JAMES MONTGOMERY ACADEMY TRUST GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

James Montgomery Academy Trust was incorporated in November 2016. A company limited by guarantee with no share capital. We are an exempt educational charity under the Academies Act.

The Members have an overview of the governance arrangements of the Trust and the power to appoint and remove trustees.

The Trustees of the charitable company are directors for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and trustees for the purposes of charity legislation. Trustees of the charitable company are nominated by either the Secretary of State for Education or by the members. Trustees, who are appointed on a voluntary basis, are drawn from the public and private sector, and bring educational and other professional expertise.

The Individual Governing Bodies of our academy schools are an advisory body with specific functions delegated from the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees in the MAT remains accountable in law and to OFSTED and the Education and Skills Funding Agency for the exercise of its functions. The specific functions and decisions that are reserved to the Board are set out in the Trust’s Scheme of Delegation. The Trust Board of Trustees has decided to meet at least six times a year in accordance with the Academies Financial Handbook. The Board of Trustees (BoT) sets out group strategy and operational policies, which are then applied within and across all academies through the Executive Leadership of the Trust and via Heads of our Academy Schools. Sub-committees of the BoT, together with their Terms of Reference are reviewed annually. The following committees are:

* Audit and Risk
* Finance Capital and Resources
* Governance

MEMBERS

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| Full Name | Date of Appointment | Date Stepped Down | Declared Business and /or Pecuniary Interest |
| Huw Thomas | 17/11/2016 | Current Member | Member of Swanland Education Trust  Member of Whitewoods Academy Trust  Member, Director and Chair of DSAT  Diocesan Director of Educations (Sheffield)  Trustee of St Matthew’s House, Sheffield  Trustee of Church Burgesses Education Fund  Published literature in own name |
| Derek Grover | 17/11/2016 | Current Member | Chair of Governors at Broomhill Infant School  Trustee of Sheaf Cooperative Trust  Trustee of Sheffield South East Trust  Member of DSAT  *Chair of Sheffield Association for the Voluntary Teaching of English (ends 5/12/19)* |
| Martin Harrison | 17/11/2016 | Current Member | Employee of SCC Group  Director & Co Secretary of Victoria Community Enterprise Ltd  Son employed by BHP |
| Alan Richards | 01/09/2023 | Current Member | Learners First Director (governance)  Governance support to *Sheffield Inclusion Centre, Stanley St Peters, Common Road Infants, Astrea Academy Trust, YBHU ad Action 4 Results* |
| Rev’d Sophie Jelley | 17/11/2020 | Current Member | Bishop of Doncaster |
| HISTORIC MEMBERS |  |  |  |
| Melanie Fitzgerald | 17/11/2016 | 09/01/2020 | Member of DSAT Chair of Governors at St Marys Academy Sheffield |
| Bishop Peter Burrows | 17/11/2016 | 31/12/2019 | Director of St Barnabas Theological Centre  Member and Director of DSAT  Director of Sheffield Board of Finance |
| Steven Gardner | 17/11/2016 | 31/01/2023 |  |
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**TRUSTEES, CEO and CFO**

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| Full Name | Date of Appointment | Date Stepped Down | *Committee* | Declared Business and /or Pecuniary Interest |
| Martin Harrison | 17/11/2016 |  | *A&R* | Employee of Sheffield College/Sheffield Futures  Sparks Managed Services Sparks Teaching Services  Director & Co Secretary of Victoria Community Enterprise Ltd, Director of Sheffield UTC. Secretary Dearne Valley Training.  Son employed by BHP |
| Carl Fitch | 17/11/2016 |  |  | None to declare |
| Katherine Hewitt | 04/12/2017 |  |  | Sheffield City Council employee  Workforce Development Manager SCSP |
| Richard Punshon | 01/12/2019 |  | *A&R* | None to declare |
| Vicky Helliwell | 01/10/2021 |  |  | None to declare |
| Craig Parkinson | 01/12/2021 |  |  | None to declare |
| Ian Hutchinson | 28/06/2022 |  |  | None to declare |
| David Silvester CEO | 17/11/2016 |  |  | None to declare |
| Peter Haynes CFO | 01/01/2020 |  |  | None to declare |
| Jacqueline Oliver Co Sec | 17/11/2016 |  |  | Trustee of All Saints PCC |
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| Others who have served |  |  |  |  |
| Anthony Price | 17/11/2016 | 31/08/2021 |  | None to declare |
| John Gray | 01/12/2019 | 31/08/2021 | *A&R* | Director of Bright Gray Ltd  Trustee at Sheffield Hospital Charity  Governor at West Nottinghamshire College  Employed by Emsi |
| Lynsey Hunter/Wigfull | 28/06/2022 | 31/03/2023 |  | SHU Senior Lecturer |
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