

The Swanage School Appointment Details & Register of Interests

GOVERNORS, MEMBERS & SENIOR OFFICERS



SENIOR FINANCIAL OFFICERS OF THE SWANAGE SCHOOL (note Headteacher (Accounting Officer) appears under Governors)								
Name	Position/s	Date of appointment or reappointment	Term of office ends	Elected / appointed by	Relevant interests	Paid (Y/N)	Children at the School	Date of last declaration
Thomas, Andrew	Business Manager (Chief Financial Officer)	04/01/2021	N/A	N/A	Member of staff at The Swanage School. Member of the Association of School & College Leaders	Y		07/10/2025

GOVERNORS (TRUSTEES) OF THE SWANAGE SCHOOL								
Name	Position/s	Date of appointment /reappointment	Term of office ends	Elected / appointed by	Relevant interests	Paid (Y/N)	Children at the School	Date of last declaration
Ashby, Phil	Parent Governor	01/09/2023	31/08/2027	Parents	Self Employed Guide and Author Director of Elite Mountain Guides Ltd (24/07/2012)	Y	I	18/09/2025
Etherington, Hannah	Governor	01/09/2025	31/08/2029	Members of Education Swanage	Deputy Headteacher at a local primary school; governor observer at same	Y	I	17/09/2025

Hamilton-Fletcher, Tanya	Governor	01/09/2024	31/08/2028	Members of Education Swanage	Former Social Work Manager Dorset Council Operations Manager (Personal Health) Clinical Commissioning Group NHS Dorset Registered social worker SW England (Regulatory Body) Former Social Work Panel Member Aspire Adoption Regional Adoption Agency	Y Y	2 Grandchildren	03/10/2025
Kafka, Cathy	Governor	25/02/2026	31/08/2029	Members of Education Swanage	Retired			28/01/2026
Knight, William	Governor	01/09/23	31/08/2027	Members of Education Swanage	Councillor- Langton Matravers Parish Council Former Director of Attfield Knight Ltd (dissolved)	N		18/09/2025
Maraspin, Jenny	Headteacher (Accounting Officer)	11/12/2019 20/03/2020 (HT appt)	N/A	Ex officio	Headteacher of The Swanage School Former Acting Headteacher of The Swanage School [04/01/2019-19/03/2020]. Ofsted Inspector. Member of The Swanage Town and Community Partnership. Partner and uncle work at the school.	Y Y N N	2	15/10/2025
Marcus, Timothy	Chair of Governors	01/09/23	31/08/2027	Members of Education Swanage	Director of Blue Level Media Ltd, (25/06/2002) Blue Level Hosting Ltd (03/05/2006) and Blue Level Hosting Ltd – gratis supply of website & perpetual hosting to the school Former Director of Blast Technologies Ltd (dissolved) Senior Civil Servant-Department of Innovation, Science & Technology, UK Government	Y Y		01/10/2025

Parker, Daniel	Parent Governor	08/07/2022	05/07/2026	Parents	Director of The Wool & Craft Shop Ltd, Swanage (01/09/2014) Theatre Technician/ Technical Demonstrator at Arts University Bournemouth, with whom the school may occasionally consult/transact. Son of former/founder governor, Stephen Parker	Y Y	I	18/09/2025
Platteuw, Carol	Governor	1/09/2024	31/08/2028	Members of Education Swanage	Self-employed trainer for London Boroughs training social workers Member of British Association of Play Therapists	Y		22/09/2025
Rowley, Amanda	Governor	01/09/2022	31/08/2026	Members of Education Swanage	Trustee of Friends of Swanage School Former Director of PJM Advertising (South) Ltd – dissolved Former Director of MRM Products Ltd (09/03/2010)	N		07/10/2025
Starmer, Jessica	Governor	01/09/23	31/08/2027	Members of Education Swanage	Trustee -Sandy Hill Arts	N		07/10/2025
Tooley, Isobel	Governor	01/09/2022	31/08/2026	Members of Education Swanage	Employee of Aon who, in principle, could provide insurance broking services to the School. Family member is director of S Tooley Ltd	Y		17/09/2025

