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 directors.

The Directors of the charitable company are directors for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and trustees for the purposes of charity legislation. Directors of the charitable company are nominated by either the Secretary of State for Education or by the members. Directors, 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 remain the legal governing body with specific functions delegated from the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors 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 Directors has decided to meet at least six times a year in accordance with the Academies Financial Handbook. The Board of Directors (BoD) 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 BoD, together with their Terms of Reference are being reviewed during the 2019/20 academic year. 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)* |
| Melanie Fitzgerald | 17/11/2016 | Current Member | Member of DSAT Chair of Governors at St Marys Academy Sheffield |
| Steven Gardner | 17/11/2016 | Current Member |  |
| Bishop Peter Burrows | 17/11/2016 | Current Member | Director of St Barnabas Theological Centre  Member and Director of DSAT  Director of Sheffield Board of Finance |
| Martin Harrison | 17/11/2016 | Current Member | Employee of SCC Group  Director & Co Secretary of Victoria Community Enterprise Ltd  Chair of Dearne Valley Education Partnership *(dissolved co)* |