



St Joseph's Highfield Catholic Primary School
Academic Year 2025/2026
Local Governing Committee Membership & Register of Pecuniary and Other Interests
(attendance covering the 2024/25 academic year)

The Chair of Governors is Paul Bradley. The Vice Chair is Lindsay Burkinshaw. They are elected annually from amongst the Foundation Governors. Information correct as of 1 June 2025

The Chair can be contacted via the school office or via governance@bwcet.com

Full Name	Category of Governor & Appointed by	Date of Appointment	End of Term of Office	Date stepped down (if applicable)	Attendance at LGC meetings (2024/25)	Relevant Business & Pecuniary Interests	Roles/links to sub committees/ monitoring links
Joanna Bircham	Headteacher/Ex Officio	01/09/2013			3/3	None	Admissions, Curriculum & Standards, Resources
Paul Bradley	Foundation Governor Appointed by the Diocese	07/10/2020	05/10/2026		3/3	Wife is a governor at St Philip Neri	Chair, Admissions, Curriculum & Standards, HT PM, PSHE, Website, Resources, Assessment, Data Protection, Safeguarding
Lindsay Burkinshaw	Foundation Governor Appointed by the Diocese	06/07/2018	29/06/2027		2/3	None	Vice Chair, Admissions, Curriculum & Standards, HT PM, Literacy
Allyson Thorpe	Foundation Governor Appointed by the Diocese	19/05/2023	18/05/2027		2/3	Headteacher at school in BBCET	RE, Resources, Curriculum & Standards, RE
Father Adrian Tuckwell	Foundation Governor Appointed by the Diocese	11/12/2024	10/12/2028		1/1	Governor at St Joseph's Blaydon	PSHE, Early Years

Rebecca Wensierska	Foundation Governor Appointed by the Diocese	10/11/2025	09/11/2029		0/0	None	
Dr Carys Watts	Parent Governor Elected by parents	29/03/2019	28/03/2027		3/3	None	Curriculum & Standards, HT PM, Maths, SEND
Jill Harper Hill	Parent Governor Elected by parents	01/06/2026	31/05/2030		0/0	None	
Joe Haws	Staff Governor Elected by staff	01/07/2022	30/06/2026		3/3	None	
Governors who have left in the last 12 months (2024/24)							
Mrs Catherine Lennox	Foundation Governor Appointed by the Diocese			04/12/2023			
Rev John James	Foundation Governor Appointed by the Diocese			12/06/2025			