

# GOVERNING BODY

Academic Year 2023-2024

The responsibilities of the Governors are wide ranging and cover issues of finance, curriculum, development and strategy, the maintenance of the grounds and buildings and matters relating to personnel.

Our Governors bring a great deal of expertise to the governing body; they play a key role in setting the strategic direction of our school and in providing the necessary support and challenge for our school's leadership team. As we continue on our improvement journey towards Outstanding, this role is absolutely crucial. Elections for Parent Governors' elections are held periodically as vacancies arise.

|   |   | DATE OF APPOINTMENT | TERM OF OFFICE     | LINK GOVERNOR / LEAD |
|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Chair of Governors</b><br><a href="mailto:ohowlett@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk">ohowlett@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk</a> | Mr Oliver Howlett   | 01.01.2018          | 01.01.2026         |                      |
| <b>Vice-Chair of Governors</b>  | Mrs Sian Pike   | 26.09.2019          | 26.09.2023         |                      |
| <b>Headteacher</b>  | Mrs Anniela Grattage<br><a href="mailto:headteacher@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk">headteacher@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk</a>        | 25.04.2022          | Headteacher        |                      |
| <b>Parent Governors</b><br>(Elected by Parents)   | Mr Oliver Howlett<br><a href="mailto:ohowlett@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk">ohowlett@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk</a>                 | 01.01.2018          | 01.01.2026         |                      |
|   | Mrs Jessica Harding<br><a href="mailto:jharding@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk">jharding@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk</a>               | 13.12.2023          | 12.12.2027         | Finance              |
| <b>Foundation Governor</b><br>(Appointed by Lichfield Diocese)  | Mrs Carol Higgs<br><a href="mailto:chiggs@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk">chiggs@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk</a>                       | 23.09.2021          | 22.09.2025         | SEN / Pupil Premium  |
|   | Mr Jordan Lambert<br><a href="mailto:jlambert@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk">jlambert@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk</a>                 | 01.12.2022          | 30.11.2026         | SIAMS                |
|   |   |                     |                    |                      |
| <b>Staff Governor</b><br>(Elected by Staff)   | Mr Alun Hughes<br><a href="mailto:ahughes@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk">ahughes@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk</a>                      | 21.10.2022          | 20.10.2026         |                      |
| <b>Co-opted Governors</b><br>(Appointed by the Governing Body)  | Mrs Sian Pike<br><a href="mailto:spike@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk">spike@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk</a>                           | 26.09.2019          | 26.09.2027         | Health & Safety      |
|   | Mrs Elizabeth Braithwaite<br><a href="mailto:ebraithwaite@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk">ebraithwaite@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk</a> | 23.09.2021          | 22.09.2025         | Safeguarding         |
|   | Mr Ashley Jones<br><a href="mailto:ajones@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk">ajones@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk</a>                       | 26.02.2023          | 25.02.2027         |                      |
| <b>Associate Members</b><br>(Does not have voting rights)   | Mr Matthew Hall<br><a href="mailto:mrhall@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk">mrhall@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk</a>                       | N/A                 | Deputy Headteacher |                      |

| <b>Resigned / Retired<br/>From Office</b> | <b>NAME</b>             | <b>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</b>                                 | <b>GOVERNOR CATEGORY</b> | <b>DATE RESIGNED / RETIRED FROM OFFICE</b> |
|---|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
|   | Mr Terry Jones          | (previously Ex-Officio-<br>appointment date<br>11.07.2019) | Foundation               | 05.03.2020                                 |
|   | Mr Andrew Doyle         | 01.12.2017   | Parent                   | 09.07.2020                                 |
|   | Mr Paul Callum          | 01.10.2020   | Co-Opted                 | 19.07.2021                                 |
|   | Mrs Susan Edmonds       | 21.09.2016   | Co-Opted                 | 19.07.2021 - End of term                   |
|   | Mr Stephen Dobson       | 21.09.2016   | Co-Opted                 | 19.07.2021 - End of term                   |
|   | Mrs Susan-Maiden Dalton | 16.10.2018   | Foundation               | 23.09.2021 - End of term                   |
|   | Ms Louisa Harrop        | 01.04.2020   | Foundation               | 08.12.2021                                 |
|   | Mrs Julie Rudge         | 01.09.2021   | Executive<br>Headteacher | 31.08.2022 - End of post                   |
|   | Mr Peter Taylor         | 19.07.2021   | Co-Opted                 | 31.08.2022                                 |
|   | Mr Mike Prescott        | 23.09.2021   | Associate Member         | 31.08.2022                                 |
|   | Mr Jon Tomlinson        | 05.03.2020   | Co-Opted                 | 27.09.2023                                 |
|   | Mr Robert Tarrant       | 15.11.2022   | Co-Opted                 | 13.12.2022                                 |
|   | Revd. Liz Jones         | 01.10.2021   | EX-OFFICIO               | 31.01.2024                                 |