

The Merchant Taylors' Oxfordshire Academy Trust Ltd Governance Arrangements

Constitution

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Charitable Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust.

Members

The Trust has between four and five Members, including:

- The Merchant Taylors' Company
- The Oxford Diocesan Board of Education

Board of Trustees

The role of the Board of Trustees is to provide strategic leadership to the Trust and to create robust accountability, oversight and assurance for educational and financial performance of the academies in the Trust.

From September 2017 the Board of Trustees comprises:

- Up to eight Trustees appointed by the Members
- Up to three Trustees appointed from the Chairs of the local governing bodies of member academies
- A nominee of the Merchant Taylors' Company
- At least one and up to four Trustees nominated by the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education, not to exceed 25% of the Board membership
- Between two and three Parent Trustees in circumstances where local governing bodies have not made provision for parent governors.
- The Chief Executive Officer, with his/her agreement

The Trustees have a Finance & Audit Committee, comprising a sub-group of the Trustees, the chairs of the Resources Committees of the local governing bodies, the Chief Financial Officer (ex officio) and Company Secretary (ex officio).

Local Governing Bodies

The membership and responsibilities of each Local Governing Body is set out in a Scheme of Delegation from the Trust Board.