

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Empowering our communities to  
positively impact the world.**

Name	Position	Skills	Experience
Stuart Bellerby	Chair of the Board	Education and School Improvement Governance Commercial in the public sector and finance.	<p>Stuart has spent his professional career working in and with schools and local government and it is this experience, and the competencies gained, that he brings to the Board. Having spent the early part of his career teaching mathematics in secondary schools, he moved across to local government over 20 years ago. Stuart has had a variety of roles in school improvement including mathematics and ICT adviser roles, and then onto senior secondary school improvement adviser overseeing high schools in a Northwest Local Authority.</p> <p>More recently Stuart has taken up roles in local government leading and coordinating school traded services and developing and implementing the council's commercial strategy.</p> <p>Stuart has overseen school governance services at local government level and have led training on governance matters. He has found his knowledge and experience of school governance useful during my time as a governor at Greenbank High School and then as one of the founding trustees of Southport Learning Trust. Stuart has held roles as a governor at other local schools and academies over the last 20 years.</p> <p>In his spare time Stuart enjoys music, especially live events, and also enjoy participating and watching sports.</p>
Clare Buck	Chair of Governors Greenbank High School  Vice Chair of Resources Committee		<p>Clare is a senior lecturer at Edgehill University, for primary English and early years foundation stage. Her research has included using reading groups to encourage reading for pleasure, and the use of technology to assist in the same field. She is passionate about reading, and the access that this provides to the whole curriculum. Clares work has explored many aspects, such as motivation for reading, successful boy readers, early reading and writing development, and child development.</p> <p>Prior to joining Edgehill, Clare was a primary school teacher. Alongside her role at Chair of Governors at Greenbank, she has gained a wide experience of education across all ages.</p> <p>Clare is very pleased to have the opportunity to serve on both the Greenbank and the Southport Learning Trust boards and is proud to be supporting so many of our children and young people to be successful.</p>

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<b>Craig Clifford</b>	Parent Trustee  Chair of Risk & Audit Committee	Finance	<p>Craig has been in the financial services industry for over 20 years and have worked in major US and Swiss financial institutions in London, Europe and the Middle East where his roles included compliance, risk and anti-money laundering.</p> <p>In his current role, he is based in Liverpool and responsible for some of the key operational processing areas for Pershing, Bank of New York Mellon. Craig is a member of the Personal Investment Management and Financial Advice Association (PIMFA) Operating Committee.</p> <p>Craig is passionate about supporting careers and work-related learning to support pupil aspiration and have encouraged my company to work with Trust schools on mock interview and industry days.</p>
<b>Philip Power</b>	Chair of Governors  Kew Woods Primary School  Link Trustee for Disadvantaged Children	Collaborator  People orientated  Passion for education	<p>Phil has been Chair of Governors at Kew Woods Primary School for over eight years and a trustee at Southport Learning Trust for over three years. Outside of education, his current role is with Homes England, "the government's housing accelerator." Previously, Phil has owned an engineering business, worked in education looking after assets and facilities, and spent several years as a retail manager.</p> <p>Throughout his career, Phil has championed the need for collaboration and the importance of a work culture that makes people feel involved and respected. These are the skills and passions that he brings to Kew Woods, Southport Learning Trust, and the golden thread of all that he does.</p> <p>His passion is to help young people achieve their potential through education and ensuring children have the best opportunities to succeed whilst growing into responsible and caring individuals. In his spare time, you can find Phil treading the boards at the Little Theatre in Southport. He is the Chair of BOS Musical Theatre Company.</p>
<b>Allan Jones</b>	Chair of Governors  Bedford Primary School	Team work  Challenge  Change Management  Finance	<p>Allan has been Chair of Governors at Bedford Primary School for over five years, where he is also Chair of the Finance Committee and Safeguarding Governor. Allan retired following a career in Telecommunications, initially as an engineer and mostly as a Programme Manager in IT.</p> <p>In his career, Allan was always leading change and concentrated on the impact on the end user or customer, looking at the impact on them. Similarly, he brings this to his work in schools, being the driving force in any decisions being "does this make it better for the children?" Allan was very lucky to get a great education due to the individual efforts of my teachers, rather than the "system" and am passionate to try and help our schools make that difference and not have to rely on individual teachers.</p> <p>Outside his voluntary work he am a season ticket holder at a local football club and love skiing and walking in the French Alps. Allan is also Chair of Governors at another Primary School, in Formby.</p>

