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	Co-Opted	Governing Body	4 years (concludes 21.09.2028)
Liz Heaton	Parent	Parental Body	3 years (concludes 18.12.2026)
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)
Jane Newberry	Parent	Parental Body	3 years (concludes 18.12.2026)
David Keen	Parent	Parental Body	3 years (concludes 18.05.28)
Emma Simpson (Chair)	Foundation	Diocese	4 years (concludes 01.11.30)
Elizabeth Brown	Foundation	Diocese	4 years (concluded 18.05.2029)
Richard Quinn	Co-Opted	Governing Body	4 years (concludes 31.01.29)
Nicola Gilbert	Parent	Governing Body	4 year (concludes 06.10.30)
	LA	Governing Body	

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		
Suzan Bishop	Member	Headteacher Appraisal	
Liz Heaton	Member		

Curriculum and Staffing Committee Details			
Name of Governor	**Role**	**Additional Committees**	
	Chair		
Emma Simpson	Member	Headteacher Appraisal	
Nicola Gilbert	Member		
David Keen	Member		
Jane Farraday	Member		
Elizabeth Brown	Member	Pay Review	
Helen Haslam	Member		

Register of Governors' Interest 2026-27				
Name of Governor	**Governor Category**	**Business Interest**	**Other Educational Establishments Governed**	**Relationship to School Staff**
Bryan Kerr	Ex Officio	Priest in Charge at St. John's Church, Levens Trustee of the Levens Playing Fields Committee	Governor at Milnthorpe Primary School, Milnthorpe	None
Jane Farraday	Headteacher	None	None	Colleague
Helen Haslam	Staff	EvolutionK9, Dog daycare & boarding (spouse's business)	None	Colleague
Jane Newberry	Parent	None	None	None
Emma Simpson (Chair)	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	Co-opted	None	None	None
Liz Heaton	Parent	Online Reading Support in West Cumbria primary schools. Orcina Ltd (co-parenting with employee) - Charitable donations to Levens CE School.	None	None
Richard Quinn	Co-opted	None	Kendal College Governor	None
Elizabeth Brown	Foundation	None	None	None
Nicola Gilbert	Parent	Director of Rapid Assurance since March 2022 (Education Risk Management business) Head of Boarding at Dallam School	None	None

Date	**BK**	**JF**	**DK**	**SB**	**ES**	**HH**	**NG**	**RQ**	**EB**	**LH**	**JN**
8.10.26	present	present	apologies	present	present	apologies	present	present	present	present	present
3.12.26											
25.2.27											
27.5.27											

Curriculum and Staffing Subcommittee 2026-2027									
Date	**ES**		**JF**	**DK**	**HH**	**NG**	**EB**		
19.11.26									
4.2.27									
22.4.27									

Finance and Property Subcommittee 2026-2027						
Date	**SB**	**RQ**	**JF**	**BK**	**JN**	**LH**
22.10.26	present	present	apologies		present	present
12.2.27						
17.5.27						

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