

Amy Johnston - Chair of governors, Curriculum Committee

Co-opted Governor

Term of office: October 2024 – October 2028

Pecuniary Interests: None

Amy is a parent governor and is named as the governor for the English curriculum and Health & Safety, is a member of the Curriculum Committee and Chair of the Governing Board. Amy is part of the senior leadership team for Learning & Development and Early Careers recruitment in her corporate role with specialisms in L&D programme development, people management and diversity/neurodiversity strategy. Outside of work, Amy has developed a recent interest in boxing, she runs a small upcycled wreath-making business, holds the role of fixtures secretary at her son's rugby club and enjoys very slow Sundays with her boys and dog.

Lucy Hetherington – Curriculum Committee

Staff Governor

Term of office: November 2024 – November 2028

Pecuniary Interests: None

Lucy is the key stage 1 leader and English lead at Navigation. Currently, she teaches in year 2 and has also worked in lower key stage 2 since joining Navigation in 2015. Lucy is the elected staff governor and she sits on the Curriculum Committee. In her free time, she enjoys long walks, playing netball and music.

Matthew Bristow – Vice Chair, Finance, Personnel and Facilities Committee

Co-opted Governor

Term of office: October 2025 to October 2029

Pecuniary Interests: None

Matt is a Research Director and works in social research for central and local government. He is a qualified mental health first aider and is keen to support the school's policies to support the emotional wellbeing of our pupils. Outside of work he coaches his son's football team and officiates in professional football. Matt has two children at the school and lives locally in Altrincham.

Jo Sharpe - Finance, Personnel and Facilities Committee

Local Authority Governor

Term of office: October 2025 to October 2029

Pecuniary Interests: None

Jo is the LA Governor and is on the finance, personnel and facilities committee. Jo is also a pilot, community volunteer and former owner of a software company. After initially working in Capital Projects at UU for 12 years she went on to found and later sell a software company that developed data and project management tools for the energy sector, she then turned her focus to aviation. She is currently building hours and completing advanced exams with the goal of becoming a flying instructor. Jo also serves as Secretary of the British Women Pilots' Association, supporting and promoting women in aviation.

Alongside her aviation work, Jo is actively involved in her community. Volunteering with the Scouting movement as an Explorer Scout and Beaver leader. She also helps at a language conversation café hosted by a local church. Jo also spent 6 years working as a midday assistant in two local schools.

Outside her volunteer and aviation commitments, Jo practises Taekwondo and enjoys hiking with friends and her dogs.

Adam Dooley – Finance. Personnel & Facilities Committee.

Co-opted Governor.

Term of office: Nov 2024 to – November 2028

Pecuniary Interests: None.

Adam is a transformation leader and works for a global technology company, supporting companies to develop and adopt new strategies. He is qualified in business management, programme management and project management. He is keen to support the development of the school improvement plan and the development of the school curriculum. Outside of work he is a member and volunteer at a North West based triathlon club and is also an author of short stories. Adam has one child at the school and lives within close proximity to the school.

Mair Roberts - Curriculum Committee

Co-opted Governor

Term of office: June 2023 – June 2027

Pecuniary Interests - none

Mair is a teaching assistant in reception at Navigation PS, she has also worked in year 1 & 2 since joining Navigation in 2019. Mair is also the UNISON Steward for teaching assistants and support staff at Navigation Primary School. Mair lives in Altrincham with her husband, four children (who all attended NPS) and dog! If Mair is lucky enough to have any free time, she enjoys cathartic running with friends, long walks with her family and discovering the etymology of words in the ever-evolving English Language!

Joanne Hennessey - Curriculum Committee

Co-opted Governor

Term of office – January 2026 – January 2030

Pecuniary Interests –

Joanne has been a secondary school teacher for twelve years, the past ten of which she has spent teaching Geography at Wellington School. She was appointed Head of Geography in 2018 and has since played a key role in developing the department's curriculum. Joanne holds a BSc in Environmental Science from the University of Leeds, which laid the foundation for her enthusiasm for the natural world and sustainability. As a proud local resident and former pupil of Navigation Primary School, Joanne is deeply committed to giving back to the community. Her role on the governing body reflects her enthusiasm for supporting the school's ongoing success and strengthening its ties with the wider community. Outside of work, Joanne enjoys hiking, dog walking, playing team sports, and spending quality time with family and friends.

Laura McMahon – Curriculum Committee

Parent Governor.

Term of office – November 2024 – November 2028

Pecuniary Interests: None

Laura has been a Primary School teacher for twelve years, working within the EYFS and Infants, before a recent career change to give more time for family. Laura has always lived in Altrincham, close to family and friends, her little boy is currently in Year 2. Laura has previously volunteered at a local animal charity and charity pre school playgroup. Laura is happy to have been given the opportunity to support Navigation pupils and staff, to provide the best possible start for our children. She will draw upon teaching experience to contribute in building policies and strategies.

Clem Studholme – Chair of Curriculum Committee

Co-opted Governor.

Term of office: 18/11/2024 - 17/11/2028

Pecuniary Interests: One Day Creative Education Contractor

Clem is Safeguarding Governor and is Link Governor for the Arts and Humanities. He is a freelance training consultant, actor and a musician and uses his background in the arts as a vehicle for learning, growth and development. He is Director of Education for the Rubbish Shakespeare Company, bringing award winning productions into schools and theatres nationwide. Clem is committed to fostering hard working, safe, and creative cultures in work and helping people be the best they can be.

Helen Nisbet – Chair of Finance, Personnel and Facilities Committee

Co-opted Governor

Term of office October 22 - Oct 26

Pecuniary interests - none

Helen is a solicitor and was appointed as a co-opted governor in 2022. She has two children in Navigation Primary School and enjoys going to the gym and cooking.

Elie Kalambayi - Finance, Personnel and Facilities Committee

Co-opted Governor

Term of office March 2024 – March 2028

Pecuniary interests – none

Elijah is a Software Engineer at PwC who specialises in full stack development. Elijah has actively contributed to charitable initiatives such as the Youth Charter with a rich background spanning over five years. Additionally, he has served as a creative consultant for MediaCom. Beyond his corporate engagements, Elijah has showcased his versatility by contributing an article to the TCS Network. He also exhibits his passion for music as a professional drummer for the gospel group Warehouse Worship.

Stacey Wetters - Curriculum Committee

Parent Governor

Term of office November 2025 – November 2029

Pecuniary interests – none

Stacey is a parent governor and sits on the curriculum committee. She works as a senior policy advisor at the Department for Education and was previously a secondary maths teacher. She has 2 children at the school, and in her free time enjoys Crossfit, live music and getting outdoors in nature.

