

Welcome to the Local Governing Body for Uffculme Primary School

Uffculme School and Uffculme Primary School are part of the Uffculme Academy Trust (the Trust), a Multi Academy Trust whose vision is to enable effective collaboration and partnerships that will support outstanding educational experiences for pupils attending each of the Trust's schools.

The Trust's vision is underpinned by core beliefs and values that:

-  every child has the right to a high quality education where excellence is the norm
-  teachers have the right to teach free from disruption and distractions, and
-  parents have the right to know that their children are well-cared for, and supported to achieve their best.

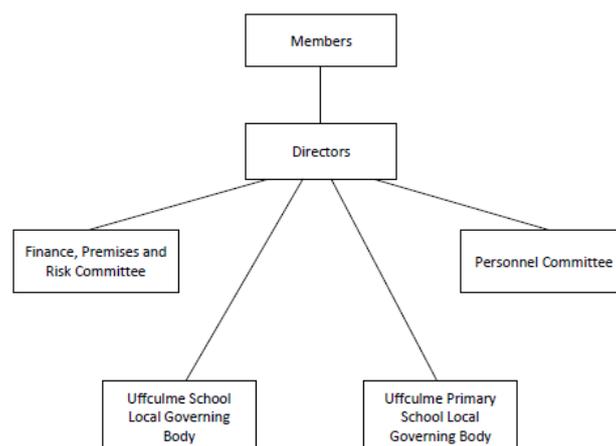
The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. Information about the Trust, its structure and how it works may be found on the **Uffculme Academy Trust** website.

Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) provide oversight for each of the schools within the Trust. LGBs are made up of Governors who are recruited locally. Their work resembles that of the governing bodies of maintained schools and is set within the vision, values and policies defined by the Trust.

A **scheme of delegation** sets out the different roles played by the Trust and the LGBs and Terms of Reference describe the work of the LGB as well as the Trust's Board and Committees.

From September 2017, the governance structure is as follows; -

Uffculme Academy Trust Governance Structure from September 2017



If you wish to contact the Chairman of Governors, please email **Mrs E Mitchell** (Clerk).

Meetings of the Local Governing Body are open to members of the school community. If you wish to attend a meeting, please contact Mrs E Mitchell, Clerk, by **email** or by phone on 01884 840458. Minutes of meetings can be found on the school's website page. Meetings are held at the school and start at 4:30pm.

The Local Governing Body of Uffculme Primary School is comprised of the following members:

Jill Larcombe (Chair)



Jill has been involved in school governance for 19 years. As well as being a Director of the Uffculme Academy Trust and a member of the Uffculme School and Uffculme Primary School Local Governing Bodies she is also a Clerk to Governors of a Primary School Federation, Clerk to the Primary Committees of a cross phase Federation and Clerk to the Board of Devon Association of Governance. Through Devon Association of Governance, she represents governors on Devon Education Forum, Devon Children's Safeguarding Board Education Sub-committee and School Finance Group (Substitute member). She is a bookkeeper, administrator and Parish Council Clerk.

Russell Wilson (Vice Chair)



Having been part of the Governing Body as a parent governor for a number of years, I am currently Vice-Chair with responsibilities for overseeing Safeguarding, Behaviour and Attendance. When not working at my job in IT, I run a Code Club at the Primary School, am Akela in the Uffculme Scout Group, work at a climbing wall and am a busy dad to three girls.

Rev Simon Talbot, Rector of Uffculme, Willand, Kentisbeare and Blackborough



I was delighted to be asked to join the new Uffculme Primary School Governing Body. With children of a primary age I understand that the decisions the school makes will affect the lives of the young people in the village in a way that is likely to shape the rest of their lives. Having served as a Governor in other schools for several years I also have an insight into the expectations the Government puts on schools, and the constantly changing challenges and requirements.

As a vicar I am also obviously deeply concerned about the community in the whole of the village. With the schools influencing this to a certain extent, I hope to have a rounded view of the impact and the knock on effects the decisions the school makes have on others.

Claire Hayman- Staff Governor; Assistant Head teacher; Key Stage 2 Lead; English Coordinator for KS2



I am proud to have been a member of the teaching staff at Uffculme Primary for the last 10 years and as the staff governor for 2 years. I have a deep awareness of the school and how it is now the school of choice in the local area due to the changes that have happened since it has become part of Uffculme Academy Trust. I am passionate about teaching and believe that children of all abilities and backgrounds deserve to be nurtured and have access to an outstanding education, which equips them with the ability and skills to aim high, achieve their potential and develop into young adults that can thrive in their community.

Janet Fox- Support staff Governor



I have been a member of the KS2 teaching team as a classroom assistant and delivering intervention maths work for the last 8 years. I have a strong sense of community having been part of the village for 12 years and all of my children have attended Uffculme Primary School and Uffculme School. I think it is really important that the support staff have a voice on the Local Governing Body and I am now proud to represent the non-teaching staff.

Jamie Jackson



I was elected as a parent governor in June 2017 and live in the village with my wife and two children, who are currently in years 3 and 2 respectively. I am a senior governance manager at a County Council, with responsibilities including school appeals regarding admissions, transport and exclusions. I am very familiar with the on-going challenges schools face, including budget cuts and the revised Ofsted inspection regime, as well as having a good knowledge of safeguarding children. My portfolio is Data and Curriculum and I am passionate about helping achieve the best possible experience for *all* the school's children.

Miss Nikki Able- Community Governor



Nikki is currently a deputy Headteacher at Uffculme School where she has been in post since January 2015 and an SLE since March 2017. She has been teaching for just over 14 years having started her career in the West Midlands before relocating to Devon three years ago. Nikki is currently studying for her MA in Educational Leadership and Management. She is very proud of her role within the Uffculme Academy Trust and looks forward to furthering this involvement through her role as a community governor for the school.