

BARROW 1618 GOVERNANCE

Governor Name / D.O.B. / Nationality	Postcode	Governor Status	Committee Membership	Biography	Attendance at Full Governors Meetings (15/16 academic year)
Selina Graham (Previous surname: Weld Forester) / 07.02.68. / British	TF12 5BW	Academy Trust Governor 4 year term from 2012 EYFS Link Governor	Chair of Governors Finance committee Chair HR committee Marketing committee	Started career as a Solicitor, followed by farming in Zimbabwe and then running family business in Shropshire. Extensive experience on committees and charity work. Over 10 years as a school governor and founder member of Barrow 1618.	3 out of a possible 3
Richard Jackson / 08.01.61. / British	TF12 5AJ	Academy Trust Governor 4 year term from 2012 Numeracy Link Governor	Chair of Finance HR committee	Qualified engineer with masters degree. Most of life in manufacturing and business management. Currently running own project management business. Founder member of Barrow 1618.	3 out of a possible 3
Greg Watson / 06.02.68. / British	TF12 5JG	Academy Trust Governor 4 year term from 2012 Safeguarding Link Governor	Finance committee Chair of Marketing committee	Qualified as a psychiatric Nurse and specialised in forensic Psychiatry working in numerous secure settings, then qualified as a Social Worker and worked in Residential Childcare for many years. Now runs a number of children's homes and an independent school. Founding member of Barrow 1618 believing in the educational experience it could offer.	2 out of a possible 3 (Missed Autumn Term due to car breakdown)
Natasha Branston (Previous surname: Kenyon-Slaney) /	TF11 9EW	Diocesan Governor 4 year term from 2012	Chair of Curriculum committee Marketing committee	Worked for World Challenge Expeditions, leading school expeditions overseas for 5 years. Education Manager at Business in the Community and	3 out of a possible 3

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29.08.69. / British		Outdoors Education Link Governor		Corporate Social Responsibility manager for large International Law firm. On return to Shropshire, qualified as a TA and Forest School Leader Set up Educating Kids Outdoors to support Outdoor Learning Curriculum in schools, currently work in a number of different settings	
Maylin Ware / 16.06.68. / British	WV16 6PP	Diocesan Governor 4 year term from 2012 RE Link Governor	Finance Committee	Chartered accountant with background in industry. More recently in education as school bursar. Experience in charitable sector. Invited to join as a governor at the school opening for finance experience.	3 out of a possible 3
Nick Swankie / 19.11.76. / British	TF12 5RX	Elected Parent Governor Two year term from 2015 Sustainability Link Governor	Premises, security, Health and Safety committee	A professional gardener for 18 years, working for the National Trust for the last 10. A Parochial Church Councillor for 15 years. A keen interest in the outdoors, landscape and environment.	3 out of a possible 3
Charlotte Hayes (Previous surname: Bowland) / 07.10.85. / British	SY1 1AD	Elected Staff Governor 4 year term from 2016	Premises, security and Health and Safety committee	Teaching staff member, school Assistant Head Teacher holding QTS.	2 out of a possible 2
Victoria Mantle / 23.11.83. / British	TF3 2AY	Academy Trust Governor 4 year term from 2012 SEN Link Governor	Curriculum committee	Background in education, primary teaching, SEN – currently head of SEN at large secondary school. Invited to join as a governor for teaching and SEN background.	2 out of a possible 3 (Missed Autumn Term due to unavoidable prior commitment)

