

The Ladder School Governing Body Information

The School is part of the Mercian Trust, a multi-academy trust, which was incorporated on 1 January 2018.

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Following the formation of the Mercian Trust, the Trustees established Local Governing Boards (LGBs) for each of its Schools and which serve as committees of the Mercian Trust Board. The Ladder School and the Walsall Studio School share the same Local Governing Board.

The role of the LGB includes:

- Day to day oversight of the running of the School in terms of learning, standards, safety and well-being and the general provision of pastoral care.
- Implementation of the Trust's vision, policies and priorities.
- Holding the School's leadership team to account for academic performance.
- Supporting the Trust Board and its other sub-committees in relation to the proper use of funds and the delivery of high quality educational provision.
- To advise and act as a 'critical friend' to the Headteacher and to inform the Trust Board of any issues at the School which may require their consideration.
- To provide support to the Leadership Team at the School by facilitating disciplinary and complaint procedures.

The membership of the LGB is set out in the Mercian Trust's Terms of Reference and which is approved by the Board from time to time.

LGB Membership shall include:

- At least 2 parent members. *(These positions are presently vacant)*
- At least 2 staff members. *(These positions are presently vacant)*
- The Headteacher.
- Up to 4 members as may be appointed by the Mercian Board of Trustees.
- Up to 3 members as may be co-opted by the LGB subject to Trust approval.
- Such a number of members appointed by the Vine Trust Charity and which shall outnumber all of the members in all of the other categories by one.

The details below are of the Members of the Mercian Trust, the Mercian Trustees and of the LGB. The attendances are for the last academic year and the details of the LGB resignations are those that occurred in the last 12 months. The LGB has no additional committees except for Admissions, Staffing, Student Discipline, Pay, Headteacher's Review and Complaints. These are convened when required.



Details of Members of the Mercian Trust from 1.1.18.

Name	Role	Appointed on
Mr. John Punch	Chair	1.1.18
Mrs. Vivian Fairbank	Member	1.1.18
Mr. David Lomax	Member	1.1.18
Mr. Philip Powell	Member	1.1.18
Mr. John Vallance.	Member	1.1.18

Details of the Mercian Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed on
Mr. Will Hodson	Chair	8.5.19
Ms. Rebecca Hearsey.	Vice-Chair	1.1.18
Mrs. Jane Bonner	Trustee	1.1.18
Mrs. Melanie Crooks	Trustee	1.1.18
Mr. Kevin Davis	Trustee	1.1.18
Mr. Mark Harland	Trustee	1.1.18
The Reverend Beverley Boden	Trustee	6.11.18
Mr. Eddie Stride.	Trustee	14.3.19
Mr. Paul Lee.	Trustee	3.2.20
Mr. Roland Roberts.	Trustee	18.4.20

Further details relating to both Mercian Members and Mercian Trustees are available on the Mercian Trust Website and which may be accessed using the link above.

