



Register of Woodhouse Grove Governors

September 2025



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Mr Christopher ALLEN, LLB Audit, Governance & Risk Committee Current Parent Church of England	Managing Partner, Blacks Solicitors LLP Member of the Law Society Appointed Governor February 2020
Mr CL Mark BEST, ACA Finance & General Purposes Committee Trustee, WGS Foundation Former Parent Methodist	Charles Best Ltd, Business Advisors Former Managing Director, Yorkshire Envelopes Former Financial Director, Regent Greeting Cards Group Former Group Financial Director, Barkston PLC Former Group Accountant, British Wool Marketing Board Appointed Governor December 2016
Mr Stephen BURNHILL, BSc (Hons) Education & Wellbeing Committee Finance & General Purposes Committee Chair, WGS Enterprises Ltd Trustee, WGS Foundation Old Grovian Church of England	Owner of Northern Game Feeds Ltd Governor and Trustee of Whitcliffe Mount School, Cleckheaton Former Rugby Player Appointed Governor January 2009
Mr Ronald DRAKE, LLB (Hons), ACI Arb, Solicitor Audit Governance & Risk Committee Chair, Appeals & Complaints Committee WGS Enterprises Limited GDPR Representative for WGS Church of England / Methodist	P/T Employment Tribunal Judge (since 1997) Fee Paid Judge, First Tier Immigration and Asylum Tribunals (February 2017 to November 2024) Retired Solicitor Legal Consultant Vice Chair, Airedale Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Board (2011 – 2016) Non-Executive Director, Airedale Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (2007 – 2016) Non-Executive Director, Music & The Deaf (2000 – 2010) Non-Executive Director, Arts & Business Yorkshire (1989 – 2008) Appointed Governor September 2013

Rt Rev Christopher EDMONDSON, BA, MA, Dip.Th Education & Wellbeing Committee Audit Governance & Risk Committee Trustee, WGS Foundation Church of England	Hon. Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Leeds Honorary Chaplain, Yorkshire County Cricket Club from October 2018 Ordained in the Church of England in 1973 Former Vicar of St Peter’s Church, Shipley Former Chair of Trustees, Scargill House, North Yorkshire Bishop of Bolton (2008 – 2016) Former Governor of two Primary Schools Appointed Governor May 2017
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Mrs Pamela ESSLER, BEM, BSc (Hons), PGCE Chair, Audit, Governance & Risk Committee Education & Wellbeing Committee Church of England	Former Science Co-ordinator, Keighley Preparatory School Chair, Keighley Healthy Living Chair, Keighley & Worth Valley Community Partnership Trustee, Bradford Voluntary & Community Sector Alliance Lay Leader, Yorkshire & Humber Patient Safety Research Collaborative Lay Member, NHSE Primary Care Performance Governor, One In A Million School Appointed Governor January 2009
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Prof Anne FORSTER PhD, BA (Hons) FCSP Church of England	Professor of Ageing & Stroke Research, University of Leeds and Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Deputy Director, Leeds Institute of Health Sciences (University of Leeds) NIHR Senior Investigator Physiotherapist Appointed Governor August 2025
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Mrs Sarah HUBY, BA (Hons) QTS, NPQH, NPQEL Education & Wellbeing Committee Old Grovian Church of England	Head, Holy Trinity C of E Primary School, Halifax Former Head, Myrtle Park Primary School Former Staff Governor, Thackley Primary School Appointed Governor July 2022
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Dr Kulwant JOHAL, PhD, BSc Finance & General Purposes Committee Current Parent Old Grovian Sikh	Managing Director, Piccadilly Properties Appointed Governor September 2021
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Mr Simon MORRIS, MA (Hons), PGCE, NPHQ Education & Wellbeing Committee Church of England	Former Head, Kingswood School Governor, Ipswich School Governor, Derby Cathedral School Appointed Governor February 2020
Mr Martin PEARMAN, MA, PGCE Chair, Education & Wellbeing Committee Safeguarding Representative for WGS Former Parent Church of England	Former Head, Ripon Grammar School (2004 – 2017) Former Deputy Head, Woodhouse Grove School (1999 – 2004) Appointed Governor June 2018
Ms Michelle PHILLIPS, Executive MBA, Registered Nurse Health & Safety Committee Governor with a Special Interest in Boarding Old Grovian Church of England	Managing Director / Owner, Carelink Homecare Services Ltd Registered General Nurse Executive MBA Former Executive Director, Park Mount Social Enterprise Former Member, Board of Trustees, Touchstones Former President, Anglesey Soroptimist International GB & Ireland Appointed Governor July 2022
Mrs Beverley PROCTOR, BA, CIPD Audit, Governance & Risk Committee Former Parent Church of England	Former Executive Director, Medical Protection Society Former Director, 2 Helix HR Former Governor of two Primary Schools Appointed Governor September 2021
Rev Kerry TANKARD, BA (Hons), MA, Methodist	District Chair of the Yorkshire West District of the Methodist Church Ex Officio from September 2019 Appointed Governor December 2019
Rev Peter WHITTAKER, BA (Hons) Governor Emeritus Methodist	Former Chair of the Yorkshire West District of the Methodist Church Ex Officio 1995 - 2022 Foundation Governor 2011 - 2022

<p>Mr Alan WINTERSGILL, BEM, FCA</p> <p>Chair of the Board Director, WGS Enterprises Ltd</p> <p>Former Parent</p> <p>Church of England</p>	<p>Non-Executive Finance Director, DSB Limited Former Chair, Naylor Wintersgill Chartered Accountants 1992 - 2023 Former Vice Chair of the Board 2008 – 2009 Trustee One in a Million Charity</p> <p>Appointed Governor September 2002</p>
<p>Mr Andy WOOD, BA, ACA</p> <p>Vice Chair of the Board Chair, Finance & General Purposes Committee</p> <p>Former Parent</p> <p>Christian</p>	<p>Partner, Grant Thornton UK LLP Member, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales Former Governor, Burley Oaks Primary School</p> <p>Appointed Governor September 2021</p>
<p>Mrs Vanessa BATES</p> <p>Clerk to the Governors</p>	<p>Woodhouse Grove School, Apperley Bridge, BD10 0NR Tel: 0113 250 2477 Email: bates.vl@woodhousegrove.co.uk</p>
<p>Miss Kirsty FLEMING</p> <p>Secretary to the Governors</p>	<p>Woodhouse Grove School, Apperley Bridge, BD10 0NR Tel: 0113 250 2477 Email: fleming.k@woodhousegrove.co.uk</p>