PAST GOVERNORS (TRUSTEES) OF THE SWANAGE SCHOOL (who have served in the previous 12 months)

Name	Position/s	Date of appointment or reappointment	Date of resignation or end of term	Elected / appointed by	Relevant interests	Paid (Y/N)	Children at the School	Date of last declaration
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Barnes, Claire	Governor	01/09/2023	28/04/2025	Members of Education Swanage	Chair of Governors Ark Pioneer Academy Trustee- Swanage Community Housing	N N		9/10/2024
King, Laurie (Laurence)	Governor	30/09/2021	31/08/2025	Members of Education Swanage	Sole Proprietor of laurieking.co.uk (illustrator) Former Director of Openhouse Creative Ltd Designer/ Illustrator EPM Agency	Y Y	I	18/09/2024
Dixon, Rachel	Governor	01/09/2025	20/09/2025	Members of Education Swanage	None			17/09/2025

MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY TRUST (EDUCATION SWANAGE)						
Name	Date of admission	Appointed by	Relevant interests	Paid (Y/N)	Children at the school	Date of last declaration
Barnes, Claire	21/01/2026	Members of Education Swanage	Chair of Governors- Ark Pioneer Academy Trustee- Swanage Community Land Trust	N N		21/01/2026
Knight, William	26/04/2011	Original Signatory Member	Governor (see Governors' Register of Interests)			See Gov
Marcus, Tim	05/09/2019	Members of Education Swanage	Governor (see Governors' Register of Interests)			See Gov
Newman, Nicola	14/09/2016	Members of Education Swanage	Former Director of Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd Project manager- Dorset Chamber of Commerce Director of Dorset Women CIC Governor of Kingston Maurward College December 2021 Chair of Dorset Skills & Workforce Board	Y		18/06/2025

			Former Director of Ansbury Consulting Ltd, who offered services to the school via Dorset Council Former Director of Careers England Ltd Former Governor (2016-2020) External Advisor on Careers to the governors and school			
Sumbler, Helen	14/09/2016	Members of Education Swanage	Director of Dorset Rail & Property Consultants Ltd Director of Planet Purbeck Community Interest Company (CIC) Former Director of MK City Development Ltd. (dissolved) Director of Dorset Can	Y		28/01/2026
Wade, Giles	21/01/2026	Members of Education Swanage			2	21/01/2026

Past Members of Education Swanage (who have served in the last 12 months)							
Name	Date of admission	Date resigned	Appointed by	Relevant interests	Paid (Y/N)	Children at the school	Date of last declaration
Trite, William (Cllr) ***	12/06/2024	12/05/2025	Members of Education Swanage	Dorset Council member Swanage Town Council member: North Ward Former Director of The Swanage Railway Trust & The Swanage Railway Company Ltd Former Director of Swanage Pier Trust Former Director of Southern Locomotives Ltd & of 35006 Locomotive Company Ltd Former trustee of Trevor Chadwick Memorial Trust. Former trustee of De Moulham Trust. Member of Purbeck Community Rail Partnership and other organisations connected with heritage railways. President & Executive of South Dorset Conservative Association. Former Governor of Sir William Collins School, appointed by London Borough of Camden, 1982-1986.			12/06/2024
O'Connor, Helen	26/04/2011	10/10/2025	Original Signatory Member	Former Governor Former employee of Teach First. Teach First may provide services to the School.			12/06/2024

Joanna Tatchell**	12/06/2024	17/10/2025	Members of Education Swanage	Former Director of OOConsulting Ltd (dissolved) Director of The Software 42			20/06/2024
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**Joanna Tatchell was an original signatory member of the Academy Trust from 26/04/2011-01/03/2021 when membership lapsed. She re-joined 15/09/2021. Membership lapsed 1/03/2024 & she rejoined 12/06/2024.

*** William Trite was a member of the Academy Trust from 22/10/2014 until 1/03/2024 when his membership lapsed. He re-joined and was a member 12/06/2024 until his death 12/05/2025

*The annual membership year runs from 1st September to 31st August. The membership fee becomes due on the 1st August which in any event must be paid no later than 1st March in the following year, at which point membership is deemed to have lapsed.