Accrington Benjamin Hargreaves Church of England Governing Body – 2026/27

Name	Photograph	Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Mrs Kerry Pickup		Foundation	First Appointed: **05.07.21** Current Term Start Date: **21.05.25**	**20.05.29**	Diocese

Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
Chair	SIP: Leadership and Management SIP: Achievement	N/A	See the separate document on the website

Governor Information

Having had two children attend the school, I have a strong personal connection to the school and its community. Having worked in education since 2004, I am passionate about helping every child feel happy, supported, and able to reach their full potential. I am proud to be a governor and to support the school and its pupils.

Name	Photograph	Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Rev. Jordan Bentliff		Ex officio – Incumbent – Foundation Governor	First Appointed: **11.09.2026** Current Term Start Date: **11.09.2026**	**10.09.2030**	Foundation

Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
Vice chair	SIP: Christian Distinctiveness	N/A	See the separate document on the website

Governor Information

I'm Rev Jordan, the Vicar of St John's Baxenden and St Paul's Accrington, and I'm delighted to be a governor at both schools. I'm passionate about working with children and young people and love seeing them grow in confidence, discover their gifts and flourish. I'm particularly excited to support the schools in being places where every child is valued, encouraged and given the opportunity to thrive. Outside of church and school life, I enjoy spending time with my family, playing guitar and making music.

Name	Photograph	Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Mrs Laura Smith		Parent Governor	First Appointed: **26.06.2012** Current Term Start Date: **25.11.2025**	**24.11.2029**	Trust

Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
	SIP: Inclusion SIP: Safeguarding	N/A	See the separate document on the website

Governor Information

Hi, I'm Laura. As a proud parent of three children who all loved their time at Benjamin Hargreaves, this school holds a really special place in my heart. My job working in a primary school helps me guide and support our school as a governor.

Name	Photograph	Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Mr James Kewley		Ex-officio - Headteacher	First Appointed: **01.01.2025** Current Term Start Date:	N/A	

Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
Headteacher		N/A	See the separate document on the website

Governor Information

I am honoured to be the Headteacher of Benjamin Hargreaves. I started in January 2025. Before this, I served as a Headteacher in a different Local Authority. In addition to senior leadership roles in schools, I have also worked as an Advisory Teacher across primary and secondary schools.

Name	Photograph	Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Mr Jason Powell		Foundation	First Appointed: **07.03.23** Current Term Start Date: **21.05.25**	**20.05.29**	Diocese

Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
	Health and Safety	N/A	See the separate document on the website

Governor Information

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Name	Photograph	Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Mrs Carlie Johnson		Parent Governor	First Appointed: **30.10.23** Current Term Start Date: **26.11.25**	**05.06.30**	Trust

Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
	SIP: Curriculum and Teaching SIP: Early Years	N/A	See the separate document on the website

Governor Information

I currently work in education managing areas around English, maths, ESOL and Additional Learning Support. As a parent of two children who have attended the school, I understand the important role it plays in children's lives. I am proud to have the opportunity to give something back to the school community and help ensure every child has the best possible opportunities to learn, grow and thrive.

Name	Photograph	Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Mrs Janet Robinson		Foundation	First Appointed: **15.03.23** Current Term Start Date: **15.03.23**	**14.03.27**	Diocese

Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
	SIP: Christian Distinctiveness SIP: Attendance and Behaviour SIP: Personal Development	N/A	See the separate document on the website

Governor Information

It is lovely to be a part of the Benjamin Hargreaves' family. As a recently retired primary school teacher and member of the senior leadership team, I have for many years worked with children, parents and colleagues across the whole primary age range. I am a member of the Ministry Team of JohnPaul Parish with responsibility for overseeing children's work.

Name	Photograph	Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Mrs Kathryn Thomas		Staff	First Appointed: **17.10.24** Current Term Start Date: **17.10.28**	**16.10.28**	Staff

Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
		N/A	See the separate document on the website

Governor Information

My name is Mrs Thomas, and I am proud to serve as a Staff Governor at Benjamin Hargreaves CE Primary School. With over 30 years of teaching experience, I have worked across EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, and have held a range of leadership roles in a variety of schools. It is a privilege to be part of this thriving school community and the Learning Together Trust. I lead Religious Education, Collective Worship, PSHE and Well-being, and I am passionate about supporting the spiritual, personal and academic development of our pupils. I also have a love of music and enjoy leading the school choir.

Historical – Governors who have left within 12 months:

Name	Photograph	Governor Category	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Appointing Body
Mr Elliott Wright		Foundation	First Appointed: **19.10.23** Current Term Start Date: **19.10.23**	**18.10.27** **Effective removal date: 19.01.26**	Diocese

Position Held	Responsibility	Register of Business Interests	Attendance
		N/A	See the separate document on the website

Governor Information

My name is Elliott, and I wanted to introduce myself as a Foundation Governor at Benjamin Hargreaves. I have been serving in this role since November 2024, and I am thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful school community. In my professional capacity, I work for the Children and Family Wellbeing Service, where my focus is on supporting families and children to ensure their wellbeing and success. Prior to this role, I had the pleasure of working in a Primary School setting, which has provided me with a deep understanding and passion for the educational environment and the opportunities it brings to young learners. As a Foundation Governor, my aim is to support the school in delivering high-quality education and maintaining a nurturing environment where all students can thrive. I believe that collaboration with parents plays a crucial role in shaping a positive school experience, and I look forward to working closely with the community.