Culgaith C E School Governing Body

Co-Chair of Governors — Claire Thomson & Martyn Soulsby

Vice Chair of Governors — Stuart Ellar

Clerk to the Governors — Rachael McMann

Category of Governor	Member numbers for the year 2026/27	Comments
Foundation Must outnumber other governors by 2	5	• The Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education after consulting with the PCC of the Parish of Culgaith who discuss skills gaps with the Governors. • The Principal Officiating Minister of the Parish of Culgaith shall be a foundation governor ex officio.
Staff and Head	1 of each	• The Staff Governors are elected by the Staff of the school • Head = ex officio
Parent	2	• The Parent Governors are elected by the Parents/Carers of pupils registered at the school at the time of appointment.
Local Authority	1	• The Local Authority Governor is nominated by the Local Authority
Church link	0	• Ex officio
Associate	**2**	• Appointed on 15th September 2026 & 17th November 2026

Governor	Category	Additional Responsibility	End of Term of Office	Business Interests	Personal Interests
Lynn Dobinson	Head	Whole School	Ex Officio	Nil	Nil
Vacant (awaiting dioceses to fill)	Ex-officio		Ex Officio		
Ms Claire Thomson	Foundation	Co-Chair of Governors	13/06/2027	Nil	Nil
Elaine Ellar	Local Auth	SEND Lead Governor Safeguarding Lead Governor	17/11/2027	Nil	Nil

Martyn Soulsby	Foundation	Co-Chair of Governors Chair of Curriculum and Safeguarding Committee	13/06/2027	ClickView	Nil
Julie Percival	Foundation		14/11/2027	Nil	Nil
Sam McWhiter	Staff	Teaching Role	13/09/2030	Nil	Nil
Daniel James **Resigned 17/11/2026**	Parent		01/02/2028		Spouse of school employee
Stuart Ellar	Parent	Vice Chair of Governors Chair of Finance and Health and Safety Committee	17/09/2028		
Rachel Smith	Foundation		11/02/2029	Nil	Nil
Neil Thompson	Foundation		23/07/2029	Nil	Nil
Monique Nelson	Associate		15/09/2030	Nil	Nil
Vicky Jenner	Associate		17/11/2030	DBS Department Cumbria Police	Nil