Local Governing Body - Pen Pictures 2025

Susan Reid Chair of Governors Trustee appointed Governor	Sue has been a governor for a number of years and serves as the Chair of the Local Governing Board. Sue is a chartered accountant.	
Isabel Peel Trustee appointed Governor Vice Chair	Isabel qualified as a Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife and worked as a community midwife in the rural and surrounding Pateley Bridge and Ripon areas for over 26 years. For many years she combined her community work with Practice Development for midwives and doctors and being Named Midwife for Safeguarding Children. Latterly, managing the community midwifery team and retaining her Safeguarding role. Isabel has now retired from NHS. Isabel is the lead governor for SEND.	
Alison Kaye Trustee appointed Governor (MLT representative)	Alison is the Chief Financial Officer of Moorlands Learning Trust. She is a Schools Resource Management Advisor, a Specialist Leader of Education and a Fellow of the Institute of School Business Leaders. Alison is a chartered accountant and holds an MBA. Alison held senior roles in financial services before moving into the education sector 14 years ago.	
Dr Janet Holt Trustee appointed Governor	Dr Janet Holt has been a member of the governing body for a number of years and is currently lead governor for Standards and Achievement. She has considerable experience of education and research in higher education. Janet has recently retired but holds the position of Visiting Associate Professor in Healthcare Ethics in the School of Healthcare at the University of Leeds.	
Ms K Jordan Headteacher Ex officio Governor	Kath has worked in education since 1995 and has been involved in the leadership of Nidderdale High School since 2004, becoming Headteacher in 2017. For a number of years, she was also involved in educational publishing and has written several study guides for KS3 English. Originally from the Wirral, Kath has lived in North Yorkshire since 1991.	

Maxine Carpenter Staff Governor	Maxine joined the board as staff governor in January 2025. Maxine has worked in education for 15 years and has held various roles including her present role of Director of Learning in Science. As a keen scientist Maxine works hard to develop a love of science for all at Nidderdale and is passionate about fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment.	
Lindy Edwards Co-opted Governor	Lindy joined the Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor in November 2018. Prior to this she was a governor at a local primary school for 15 years. She is a retired Chartered Accountant and treasurer of a number of local charities. Lindy chairs the Finance Committee.	
Richard Thorpe Parent Governor	Richard, who moved to Nidderdale with his family in 2023, joined the LGB in 2024 and brings a wealth of expertise. With a professional background in technology and software, he has extensive experience spanning sales, finance and business growth strategy.	
Richard Jones Parent Governor	Richard joined as a Parent Governor in 2022. He grew up in North Yorkshire and moved back with his family in 2013, settling in Nidderdale. Richard has worked in the public sector for over 20 years and has a particular interest in partnership and safeguarding work. Richard is currently lead Safeguarding governor.	
Ian Broadbent Parent Governor	Ian lives locally and has two daughters. He works within the education sector developing and managing student accommodation across the UK and beyond. His specialism is in facilities management, health and fire safety. He is passionate about education, loves the outdoors and travel and is also a part time children's author with several books published. Ian is the lead governor for Careers and Health & Safety.	
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