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<b>Ian Raikes</b>	CEO	Educational Leadership Governance	<p>Ian was a Head teacher for 10 years with the school he led being consistently in the top 20% of schools nationally. Ian led the creation of the Multi Academy Trust in 2017 and in turn the sponsorship of a secondary school which moved from Inadequate to Good in 2020. Ian has an excellent knowledge of the local community he serves and sits on various strategic boards such as Southport Town Deal Board, Liverpool City Region Careers Hub, Sefton and Knowsley Sky Music Hub, Sefton Safeguarding Children's Partnership and Chair the Southport Learning Partnership.</p> <p>Ian is passionate about the difference groups of schools working together in communities of school improvement can have on improving the life chances of the children we serve. He is Dedicated to the growth of our Trust in the locality to support schools to grow, collaborate and achieve economies of scale.</p> <p>Ian has a love of sport, especially rugby, cricket, football and tennis, the environment as a Geographer, and the Arts. This translates into his vision for the wider curriculum for children. He am happily married with four children and fully aware of the demands of raising children as they grow through the different stages from nursery to higher education and the support they need.</p>
<b>Paul Blott</b>	Chair of Governors Birkdale High School  Audit & Risk Committee	Education and skills policy  Contract and performance management  Leadership coaching and development	<p>Paul spent the majority of his career working as a senior civil servant focused upon skills policy and the delivery of positive outcomes for learners, before establishing a small management consultancy organisation specialising in research and evaluations projects and supporting organisational improvement.</p> <p>He believes passionately in the value of education and have been a governor for over five years supporting Birkdale High School and its offer to boys in the Southport area.</p> <p>In his spare time, he enjoys watching football and playing padel tennis, as well as reading and walking our Boston terrier.</p>

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<b>Kerry Beswick</b>	Chair of Governors Meols Cop High School  Resource Committee		
<b>Karen Owens</b>	Chair of Governors Range High School	Leadership and coaching  Sales and Marketing  Benefits of Social Value within Organisations	<p>Karen's career has spanned through Sales, Marketing and Commercial management within the manufacturing sector for in excess of 20 years and more recently within construction. Her areas of strength have been inspiring and motivating people to perform to a high level while incorporating company values and cultures to ensure a tangible difference in business. By recognising individual and team potential she has always built cultures of empowerment and support to get the best out of every team that I work with. She is a believer in everyone understanding the importance of collaboration and teamwork for success.</p> <p>A key driver for her is developing young people within our communities. She has always encouraged the businesses she has worked with to invest in apprentices to develop talent for the benefit of the individual and the organisation. Developing apprentice programs in construction and administrative apprenticeships is the key to the future and highlights the benefits to social value.</p> <p>She is a Sales and Marketeer and thrives on seeing well created brands and the positive effects a brand has on an organisation and the people within. Communicating the organisation's message to its stakeholders should always be a priority to bring together a collaborative approach. She sees a high importance in developing individuals' knowledge of the benefits and risks of social media within the environments that we operate.</p>

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Warren Brooks	Chair of Governors Stanely High School  Standards Committee	Education	<p>He has a professional background in both mainstream and specialist education, most recently as Headteacher of an SEN College. He focuses on life skills, community participation and academic success is at the heart of his educational practice. A key priority for him is to prepare children for adulthood and ensuring they are given the best possible opportunities.</p>
Louise Cobain	Member Trustee  Audit and Risk Committee	Internal Audit  Fraud Finance  Risk Management  Governance Internal Controls	<p>Louise has worked in the NHS for over 30 years, initially within a finance setting before moving into internal audit. Louise is a CIPFA-qualified accountant and a highly experienced internal audit professional. In her current, role, Louise is the Assurance Director at MIAA – an NHS shared service providing assurance and consultancy services to the NHS, wider public sector and 3rd party sector.</p> <p>Louise leads the management and delivery of MIAA's Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Services with her role encompassing all aspects of service delivery, performance management, and compliance with professional standards. With significant board-level experience, Louise supports organisations in strengthening their internal control, risk management, and governance frameworks. She is also a strong advocate for collaboration, having built an extensive network of professional relationships that promote the sharing of insights, best practices, and innovation.</p> <p>Within her organisation, there is a strong and evident commitment to education, skills development, and the creation of employment opportunities, working with local high schools, colleges and universities to support individuals with work placements, internships and graduate roles. Louise is also a governor at Aintree Davenhill Primary School.</p>
Peter Reed	Trustee Resources Committee  Standards Committee Chair of Maghull High School		

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<b>John Baumber</b>	Co-opted Member Trustee  Standards Committee		
<b>Steven McNaughton</b>	Chair of Governors – Merefield School  Audit & Risk Committee		