

The Bellbird School Governors 2025-2026

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 Email:
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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

Governors

Tim Wreghitt	Chair, Local Authority Governor
Jacqui Watkins	Vice Chair Community Governor
James Puxley	Headteacher
Duncan Macfarlane	Parent Governor
Emma Mba	Parent Governor

Lorna Golds (from February 2025)	Parent Governor
Cynthia Okpokiri	Parent Governor
Peter Deane	Parent Governor
Sam Goddard	Parent Governor
Daniel Trocme-Latter (from April 2025)	Community Governor
Romit Samanta (from April 2025)	Community Governor
Andy Irons	Community Governor
Phil O'Dell	Community Governor
Henry Weir	Community Governor
Gita Mistry (from September 2025)	Community Governor
Claire Abraham	Staff Governor

New Governors/Resignations in the previous academic year:

- Maureen Tsentides (Parent Governor) resigned in November 2024
- John Rimell (Community Governor) resigned in July 2025
- Lorna Golds (Parent Governor) was elected in February 2025
- Daniel Trocme-Latter (Community Governor) was appointed in April 2025
- Romit Samanta (Community Governor) was appointed in April 2025
- Gita Mistry (Community Governor) was appointed in August 2025

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 Jacqui Watkins)
- 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 (Chaired by Emma Mba).
- Salaries Committee (Chaired by Phil O'Dell).

Governors take a lead role in monitoring:

Curriculum - Jacqui Watkins

Developing Quality Teaching - Henry Weir

Inclusive Practice – Emma Mba

Leadership and Governance - Lorna Golds, Henry Weir

Wider School Development and Partnerships - Peter Deane

Safeguarding - Cynthia Okpokiri

Finance - Phil O'Dell, Sam Goddard

SEND – Emma Mba

Property - Andy Irons

Health and Safety – Andy Irons

FABS/PTA – Andy Irons

Environment - Tim Wreghitt

Training – Peter Deane

Maths - Sam Goddard

Science - Romit Samanta

PE - Phil O'Dell

Design and Technology - Duncan Macfarlane

Eco Friendly Outlook - Tim Wreghitt

IT- Sam Godard

Modern Foreign Languages - Daniel Trocmé-Latter

Music - Daniel Trocmé-Latter

Geography – Andy Irons

Art and Design – Lorna Golds

Religious Education - Gita Mistry

PHSE – Gita Mistry

History – Peter Deane

English – Tim Wreghitt

Assessment - Jacqui Watkins

Summary of Governor memberships on committees:

Governing Body member	Full Governors	Resources & Partnerships	Headteacher Performance Management Salary Committee	Health & 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
Jacqui Watkins	X (Vice Chair)		Headteacher Performance Management	Standards (Chair)	Community	01/05/24	01/05/28
James Puxley	X			Attends all working groups	Ex-officio Head	01/01/25	-
Duncan MacFarlane	X			Health & Safety Standards	Parent	10/11/18	09/11/26
Peter Deane	X	X		Health & Safety	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
Emma Mba	X		Headteacher Performance Management (Chair)	Standards	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		Salary		Parent	09/02/24	09/02/28
Henry Weir	X			Standards	Community	11/07/24	11/07/28
Lorna Golds	X	X			Parent	10/02/25	10/02/29
Daniel Trocme-Latter	X			Standards	Community	22/04/25	22/04/29
Romit Samanta	X			Standards	Community	22/04/25	22/04/29
Gita Mistry	X			Health & Safety	Community	31/08/25	31/08/29
Claire Abraham	X			Standards	Staff Governor	01/05/24	01/05/28
Clerk: Julie Gledhill							