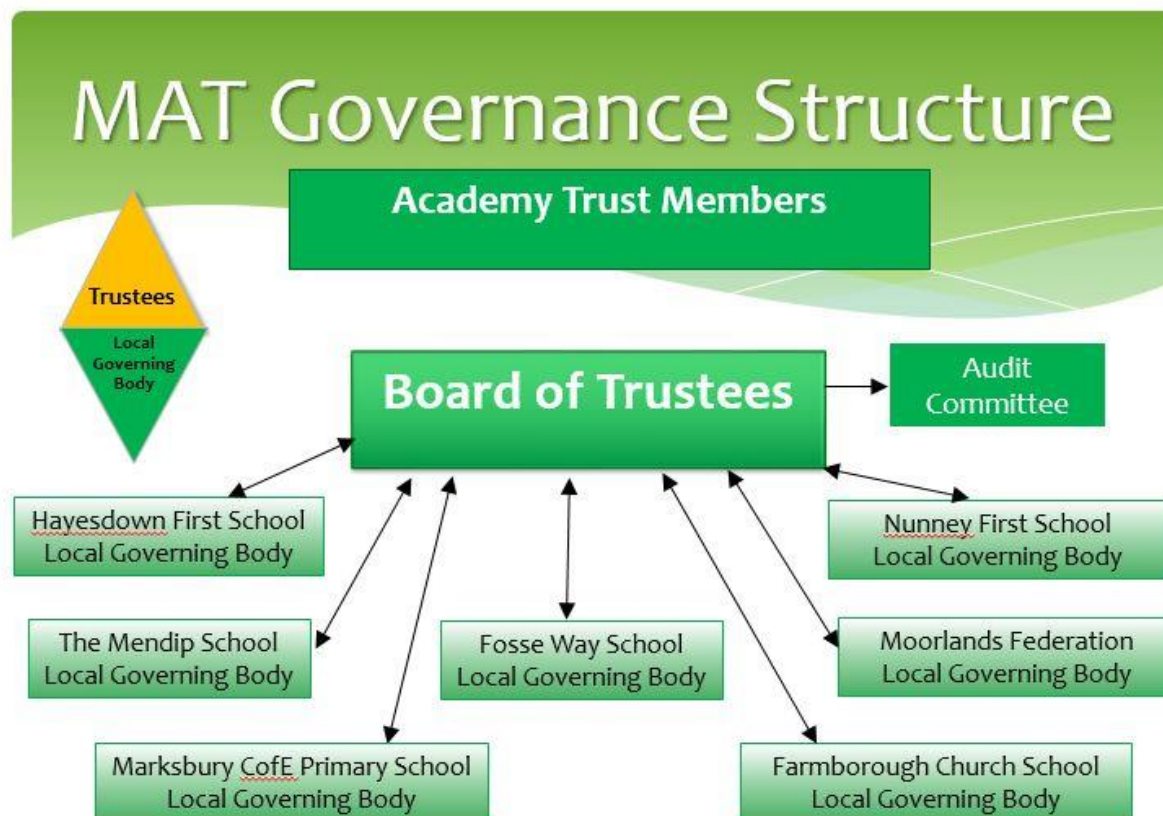


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THE PARTNERSHIP TRUST GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



1. Trust Members

Role: Overall strategic responsibility for the Trust and the appointment of Trustees.

Chair of Board of Trustees Nick Jones	1
Chair of Audit Committee Steve Murphy	1
Representative from each Local Governing Body Tony Caisley	1 (Chair excluded)
Without Criteria Hillary Allom	

2. Board of Trustees

Meet at least 5 times each year.



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Role: responsible for the day to day operation (management and administration) of the Multi-Academy Schools on behalf of the Members. Reports to the Academy Members. Sets the terms of reference for the Local Governing Bodies (LGBs). Has the power to overrule decisions made by its sub-committees and the Local Governing Bodies. Appoints Chairs to Local Governing Bodies

Chair (appointed by Board)		(non-executive only)
Appointed by Members	Up to 9	(representation from each sector)
Appointed by Bath & Wells Diocese	Up to 3	
	TOTAL = 12	

Currently consists of 7 Chairs of LGBs, 4 independent Trustees and the Executive Principal.

Example of core agenda for a Board meeting:-

- Progress toward Academy Improvement Plan Targets for each school.
- Reports from the Local Governing Body of each school (including progress toward school Improvement Plan Targets).
- Report from Audit Committee.
- Reports from any other committees set up by the Board.
- Report from the Teaching School.

3. Audit Committee (sub-committee of Board of Trustees)

Meet at least 3 times each year.

Role: review the Trust's internal and external financial statements and systems, liaise with and consider all relevant reports by the appointed external auditor, advise Board on annual and long term audit programme. All members of the Audit Committee are independent Trustees.

Appointed by the Board	Up to 4	("independent" Governors only)
Chair (appointed by Board)		
	TOTAL = 4	

4. Local Governing Body

Meet at least 5 times each year. Creates sub committees for performance management/salaries, disciplinary, appeals etc

Role: Overseeing of one academy/free school, exercising of delegated powers given by the Multi-Academy Trust and reports to the Board of Trustees through the Local Governing Body Chair.

There are two types of Local Governing Body;
Full Delegation Local Governing Body and Consultative Local Governing Body. (See Terms of Reference)



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5. Full Delegation Local Governing Body

Chair		(Appointed by Board of Trustees, staff not eligible)
Parents	2	(Elected by parents of the school)
Staff	1	(Elected by staff of the school)
Community Governor/Foundation	5	(Appointed by LGB, for church schools they must equal 25% of LGB)
Principal	1	(From the 'home' school)
CEO	1	

TOTAL = 10

6. Consultative Local Governing Body

Chair		(Appointed by Board of Trustees, staff not eligible)
Parents	2	(Elected by parents of the school)
Community Governor	6	(Appointed by Board of Trustees)
Principal	1	(From the 'home' school)

TOTAL = 9

Example of core agenda for Local Governing Body:-

- Progress toward School Improvement Plan Targets.
- Curriculum development presentations etc.
- Report on progress toward pupil progress targets.
- Report on attendance, behaviour and safety.
- Report on quality of teaching and learning.
- Budget, staffing and Premises updates.
- Matters arising from Board of Trustees meeting.
- Reports regarding specific school initiatives/issues.