

GOVERNING BODY OF WOODLANDS MEED ATTENDANCE 2025/26

Our Governing Body consists of 12 members and operates with a committee structure. The core functions of our governing body, as set out in The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013, are:

- ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined;
- ensuring that the head teacher performs his or her responsibilities for the educational performance of the school; and
- ensuring the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources.

The statutory purpose of the Governing Body is to promote high standards of educational achievement at the school.

The day to day management of the school is the responsibility of the Headteacher and staff, whereas the governors are responsible for the general direction of the school and providing a strategic overview.

The Governing Body acts as a critical friend to the school and ensures accountability, whilst considering the interests of children, parents and staff. It makes decisions about curriculum, finance, staffing and premises matters, to help raise standards of achievement and to make sure that the school provides a good quality education for all of our pupils.

***Attendance during previous academic year to 31/8/26**

Full name of Governor	Governor Category	Date of current Appointment or Election	Source of Appointment (where appropriate)	Term of office/Roles within GB	Attendance at full GB Meetings*	Committee membership	Attendance at committee meetings*	Declarations on register of business & pecuniary interest	Remarks
Adam Rowland	Staff - Headteacher	1/9/15			4/4	Ex-officio	8/9	Nil	
Miriam Owen	Partnership	4/10/22		4 years	3/4	Resources	2/3 plus 1	Nil	3 rd term. Previous term as parent.
Simon Virgo	Co-opted	12/7/25		4 years Co-chair FGB	3/4	Ex-officio	9/9	Sister in law cleaner @ WM	Re-elected for 4th term

Liz Huty	Co-opted (staff)	5/1/23		4 years	3/4		0		Nil
Bill Hatton	Partnership	4/10/22		4 years Co-chair FGB	3/4	Ex officio	5/6	Nil	2 nd term
Deborah Scott	Staff	4/10/22		4 years	3/4	L&WB	2/3	Nil	
Rose Griffiths	Co-opted	22/1/23		4 years	4/4	L&WB	2/3	Husband governor @ The Priory, Lewes	2 nd term
Matt Stuart	Parent	16/12/24		4 years Chair Resources	2/4	Resources	3/3		2 nd term
Sue Hawkes	Co-opted	16/12/24		4 years	3/4	L&WB	3/3		
Peter Williams	Co-opted	29/9/25		4 years Vice chair FGB Chair Governance	4/4	Ex officio	3/3 plus 2	Leader of BH town council. Partner Chair of community engagement, BH Town Council	
Colin Holden	LA elect	29/9/25		Resources	3/4		2/3 plus 2	On Mid Sussex Radio. Wife with BH Town Council	
Melanie Hart-Murison	Associate	29/9/25		LWB & Governance	3/4		3/6		
Full name of Associate Member	Committee Membership	Voting rights Yes/No	Date of Appointment	Term of Office/Role on committee	Attendance at committee Meetings*	Attendance at full GB meetings*	Declarations on register of business & pecuniary interest	Remarks	
Mark Rogers	L&WB	No	16/7/24	4 years	3/3	n/a	Nil		

Heather Trott	L&WB	No	14/11/22	4 years	2/3	n/a	Nil		
Martin Woods	L&WB	No	14/11/22	4 years	3/3	n/a	Nil		
Thomas Brown	L&WB	No	16/7/24	4 years	1/3	n/a	Nil		2 nd term
Justina Pughe Morgan	Resources Governance	No	4/10/22	4 years	5/5	2/2	Nil	School Business Manager 2 nd term	Sister in law employed as teacher
Nola Bennett	L&WB	No	29/9/25	4 years	3/3	n/a	1/1	3rd term	
Gillian Barton	L&WB	No	29/9/25	4 years	3/3	n/a	Nil	3rd term	
Chris Carter	L&WB	No	16/7/24	4 years	3/3	n/a	Nil	3rd term	
PREVIOUS GOVERNORS									
2025/26									
Shafique Barabhuiya	Parent	11/12/23		4 years	1/5	Resources	1/2		Removed 29/9/25
2024/5									
Marion Wilcock	Co-opted	19/12/21		4 years Chair FGB	2/2	Ex-officio	6/6	Director Haywards Heath CIC	Resigned 24/3/25
Rebecka Rornes	Associate			4 years			Nil		Removed 13/1/25