 1991 | |
| | | | | | | Chair Retford Educational Foundation/King Edward VI Trust | June 2011 | |
| | | | | | | Employed by Nottinghamshire Health Care NHS Foundation Trust | February 2014 | |

The remit of members is as recorded in the September 2025 Academies Trust Handbook.

Director/Trustee details & declarations of interest – pecuniary/business 2024/2025 (updated September 2025)

| Name | Role & Specific/additional role[s] | Date of Appointment | Date stepped down (if) | Term of office | Type of Trustee/Director | Nature of Interest | Date interest began | Date interest ceased (if applicable) |
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| Mr Michael William Quigley MBE Resigned 14/11/2025 | Trustee | Re- appointed 9 October 2024 | n/a | 4 years until: 8 October 2028 Resigned 14/11/2025 | Appointed by Trustees as a co-opted Trustee under Article 58 | Councillor Nottinghamshire County Council | May 2009 | 6 May 2025 |
| | Chair of Diverse Academies Trust Board until 4 September 2024 | | | | | Chair Bassetlaw Hospice of the Good Shepherd | February 1991 | |
| | Member of Audit and Risk Committee | | | | | Chair Retford Educational Foundation/King Edward VI Trust | June 2011 | |
| | Chair of Governance and Partnership Committee | | | | | Chair Bassetlaw Conservative Association | June 2003 | 2025 |
| | Health and Safety Link Trustee | | | | | Employed by Nottinghamshire Health Care NHS Foundation Trust | February 2014 | |
| Mr John Richard Rolph | Trustee & Member Chair of Finance and Resources Committee | Re- appointmen t by Members with effect from 6 June 2023 | n/a | 4 years until: 6 June 2027 | Appointed by Members Article 50 | Retired | Since 2010 | |
| | Member of Governance and Partnership Committee | | | | | Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales | Since 1975 | |
| | | | | | | Life Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Management | Since 1975 | |
| | | | | | | Director of AS Clark Limited – dormant company | 4/3/2024 | |

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| | | | | | | Director of Rosewoods Management Company Limited (C/O Allerton Property Management Limited) Company Number :09847123 | April 2024 | |
| | | | | | | Trustee Retford Bridge Club Retired | 2018 | |
| Mrs Margaret Blore | Trustee & Member Member of Standards and Outcomes Committee Member of Audit and Risk Committee | Re-appointed 30/03/2026 | n/a | 4 years until: 29 March 2030 | Appointed by Members Article 50 | Retired | 2002 | |
| | | | | | | Son's partner works in Diverse Academies Trust as SENCO and Strategic Development Lead for SEND | 2011 | |
| | | | | | | Partner in family farming business TJL & M Blore & Son | 1980 | |
| Mr Ian Richard Storey | Trustee Chair of Audit and Risk Committee Member of Finance and Resources Committee Whistleblowing & GDPR Link Trustee | Reappointed 27 September 2022 by Members | n/a | 4 years until: 26 September 2026 | Appointed by Members Article 50 | Retired | 2023 | |
| | | | | | | Director of Upper Saxondale Residents Association CIC | 1 June 2016 | 27 May 2025 |
| | | | | | | Chair, Upper Saxondale Parish Council | 1 May 2023 | |
| | | | | | | Interim clerk of Upper Saxondale Parish Council | 23 May 2025 | 01 January 2026 |
| | | | | | | Member of Law Society | | |
| Mr David Schwarz | Trustee Chair of Trust Board from 4 September 2024 Member of Governance and | 15 October 2023 | n/a | 4 years until: 14 October 2027 | Appointed as a co-opted Trustee by Trustees under Article 58(until 15 October 2023) | Retired | July 2016 | |
| | | | | | | Chair of North Nottinghamshire Group (of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust) | April 2023 | |
| | | | | | | Business Mentor, Princes Trust | January 2006 | |

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| | Partnership Committee Chair of Standards and Outcomes Committee SEND link Trustee | | | | From 15 October 2023 Appointed by Members under Article 50 | Consultant, Cranfield Trust | January 2017 | |
| Mr Louis Donald | Trustee Member of Standards and Outcomes Committee Member of Finance and Resources Committee from 6/7/2022 until 12/03/2024 Safeguarding and Alternative Provision Link Trustee | 30 March 2022 | 6 February 2025 | 4 years until: 29 March 2026 | Appointed as a co-opted Trustee under Article 58 | Executive Director: Safeguarding, Creative Education Trust Director of Chestnut Associates Ltd | Prior to appointment in March 2023 April 2016 | |
| Mrs Jacqueline Mordue Resigned 2/9/2025 | Trustee Member of Standards and Outcomes Committee from 6/7/2022 until 2/9/2025 Member of Governance and Partnership Committee from 6/7/2022 until 2/9/2025 | 25 May 2022 | 02 September 2025 | 4 years until: 24 May 2026 | Appointed as a co-opted Trustee under Article 58 | Retired No declarations | 25 May 2022 | |

