

Blue Coat Church of England Academy Governing Board Register of Interest 2026/27

Governor Name	Appointment	Appointed by	Term of office Start Date	Term of office End Date	Relevant Business and Pecuniary Interests	Date Interest first started	Trusteeships and Governorships at other Educational Establishments/Charities	Personal relationships with Trust Employees or other Members/Trustees/Local Governors
Debo Adesina	Foundation Director	Diocese of Lichfield	01/04/2025	31/03/2029	Redeemed Christian Church of God Covenant Restoration Assembly, Business or finance interests			
Christine Barkley	Parent Director	Parents	20/12/2023	19/12/2027	Leader in training for St Matthew's Guides 14th Walsall - Girl Guides St Matthew's Church	02/10/2024 01/06/2024	Other governance role	
Andrew Clayton	Foundation Director	Diocese of Lichfield	01/10/2024	30/09/2028	Walsall Council Employee - Regeneration, Business or finance interests St Matthew's Church Employee - Director of Music Self Employed - Professional Musician - Qualified Teacher United Adoration UK - Core Team Member	1/02/2023 1/06/2022 1/02/2007 1/8/2023		
Richard Everitt	Staff Director	Staff	18/02/2026	17/02/2030	Staff member		None	None
Candice Francis	Co-opted Director	Board	27/11/2025	26/11/2029	Founder/ a director of Walsall based CIC. Working with adults and also children and parents in the community; and children, education staff and parents within school settings. Providing mental health education workshops and bookclubs, movement based wellbeing activities, meditation, health/parent coaching and psychoanalytically informed school consultancy. Business or finance interests	25/04/2025		
Kym Jones	Parent governor	Parents	18/06/2025	17/06/2029	None		None	None
Anthony Orlik	Foundation Director		08/09/2024	07/09/2028	Blue Coat CE Infant & Junior School - Executive Headteacher St Chad's Academy Trust	01/09/2021	Executive Headteacher at Trustee	None
Stephen Rayner	Member				St Michael's CE Primary Academy Tettenhall. St Michael's joined Three Spires Trust on 1st April 2025.		Foundation appointee to the Local Academy Committee.	
Sue Sargent	Foundation Director	Diocese of Lichfield	01/10/2026	30/09/2030	Blue Coat Infant & Junior Federation School	01/09/2014	Other governance role	

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					Walsall Blue Coat Trust	01/02/2021		Personal or close family relationship, Spouse is a Trustee
Jeshurun Selassie	Co-opted Director (Vice Chair)	Board	06/02/2025	05/02/2029	None			
David Smith	Principal				Blue Coat Federation Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education Educate2Innovate Partnership St. Chad's Multi Academy Trust - Other governance role Manor MAT Manor MAT Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education	01/09/2016 20/09/2022 01/09/2025 01/09/2024 01/09/2016 26/02/2026 23/06/2021	Governor Other Governance Role Other Governance Role - Representing LDBE as a Member Other Governance Role - Representing LDBE as a Member Personal or close family relationship Other Governance Role - Member Director	My wife Helena Smith is a Director of Manor MAT.
Rev Jim Trood	Foundation Director - ex-officio (Chair)				Blue Coat Federation Blue Coat Trust – Chair Harper Marsh and Crumps Almshouse Charity St Matthews Church THE LICHFIELD DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE (INCORPORATED)	29/01/2015 29/01/2015 25/02/2019 22/07/2026	Governor Blue Coat Trust - Chair. Provides support for the Blue Coat Schools in Walsall Trustee. Non-Pecuniary Rector and Trustee Trustee	
Matthew Welton - Lichfield	Foundation Director	Diocese of Lichfield	01/12/2024	30/11/2028	Heads Pace Solutions - Independent Consultant - Not engaged with Blue Coat. Lichfield Diocese Board of Education (LDBE) Indirect - LDBE offers a service level of agreement to all Church of England schools in the diocese.		Christian Distinctiveness Advisor.	

Members who have left

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Gulfaraz Adil	Foundation Director	Diocese of Lichfield	18/07/2022	Term of Office ended 17/7/26	None		None	None	23/09/2024	15 out of 15
Lauren Parker	Foundation Director		20/11/2022	Resigned 5/10/2026	JM Baker Heating & Plumbing Limited - family business provide heating services and educational premises The Table CIC Spanner and Spindle properties - Director	02/02/2015 14/06/2024 30/06/2015	 other governance role Director	Spouse employee of Blue Coat Academy	01/09/2025	15 out of 15