

The remit of the Levens CE School governing board:

It is stated in the Governance Handbook that all boards, no matter what type of schools or how many schools they govern, have three core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

The constitution of our governing board is as follows:

- 4 Parent governors
- 1 Local Authority governor
- 1 Headteacher
- 1 Staff governor
- 3 Foundation governors
- 2 Co-opted governors

Term of office for parent governors is 3 years

Term of office for all other governors is 4 years

The structure of board committees is listed below

Levens CE School Governing Body Details			
Name of Governor	Governor Category	Appointing Body	Term of Office
Suzan Bishop (Chair)	Co-Opted	Governing Body	4 years (concludes 22.09.2024)
Liz Heaton	Parent	Parental Body	3 years (concludes 18.12.2026)
Jenny Berge	Local Authority	Governing Body from an LA Nomination	4 years (concludes 22.09.2025)
Revd. Bryan Kerr	Foundation – Ex Officio	Diocese	Ex-Officio, whilst in post as Vicar
Jane Farraday	Head – Ex Officio	Headteacher - postholder	Ex-Officio, whilst in post as Headteacher
Rachael Newberry	Parent	Parental Body	3 years (concludes 18.09.2026)
Jane Newberry	Parent	Parental Body	3 years (concludes 18.12.2026)
David Keen	Parent	Parental Body	3 years (concludes 25.9.2028)
Emma Simpson	Foundation	Diocese	4 years (concludes 01.11.2026)
Elizabeth Brown	Foundation	Diocese	4 years (concludes 18.05.2025)
John Wood	Co-Opted	Governing Body	4 years (concludes 04.12.2027)
Helen Haslam	staff	Staff Body	4 years (concludes 25.09.2029)
Joanne Gardner-Barlow	Clerk	N/A	N/A

Finance and Property Committee Details

Name of Governor	Role	Additional Committees	
John Wood	Chair	Headteacher Appraisal	
Jane Farraday	Member		
Emma Simpson	Member	Pay Review Committee	
Bryan Kerr	Member	Pay Review Appeals Committee	
Jane Newberry	Member	Pay Review Committee	
Liz Heaton	Member	Pay Review Appeals	
Joanne Gardner-Barlow	Clerk		

Curriculum and Staffing Committee Details

Name of Governor	Role	Additional Committees	
Jenny Berge	Chair	Headteacher Appraisal	
Suzan Bishop	Member	Headteacher Appraisal	
Rachael Newberry	Member	Pay Review Appeals Committee	
David Keen	Member		
Jane Farraday	Member		
Elizabeth Brown	Member	Pay Review Committee	
Helen Haslam	Member		
Joanne Gardner-Barlow	Clerk		

Register of Governors' Interest 2025-6

Name of Governor	Governor Category	Business Interest	Other Educational Establishments Governed	Relationship to School Staff
Jenny Berge	Local Authority	Owner of an Educational Consultancy and Training Business – ‘Development Solutions.’	None	None
Bryan Kerr	Ex Officio	Priest in Charge at St. John’s Church, Levens Trustee of the Levens Playing Fields Committee	Milnthorpe Primary School, Milnthorpe	None
Jane Farraday	Headteacher	Farraday’s Tasty Ltd. Director Guide Dog UK Puppy Raiser volunteer	None	Colleague
Jane Newberry	Parent	None	None	none
Emma Simpson	Foundation	Headteacher at Lancaster Christ Church CE Primary School. Governor at Morecambe Road School	Headteacher/ex-officio governor at Lancaster Christ Church Primary School. Co-opted governor at specialist school	None
David Keen	Parent	None	None	None
Suzan Bishop (Chair)	Co-Opted	None	None	None
Joanne Gardner-Barlow	Clerk	None	None	colleague
Rachael Newberry	Parent	Teacher at Penny CE Bridge Academy	None	none
Liz Heaton	Parent	Charitable donation to Levens CE School via Orcina – married to employee. Online Reader Volunteer for Chapter One UK	None	None
John Wood	Co-Opted	None.	None	None
Helen Haslam	staff	EvolutionK9 – husband’s business	None	colleague
Elizabeth Brown	Foundation	None	None	None

Full Governing Body Meetings 2025-6 Governor Attendance													
<u>Date</u>	JGB - Clerk	BK	JF	JB	SB	ES	HH	RN	DK	JW	LH	JN	FB
25.9.25	Pres	Pres	Pres	Pres	Pres	Pres	Pres	Apols	Pres	Pres	Pres	Apols	N/A
11.12.25													

Curriculum and Staffing Committee Meetings 2025-6 Governor Attendance													
<u>Date</u>													
13.11.25													

Finance and Property Committee Meetings 2025-6 Governor Attendance										
<u>Date</u>										
23.10.25										