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| Mr Rudi Vizma | Trustee | 31 January 2024 | n/a | 4 years until: 30 January 2028 | Appointed as a co-opted trustee under Article 58 | Employed by Ambition Institute | 2 September 2023 | |
| | Member of Standards and Outcomes Committee from 10/07/2024 | | | | | Employed by David Ross Education Trust | 1 January 2025 | |
| Mr Paul Bromley Simpson Resigned 23/07/2025 | Trustee | 15 April 2024 | n/a | 4 years until: 14 April 2028 | Appointed by Trustees as a co-opted Trustee under Article 58 | Retired | 15 April 2024 | |
| | Member of Standards and Outcomes Committee from 10/07/2024 | | | | | Mentor for Princes Trust | 15 April 2024 | 10/11/2024 |
| | Member of Finance and Resources Committee from 10/07/2024 | | | | | Mentor for The University of Hull | 11 November 2024 | |
| Mr Jonathan Robertson | Trustee | 9 December 2024 | na | 4 years until: 8 December 2028 | Appointed by Members Article 50 | Gainline Consultancy (self-employed) | 09 January 2015 | |
| | Member of Finance and Resources Committee from 17/12/2024 | | | | | Rojok Ltd (09760419) | 3 September 2015 | |
| | Member of Audit and Risk Committee from 17/12/2024 | | | | | Magistrate, Nottinghamshire Panel | 31 April 2025 | |

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| Mr Andrew Hardie | Trustee | 23 February 2026 | | 4 years until 22 February 2030 | Appointed by Trustees as a co-opted Trustee under Article 58 | Employed by IVC Evidensia Parish Councillor for South Leverton Child attends Academy within the Trust | 12 February 2018 Since 2021 | |
| Mr Ian Hylan | Trustee | 23 February 2026 | | 4 years until 22 February 2030 | Appointed by Trustees as a co-opted Trustee under Article 58 | Teacher panellist for Teacher Regulation Agency | Since 11 February 2022 | |
| Mr Andrew Ball | Trustee | 1 June 2026 | | 4 Years until 31 May 2030 | Appointed by Trustees as a co-opted Trustee under Article 58 | TBC | | |

Company Secretary and Governance Professional to Board of Trustees: Mrs J Harrison Hill

Trustees can be contacted via the governance professional: jharrisonhill@diverse-ac.org.uk

Senior leaders who contribute to the Trust Board meeting 2024/25

| Name | Role & Specific/additional role[s] | Date of Appointment to role | Date stepped down (if applicable) | Term of office | Nature of Interest | Date interest began | Date interest ceased (if applicable) |
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| Mr David Cotton | Chief Executive Officer Accounting Officer | 1 May 2020 | NA | NA | Brother-in-law employed within Trust Neice employed within the Trust | Prior to appointment as CEO Declared 2025 | |

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| Mr Neil Holmes | Chief Education Officer | 1 September 2019 | NA | NA | No declarations | NA | |
| Ms C Summers | Chief Education Officer | 1 September 2019 | NA | NA | Ofsted Inspector | Since 2023 | April 2026 |
| Mr Gary Corban | Chief Operating Officer & Chief Financial Officer | 1 December 2016 | NA | NA | ISBL member and trustee | Declared 2025 | |

Attendance at meetings 2024/2025

| Name | Meeting | Academic year 2024/25 | |
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| | | Attended | Possible in year |
| Mrs Margaret Blore | Diverse Academies Trust Board | 6 | 6 |
| | Standards and Outcomes Committee | 5 | 6 |
| | Audit and Risk Committee | 4 | 4 |
| Mr Michael Quigley MBE | Diverse Academies Trust Board | 6 | 6 |
| | Governance and Partnership Committee (Chair) | 5 | 5 |
| | Audit and Risk Committee | 3 | 4 |
| Mr Jon Robertson | Diverse Academies Trust Board | 4 | 4 |
| | Finance and Resources Committee (appointed to committee 17/12/2024) | 4 | 4 |
| | Audit and Risk Committee (appointed to committee 17/12/2024) | 1 | 2 |
| Mr John Rolph | Diverse Academies Trust Board | 6 | 6 |
| | Finance and Resources (Chair) | 6 | 6 |
| | Governance & Partnership Committee | 4 | 5 |
| Mr David Schwarz | Diverse Academies Trust Board (Chair) | 6 | 6 |
| | Governance and Partnership Committee | 5 | 5 |
| | Standards and Outcomes Committee (Chair) | 6 | 6 |
| Mr Ian Storey | Diverse Academies Trust Board | 5 | 6 |
| | Finance and Resources Committee | 6 | 6 |
| | Audit and Risk Committee (Chair) | 4 | 4 |
| Mr Rudi Vizma | Diverse Academies Trust Board | 6 | 6 |

