



The Ryedale Federation

Governing Board

Governors

David Dangerfield	Chair of Governors / Co-opted Governor
Heather White	Co-opted Governor / Link Governor for Sinnington CP School
David Ball	Vice Chair / Parent Governor / Link Governor for Ryedale School
Katie Atkinson	Parent Governor / Link Governor for Helmsley CP School
Ruth Smith	Co-opted Governor
Anna Aspery	Staff Governor
Mark McCandless	Headteacher, Ryedale School
Mrs Gill Hardacre	Headteacher, Kirkbymoorside CP School
John Goodyear	Local Authority Governor / Link Governor for Kirkbymoorside CP School

Ruth Smith was appointed Governor as of 22nd June 2018. Katie Atkinson was appointed on December 12th 2017; all other Governors were appointed on July 1st 2016 for a four year term of office by the Ryedale Federation Board of Governors. No Governor serves on any other committees or governs any other educational establishments and there are no associate members. There are no relationships between governors and members of the school staff including spouses, partners and relatives.

What do Governors do?

Governors are the heart of our school leadership. Their responsibilities include:

- The performance of federation schools
- The future development of the federation
- Managing the schools' budgets within the federation
- Appointing staff
- The federation's provision for pupils

The governing board has chosen to delegate some functions, as set out in the scheme of delegation, to the Headteachers and Executive Leadership Team. For example, the Executive Leadership Team has responsibility for monitoring the quality of teaching and learning and the progress of all students within federation schools. However, governors remain responsible for setting the ethos, culture and strategic direction for the federation.

The Governors carry out their responsibilities by meeting **each half term** throughout the academic year. Governors can take part in all aspects of school life and can decide how much to be involved through the Link Governor role. Being a Governor is very rewarding:

- Making a positive difference to how well the federation operates
- Seeing how your efforts help raise standards and achievement
- Helping federation schools to be a bigger part of our community
- Learning new skills, enhance your cv and realise your potential
- Having an impact on children's lives
- Ensure that every child matters



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Training and support

There is a great deal of support for Governors, new and experienced. There is a full induction process, including meeting the Headteacher and having a tour of the school. If you wish, another member of the Governing Board will act as your mentor. Training can be accessed through a range of providers including the County Council. Fees are paid by the federation. Courses can encourage your development as a Governor. Attendance at forums are useful for increasing your knowledge in specific areas and networking with other local Governors. The Governing Board is skills based to ensure a broad and balanced Governing Board, and is made up as follows:

- 1 Local Authority Governor
- 1 Staff Governor
- 2 Headteacher Governors
- 2 Parent Governors
- 4 Co-opted Governors (1 vacancy)
- Clerk to Governors

The Link Governors for each of the federation schools are:

Katie Atkinson
Helmsley CP School

John Goodyear
Kirkbymoorside CP School

David Dangerfield
Ryedale School

Heather White
Sinnington CP School

Business interests and / or financial interests:

With the exception of Mr J Goodyear, no member of the governing board have any business interest or financial interest. Those named have no conflict of interest.

David Ball is a Governor at Ripon Grammar School; no other governor undertakes any other governance roles in other schools.

If you have any questions re governance please email the Clerk to The Ryedale Federation:

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