



Primary Academy Islington

Local Governing Body

The Directors of the Trust have delegated certain functions to COLPA Islington's LGB. The relationship between the Trust and the LGB of COLPA Islington is shown in the Terms of Reference Appendix 1.

The COLPA Islington Governing Body is shown below:

Name	Role	Area of Expertise
Ann Holmes (Sponsor Governor)	Chairman & SEND	Governance, Education
Nick Bensted Smith (Sponsor Governor)	Vice Chairman & Finance	Finance, Audit, Compliance, Business
Ena Harrop (Member appointment)	Education Leadership & Teaching & Learning	Primary Curriculum, Primary School Leadership, School Improvement
Mary Robey (Member Appointment)	Recruitment & Safeguarding	Secondary Curriculum, Secondary School Leadership, Community Relations
Norma Dews (LA Governors)	Local Government & Community Engagement	Primary Curriculum, Primary School Leadership, Community Relations
Gerald Mehrtens	Programme Management	Education Leadership, Community Engagement, Local Government
Joyce Nash (Sponsor Governor)	Education & Governance	Education Governance, School Improvement
Andrew Boyes (Co-opted appointment)	Education Leadership & Community engagement	Community Engagement, Education, School Evaluation, Leadership
To be appointed		
Staff Governor	Head Teacher (when appointed)	
Staff Governor		
Parent Governor		Wider community engagement, parent liaison
Parent Governor		Wider community engagement, parent liaison

Governor Profiles



Anne Holmes

Chairman of COLPA Islington Governing Body

Sponsor Governor

Ann is a Common Councilman for the City ward of Farringdon Within.

She has taught at primary, further and higher education levels, and has chaired both primary and secondary school governors in the state sector. She is currently a governor of both the City of London School for Girls and the City of London Freeman's School.

Ann has designed and delivered many training modules, including ones concerned with job application skills. She is skilled in the use of psychometric instruments, and has developed her own personality type system.

Following six years teaching at the Architectural Association, she has retained a strong interest in building design and development.

Register of Interests: Anne Holmes	
Remuneration	
Directorship	
Significant Share Holdings	
Unremunerated Activities pursuing activities related to those of the City of London Academies Trust	Common Council Member City of London Corporation
Political Pressure Groups or Associations where their objectives are related to the Activities and objects of the City of London Academies Trust	None
Family Interests	None



Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, JP

***Deputy Chairman of COLPA Islington
Governing Body
Sponsor Governor***

Nick Bensted-Smith is a governor of the City of London School for Girls and was previously a governor and Chair of Finance for St Matthews Church of England Primary School in High Brooms, Kent.

He has experience of finance generally, as well as risk management, HR, mentoring and conflict resolution. Nick is an elected Member of the City of London Corporation, serving on a number of committees and sub-committees including Finance, Investment and Police.

Nick sits as a Justice of the Peace in Kent.

Register of Interests: Nicholas Bensted-Smith	
Remuneration	
Directorship	
Significant Share Holdings	
Unremunerated Activities pursuing activities related to those of the City of London Academies Trust	Common Council Member City of London Corporation
Political Pressure Groups or Associations where their objectives are related to the Activities and objects of the City of London Academies Trust	
Family Interests	



Ena Harrop, MPhil

***Headmistress City Of London
School For Girls
Sponsor Appointed Governor***

Mrs Ena Harrop is Headmistress of City of London School for Girls, previously being the Director of Studies. Prior to joining CLSG was head of Modern Foreign Languages at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, for five years.

Mrs Harrop is an exceptional linguist. English is her third language, after her native Spanish and French. She is an outstanding academic, having left Salamanca University with a first class degree in Classics, she then achieved an MA at Munich University, followed by an MPhil in Classics at Cambridge. Mrs Harrop studied for her PGCE at the Institute of Education in London and whilst she has been at City she has concluded her MA in Education Management at King's College, London.

She is also married with three young daughters

Register of Interests: Ena Harrop	
Remuneration	
Directorship	
Significant Share Holdings	
Unremunerated Activities pursuing activities related to those of the City of London Academies Trust	
Political Pressure Groups or Associations where their objectives are related to the Activities and objects of the City of London Academies Trust	
Family Interests	



Mary Robey

Sponsor Appointed Governor

Mary holds an MA and a PGCE from Oxford University and taught Modern Languages in secondary schools after graduating. After having her own family she then worked in Learning Support in primary schools for over 25 years. Her three children were all educated in the City of London and she lives in the borough of Islington.

She has been a school governor in a wide variety of schools for almost 30 years, leading them through successful Ofsted and ISI inspections. She currently serves on the board of the City of London School for Girls and is Chair of Governors in a London Independent day school.

Mary has wide experience of senior level recruitment in schools and has been involved in numerous Headship, Bursar and Senior Management appointments. Her particular interest is in safeguarding vulnerable children and as such sits on the City and Hackney Safeguarding Children Board.