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| | Audit and Risk Committee | 2 | 4 |
| | Standards and Outcomes Committee | 6 | 6 |
| Directors/Trustees who resigned during the year attendance at meetings | | | |
| Mr Louis Donald Resigned 6/2/2025 | Diverse Academies Trust Board | 0 | 3 |
| | Standards and Outcomes Committee | 1 | 3 |
| Mrs Jacqueline Mordue Resigned 2/9/2025 | Diverse Academies Trust Board | 3 | 6 |
| | Standards and Outcomes Committee | 2 | 6 |
| | Governance and Partnership Committee | 1 | 5 |
| Mr Paul Simpson (resigned 23/07/2025) | Diverse Academies Trust Board | 6 | 6 |
| | Finance and Resources Committee | 6 | 6 |
| | Standards and Outcomes Committee | 6 | 6 |

Previous Diverse Academies Trust Directors/Trustees

| Name of Director/Trustee | Date appointed | End date of term of office | Date of cessation of appointment or resignation |
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| | | | NB Articles of Association changed May 2016 to remove the requirement for each Chair of Governors to be a Director |
| Mr M Quigley MBE | 17 October 2016 | 08 October 2028 | Resigned 14/11/2025 |
| Mrs J Mordue | 25 May 2022 | 24/May/2026 | Resigned as Trustee on 2 September 2025 |
| Mr Paul Simpson | 15 April 2024 | 23 July 2025 | Resigned as Trustee 24 July 2025 |
| Mrs Elizabeth Ann Rew | 18 January /2021 | 29 January 2025 | Resigned as Member 29 January 2025 |
| Mr Louis Donald | 30 March 2022 | 29 March 2026 | Resigned as Trustee 6 February 2025 |
| Mrs Janet Susan Parker | 6 January 2021 | 27 November 2023 | Resigned as Member |
| Mr Andrew Paul Davies | 10 February 2022 | 12 July 2023 | Resigned as Member |
| Miss Nic Marriott | 25 May 2022 | 24 May 2026 | Resigned as trustee 8 November 2023 |
| Mr Rob Shearing | 14 July 2021 | 13 July 2025 | Resigned as trustee 21 June 2023 |
| Mr Andrew Paul Davies | 14 July 2021 | 13 July 2024 | Resigned as trustee 16 January 2022 |
| Mr Peter Kirk Mabbott | 28 September 2018 | 27 September 2022 | Resigned as trustee 24 November 2021 |
| Miss Catherine Burns BEM | 14 November 2019 | 13 November 2023 | Resigned as trustee 22 July 2021 |
| Miss Cherie White | 28 September 2018 | 27 September 2022 | 16 January 2020 |
| Mr Simon Paul Jones | 13 November 2017 | 12 November 2021 | 9 May 2019 |

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| Mrs Debbie Clinton (Rooney) | Acting CEO Article 46 | 05 June 2017 | Resigned as a Trustee 15 June 2018 Resigned as a member of staff August 2018 Ex-officio until CEO returned to post from secondment |
| Miss Sarah Hall | 1 September 2016 | 31 August 2020 | 11 May 2018 |
| Miss Elizabeth Warhurst | 13 November 2017 | 12 November 2021 | 18 April 2018 |
| Mr Christopher Barry Pickering- Chief Executive Officer Article 46 | 9 June 2011 | Ex-officio | 5 June 2017 Resigned while on secondment to another Trust Opted not to be a Trustee 15 June 2018 |
| Mr Andrew Robert Knight - parent | 14 May 2012 | 13 May 2016 | 31 August 2016 |
| Mr Richard John Turner - parent | 6 July 2015 | 5 July 2019 | 31 August 2016 |
| Mr Wayne Spooner – staff | 17 December 2013 | 16 December 2017 | 31 August 2016 |
| Miss Maxine Anne Tivey – staff | Original appointment 9 June 2011 Re-appointment 13 July 2015 | 12 July 2019 | 8 June 2015 31 August 2016 |
| Mrs Ingrid Wiggins –additional director appointed by the Members | 26 March 2014 | 25 March 2018 | 31 August 2016 |
| Professor John Graham Dickens – chair of governors at East Leake Academy | 8 July 2014 | 7 July 2018 | 31 August 2016 |
| Ms Catherine Burn – chair of governors at Tuxford Primary Academy | 1 September 2015 | 31 August 2019 | 31 August 2016 |
| Mrs Catherine Mary Turner – chair of governors at The Holgate Academy | 2 September 2013 | 1 September 2017 | 31 August 2016 |
| Mrs Trudi Favill – chair of governors at Tuxford Primary Academy | 4 February 2013 | 3 February 2017 | 31 August 2015 |
| Mr Alec Webster – additional Director | 9 June 2011 | | 8 June 2015 |
| Mr Robert Pitchford - parent | 9 June 2011 | | 8 June 2015 |
| Mr Ronald Anthony Henderson – chair of governors at Retford Oaks Academy | 9 June 2011 | | 23 September 2014 |