

The Bellbird School Governors 2023-2024

The Bellbird Primary School is governed by the Governing Body. It is the accountable body for the school and sets the strategic direction together with the Headteacher and the leadership team. We are a small and committed group of people with a range of skills, backgrounds and experiences who are responsible for making decisions about how the work of the school is run. All governing bodies have certain obligations, legal duties, powers and responsibilities.

The Governing Body meets six times per year and there are several subcommittees that meet once or twice a term.

Who are we?

Chair of Governors: Dr Tim Wreghitt OBE

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The Bellbird School Governing Body comprises:

- 7 Community Governors
- 6 Parent Governors
- 1 Local authority Governor
- Headteacher (ex-officio)
- 1 Staff Governor

New Governors/Resignations this academic year:

- Steven Clarke (Parent Governor) resigned in February 2024
- Nerea Ibarra (Community Governor) resigned in July 2023
- Henry Weir (Community Governor) resigned in February 2024
- Maja Rix (Staff Governor) resigned in
- Peter Deane (Parent Governor) was elected in November 2023
- Sam Goddard (Parent Governor) was elected in November 2023
- Cynthia Okpokiri (Parent Governor) was elected in February 2024

- Jacqui Watkins (Community Governor) was appointed in May 2024
- Claire Abraham (Staff Governor) was elected in May 2024

The Governing Body meets once each half term and the subcommittees usually meet once (or twice) each term.

There are several sub-committees:

- Resources and Partnership committee (dealing with delegated finance, personnel, partnership and health and safety issues). Chaired by Phil O'Dell
- Standards and Curriculum committee (reviews curriculum and children's progress). Chaired by Emma Mba).
- Health and Safety Group (reviews health and safety issues and reports to the Resources and Partnership committee). Chaired by Andy Irons.
- Head Teacher performance Management committee (John Rimell, Emma Mba and Tim Wreghitt). Chaired by John Rimell.
- Salaries Committee (Phil O'Dell and Katie Graham). Chaired by Phil O'Dell).

Governors take a lead role in monitoring:

- School Development Plan targets:
 - Diminishing the difference (Emma Mba and Tim Wreghitt)
 - Writing (Tim Wreghitt and John Rimell)
 - Our wider offer (Katie Graham)
 - Middle Leadership (Duncan Macfarlane)
 - Safeguarding (Maureen Tsentides and Cynthia Okpokiri)
- Finance (Phil O'Dell)
- Special Educational Needs (Emma Mba)
- Property and Health and Safety (Andy Irons)
- Parent consultation (Duncan Macfarlane)
- Environment and FABS (Tim Wreghitt)
- Pupil Premium (Tim Wreghitt)
- Maths (Duncan Macfarlane)
- English/Literacy (Tim Wreghitt and John Rimell)
- FABS (Andy Irons)
- Science (vacant)

Governing Body member	Full Governors	Resources & Partnerships	Headteacher Performance Management Salary Committee	Working Groups Health and Safety Standards	Appointed by	Date of Appointment	Date of office falls vacant
Tim Wreghitt	X (Chair)	X	Headteacher Performance Management	Health & Safety Standards	Local Authority	12/10/13	26/10/26
Duncan MacFarlane	X (Vice-chair)			Health & Safety Standards	Parent	10/11/18	09/11/26
Rebecca Pentney/ Emma Clayton	X	X		Attend all working groups	Ex-officio		
Peter Deane	X	X			Parent	12/11/23	12/11/27
Andrew Irons	X	X		Health & Safety (Chair)	Community	26/07/22	26/07/26
Sam Goddard	X	X			Parent	12/11/23	12/11/27
Kate Graham	X	X	Salary	Standards	Community	18/10/10	30/09/26
Emma Mba	X		Headteacher Performance Management	Standards (Chair)	Parent	06/12/22	06/12/26
Phil O'Dell	X	X (Chair)	Salary (Chair)		Community	01/12/07	31/08/27
Cynthia Okpokiri	X				Parent	09/02/24	09/02/28
John Rimell	X		Headteacher Performance Management (Chair)	Standards	Community	28/10/11	10/10/27
Maureen Tsentides	X			Health & Safety	Parent	06/12/18	06/12/26
Jacqui Watkins	X			Standards	Community	01/05/24	01/05/28
Vacancy					Community		
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Claire Abraham	X			Standards	Staff Governor	01/05/24	01/05/28
CLERK: Jane Boyce							