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Annabel Prideaux (Previous surname Gillespie) / 06.06.75. / British	SY5 6EJ	Diocesan Governor 4 year term from 2012 Monitoring/Standards Link Governor	Human Resources Chair of Admissions committee	Background in headhunting, staff development and training. Bringing management and HR skills to the governing body.	2 out of a possible 3 (Missed Spring Term due to work commitments)
Carolyn Jones / 08.01.61. / British	TF12 5JJ	Academy Trust Governor 4 year term from 2013 Literacy Link Governor	Curriculum committee HR committee	Practicing barrister, delivers lectures on family law, management experience, leadership and legal.	3 out of a possible 3
Sally Wicks / 15.08.67. / British	TF12 5JT	Academy Trust Governor 4 year term from 2016	Premises, security, Health and Safety committee Admissions committee	Qualified as a Landscape Architect (part 3) and has worked within the profession of horticulture for twenty years, initially as a lecturer and now running a garden design and maintenance business. Founder member of the initial free school group.	2 out of a possible 2
Brynley Evans / 04.06.66. / British	TF13 6AP	Elected Parent Governor Two year term from 2014 Science Link Governor	Admissions committee Curriculum committee	25 years in education and currently deputy head of a secondary school in Birmingham. Bringing valuable additional strength to the curriculum committee.	3 out of a possible 3
Kay Garrison (Previous surname: Suttie) / 23.07.78. / British	TF12 6PN	Academy Trust Governor 4 year term from 2014 The Arts Link Governor	Premises, security, Health and Safety committee Marketing committee	Qualified as a solicitor, worked in civil litigation, now runs own marketing and advertising business. Dancing teacher and parent. Appointed in particular for marketing skills.	2 out of a possible 3 (Missed Spring Term due to maternity absence)
John Newton /	TF 4 3PU	Head Teacher Governor	On all committees	Non-teaching staff member. School Head Teacher, holding QTS.	3 out of a possible 3

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Register of business interests

Governor	Name of Business	Nature of Interest	Date of Entry
Selina Graham	Willey Estate – Buildings/Maintenance	Chief Executive	August 2012 - Present
Natasha Branston	E.K.O. – Outdoor Learning	Owner	August 2012 - Present
Greg Watson	C2C – Buildings/Maintenance	Director	August 2012 - Present

Personal Relationships with School Staff

Governor	Nature of Relationship	Date of Entry
Brynley Evans	Husband of H.L.T.A.	November 2014

Governance role in another school	Role	Date of Entry
Greg Watson	Owner, Evolution Centre, Bicton, Shrewsbury	2012
Brynley Evans	Head Teacher & Governor, Yeardeys School, Birmingham	2015
Maylin Ware	Clerk to Governing Body, Shrewsbury School, Shropshire Governor, Abberley Hall School, Worcestershire	2012

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Richard Jackson	Governor, The Haberdashers' Adams' Federation Trust (HAFT), Shropshire	2016
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Welcome to the section of the website where you can find out more about the school's governors, and the work that we do. Our main aim is to ensure the delivery of an inspiring and outstanding standard of education for all pupils in our care. To do this, we support the Headteacher and the staff – we can challenge them and ask questions so we act as 'a critical friend'. We help them to set and reach targets and to strive for excellence across the whole spectrum of school life. The two key documents used for this are the School Development Plan (SDP) and the Self Evaluation Form (SEF). The SDP sets out a three year strategic plan for the school, with targets that everyone works towards and the SEF sets out how well the school is doing and where we aim to make improvements.

Our legal duties include:-

- setting strategic direction, policies and objectives
- approving the school budget and reviewing progress against it
- appointing, challenging and supporting the headteacher
- The Governing body is answerable to the parents and to the wider community

At Barrow 1618 we strive to have a governing body with a broad and balanced skill set who actively contribute to meetings and to the wider life of the school. We maintain a skills audit for governance and a training matrix which are regularly updated. All governors visit school in between meetings to observe and discuss their "link" areas of interest.

The initial appointments were made on the basis of skills, knowledge and experience required to open and run a free school, since then appointments are made with the skills audit in mind and the ever growing and changing needs of the school. Parents are advised of vacancies through the Newsletter and the Academy Trust is always delighted to hear of people who would be interested in becoming governors at some time in the future.

There are four types of governor appointment:

- 2 are elected by parents – brief CVs are submitted and a democratic process followed.
- 3 are appointed by the diocese of Hereford – Recommendations made by the Academy Trust
- 7 are appointed by the Academy Trust - on the basis of necessary and desirable skills
- 2 are school appointments – one staff member and the Head teacher.

The full Governing body meets usually once a term, and most committees meet at least termly in addition to this. Link governor visits occur up to 3 times a year, and there is also a small senior leadership team who meet most Monday evenings with the Head teacher.

The Governors invite observers to their meetings sometimes from the staff, or the friends of Barrow, or school council to ensure that the proceedings are open, transparent and accessible. The minutes of full governors and committee meetings are all kept in reception and available on request.

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A Governors Impact Statement is also prepared annually and signed off by staff. This sits on the Governors file in school and is also on the web site.

If you wish to know more, or are interested in becoming a governor, please contact us care of the School Office or email us at selinagraham726@btinternet.com