

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 all 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 21.09.2028)
Liz Heaton	Parent	Parental Body	3 years (concludes 18.12.2026)
Jenny Berge	Local Authority	Governing Body from an LA Nomination	4 years (concludes 22.09.2029)
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
Helen Haslam	Staff	Staff Body	4 years (concludes 12.09.2029)
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 18.05.28)
Emma Simpson	Foundation	Diocese	4 years (concludes 01.11.2026)
Elizabeth Brown	Foundation	Diocese	4 years (concluded 18.05.2029)
Richard Quinn	Co-Opted	Governing Body	4 years (concludes 31.01.29)

Finance and Property Committee Details

Name of Governor	Role	Additional Committees	
Jane Newberry	Chair	Pay Review	
Jane Farraday	Member		
Richard Quinn	Member		
Bryan Kerr	Member		
Emma Simpson	Member	Headteacher Appraisal Pay Review committee	
Liz Heaton	Member		

Curriculum and Staffing Committee Details

Name of Governor	Role	Additional Committees	
Jenny Berge	Chair	Headteacher Appraisal	
Suzan Bishop	Member	Headteacher Appraisal	
Rachael Newberry	Member		
David Keen	Member		
Jane Farraday	Member		
Elizabeth Brown	Member	Pay Review	
Helen Haslam	Member		

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	None	None	Colleague
Helen Haslam	Staff	EvolutionK9 (spouse’s business)	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	Pharmig (chair) UK PDA (Board Member)	None	None
Suzan Bishop (Chair)	Co-Opted	None	None	None
Rachael Newberry	Parent	None	None	None
Liz Heaton	Parent	Online Reading Support in primary schools Volunteer. Orcina Ltd (married to employee) charitable donations to school.	None	None
Richard Quinn	Co-opted	Kendal College Governor Crisis/Guide Dogs/WCAS/Flynn’s Barn charities’ volunteer.	Kendal College Governor	None
Elizabeth Brown	Foundation	None	None	None

Full Governing Body Meetings 2025-2026													
<u>Date</u>	BK	JF	JB	SB	ES	HH	RN	RQ	JW	EB	LH	JN	DK
25.9.25	present	present	present	present	present	present	absent		present	present	present	absent	present
11.12.25	absent	present	present	present	present	absent	present	present		present	present	present	
26.03.26													
21.05.26													

Curriculum and Staffing Subcommittee 2025-2026									
<u>Date</u>	JB	SB	JF	DK	HH	RN	EB		
13.11.25	present								
29.1.26	present	present	present	present	present	absent	present		
23.4.26									
9.07.26									

Finance and Property Subcommittee 2025-2026								
<u>Date</u>	ES	RQ	JF	BK	JW	JN	LH	SBM SB
23.10.25	present		present	absent	present	present	present	
5.2.26	present	present	present	absent		present	present	
11.5.26								

(All meetings are organised, attended and minuted by Jo Brookes at North Yorkshire Governor Services)