

How to: manage the membership of the board

Who has the right to appoint and elect

Purpose of this document

This table is intended to provide a simple easy to use reference guide for working out who usually has the right to appoint new governors and trustees. **However, this is not definitive, and you should always check the constitutional documents**

Category	LA maintained governing body	Academy trust boards	Academy trust committees
Member appointed	N/A	the members of the trust	
Co-opted	governing body	board of trustees	the academy committee or its chair
Local authority	(nominated by LA) - the governing body		
Community	governing body	board of trustees	the academy committee or its chair
Foundation	the foundation	the foundation	
Partnership	the governing body	the governing body	
Parent	pupils' parents	parents of pupils at the school	pupils' parents
Senior executive leader/CEO	ex-officio (eg headteacher) - no one, the person has the right to be a governor because of their role	the trust board	ex-officio (school head or principal) - no one, the person has the right to be a trustee because of their role
Staff	school staff		
Chair and vice-chair	governing body	board of trustees	may be the academy committee or the trust board