Register of Interests: Mary Robey	
Remuneration	None
Directorship	None
Significant Share Holdings	None
Unremunerated Activities pursuing activities related to those of the City of London Academies Trust	None
Political Pressure Groups or Associations where their objectives are related to the Activities and objects of the City of London Academies Trust	None
Family Interests	None



Norma Dews

LA Governor

Norma is an accomplished Educationalist with public and private sector experience gained over 30 years both nationally and internationally. A confident leader, facilitator and enabler providing challenge, advice, guidance and support. She has an outstanding track record of performance and achievement realised through passion, innovation and personal dynamism. Analytical, evaluative and solutions focused. Exceptional organisational skills, well-motivated and energetic, highly dependable, and extremely personable.

Key Skills

- o First class relationship and interpersonal skills provides the ability to communicate effectively at all levels, both with internal and external clients and stakeholders.
- o Exceptional leadership and collaboration skills that involve managing, developing, inspiring and motivating individuals at team and client level.
- o Extremely flexible and adaptable in novel situations working with new team members and new project delivery methods and approaches.
- o Outstanding questioning skills to enable clients, team members and stakeholders to think through and develop their own ideas, designs and vision.
- o A proven ability to work in a demanding, pressurised environment, deliver results and meet targets to required deadlines.
- o Excellent presentation and workshop delivery skills to both large and small audiences.
- o Highly skilled in writing reports and strategy documents to facilitate change.

Register of Interests: Norma Dews	
Remuneration	None
Directorship	None
Significant Share Holdings	None
Unremunerated Activities pursuing activities related to those of the City of London Academies Trust	None
Political Pressure Groups or Associations where their objectives are related to the Activities and objects of the City of London Academies Trust	None
Family Interests	None



Andrew Boyes
Head Teacher Prior Weston Primary School
Co-opted Governor

Andrew has worked in education for 27 years. He has been a head teacher for the past eight years, most recently at Prior Weston in Islington and previously at Carterhatch Infant School in Enfield, a school judged outstanding by Ofsted at its last inspection

Register of Interests: Andrew Boyes	
Remuneration	None
Directorship	None
Significant Share Holdings	None
Unremunerated Activities pursuing activities related to those of the City of London Academies Trust	None
Political Pressure Groups or Associations where their objectives are related to the Activities and objects of the City of London Academies Trust	None
Family Interests	None



Joyce Nash, OBE

Sponsor Governor

Deputy Joyce Nash has extensive experience in primary education and school governance. She is a retired Headteacher. Joyce has also served as Chairman of the City of London School for Girls, an outstanding independent school, and a Governor of Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School, also judged as outstanding in its last two OFSTED inspections. Joyce is presently also serving as a Governor of the City of London School and is a Life Member of the National Association of Headteachers

Joyce has a strong background in community engagement having been a City resident for thirty five years and she lives in the Ward of Aldersgate which she represents. She has held seven Chairmanships including Chief Commoner. She has a wide knowledge and experience of Local Authority responsibilities and she serves on the main policy-making committees and advisory groups.

She was appointed an OBE in 2000 for services to the Arts and the City of London.

Register of Interests; Joyce Nash	
Remuneration	
Directorship	
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Gerald Mehrtens

Member

Gerald is the Academies Programme Director for the City of London, leading on the City's academy expansion programme. Presently he is leading on the delivery of two Primary Free Schools, including their capital build programmes, as well as four secondary Free School applications in progress as part of Wave 11.

Gerald has previously worked in local government for over 30 years, of which 25 years have been in education services across a number of London boroughs, in leadership roles ranging from Early Years, through to post 16 and Adult Learning. From 2010 Gerald was Head of the Education and Early Years' Service, for the City of London, a high performing service responsible for all education statutory duties. Gerald's previous work has seen him play leading roles in a range of capital programmes, including schools and children's centres, the transformation of early years' services from six Local Sure Start Programmes, to 16 children's centres covering a whole authority, and development of post 16 training and into employment opportunities for school leavers and long term unemployed with employers.

In particular, Gerald has extensive experience of Head Teacher recruitment and of working collaboratively with head teachers, governors, parents and the local community. Also extensive experience of capital schools expansion and overseeing school finances. Gerald is also a governor of New North Academy in Islington

Register of Interests: Gerald Mehrtens	
Remuneration	Employee of the City of London Corporation
Directorship	City of London Primary School Islington
Significant Share Holdings	City of London Primary School Islington
Unremunerated Activities pursuing activities related to those of the City of London Academies Trust	None
Political Pressure Groups or Associations where their objectives are related to the Activities and objects of the City of London Academies Trust	None
Family Interests	

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Co-opted Governor

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Register of Interests; Joyce Nash	
Remuneration	
Directorship	
Significant Share Holdings	
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