Register of Interests Equinox Learning Trust



Current Members

		Interests				
Full Name & Appointment	Confirmed	Organisation	Type of Interest	Notes	From	То
Name: Rev. Mark Bennet	Confirmed: 26/11/2024	Thatcham Park School	Other Governance Role	Am currently co-chair and Chair of Finance.	01/09/2011	-
Appointment: Members Appointed by: Members Term of office start: 25/06/2014		Thatcham Parochial Charities	Other Charity Governance	Grants are sometimes made to families of pupils at the Trust schools or to schools in the Trust to meet various needs.	01/09/2011	-
		Oxford Diocesan Board of Education	Other Charity Governance	Covers Church schools in Berkshire as part of the Oxford Diocese. Chair of Finance Committee.	01/11/2011	-
		Lady Frances Winchcombe Trust	Other Charity Governance	Makes small grants often to pupils of Kennet School entering further or higher education. Chair.	01/09/2011	-
		Culham St Gabriel's Trust	Other Governance Role	This is a national charity which supports RE teachers and advocates for the place of good religious education in the school curriculum.	-	-
		Kennet School	Personal or Close Family Relationship	Daughter worked for the school between 2023 and 2024.	-	31/08/2024
Name: Mr Mike Cole	Confirmed: 04/02/2025	Banking Consultancy Services	Business or Finance Interests	-	01/05/2008	-
Appointment: Member Appointed by: Members	04/02/2020	Tigers Training Limited	Personal or Close Family Relationship	Wife's Employer.	17/11/2024	-
Term of office start: 13/12/2023		Thatcham Town Council	Other Governance Role	Councillor.	08/05/2019	-
		Classic Comic Store Ltd	Business or finance interests	-	13/03/2018	-
		Real Reads Ltd	Business or finance interests	-	09/07/2021	-
		Baker Street Press Ltd	Business or finance interests	-	09/07/2021	-
Name: Mr Charles Cairns Appointment: Member Appointed by: Members Term of office start: 18/07/2023	Not Confirmed	-	-	-	-	-
Name: Mr Nick Cornish	Nothing to Declare	-	-	-	-	-
Appointment: Member Appointed by: Members Term of office start: 12/12/2024	18/11/2024					
Name: Paul Trincas	Not	-	-	-	-	-
Appointment: Member Appointed by: Members	Confirmed					
Term of office start: 12/03/2019						

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Current Trustees

		Interests				
Full Name & Appointment	Confirmed	Organisation	Type of Interest	Notes	From	То
Name: Mr Chris Adams	Nothing to Declare:	-	-	-	-	-
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members	03/03/2025					
Term of office start: 30/03/2025 Term of office end: 29/03/2029						
Name: Rev. Mark Bennet	See Member	s section above.				
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members						
Term of office start: 12/10/2024 Term of office end: 13/10/2027						
Name: Mr Mike Cole	See Member	rs section above.				
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members						
Term of office start: 13/12/2023 Term of office end: 12/12/2027						
Name: Mr Graham Curren	Nothing to Declare:	-	-	-	-	-
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members	02/09/2024					
Term of office start: 01/11/2024 Term of office end: 31/10/2028						
Name: Mrs Patricia Gauci	Nothing to Declare:	-	-	-	-	-
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members	14/11/2024					
Term of office start: 12/12/2023 Term of office end: 11/12/2027						
Name: Mrs Michaela Hanbuerger	Nothing to Declare: 05/11/2024	-	-	-	-	-
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members						
Term of office start: 19/01/2022 Term of office end: 18/01/2026						
Name: Mrs Michelle Harrison	Nothing to Declare:	-	-	-	-	-
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members	18/11/2024					
Term of office start: 31/10/2024 Term of office end: 30/10/2028						
Name: Prof. Laurence Harwood	Confirmed: 11/02/2025	Woolhampton Parish Council	Other Governance Role	Parish Councillor	01/09/2023	-
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members		Benefice of Aldermaston and	Other governance role	Churchwarden, Saint Peter's Church,	02/08/2021	-
Term of office start: 12/12/2024 Term of office end: 11/12/2028		Woolhampton		Woolhampton		
		Dauntsey's School	Other governance role	Governor Emeritus	01/07/2021	
		Woolhampton Village Hall	Other governance role	Member, Village Hall Committee	01/05/2024	-
		Butterfly Conservation	Other governance role	Board Trustee	04/11/2019	09/11/2028
Name: Mr Steve Lyford	Confirmed: 14/11/2024	-	-	-	-	-
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members						
Term of office start: 13/12/2023 Term of office end: 12/12/2027						

Ex-Officio and Accounting Officer

		Interests				
Full Name & Appointment	Confirmed	Organisation	Type of Interest	Notes	From	То
Name: Mr Francois Walker	Confirmed: 14/11/2024	Mastery Education	Business or finance interests	Owner of the Education product Master Readers		31/01/2028
Appointment: Ex-Officio Appointed by: Trustees				- used in both primaries before joining the Trust.		
Term of office start: 01/09/2024						

Historical Positions in Last 12 Months

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Full Name & Appointment	Confirmed	Organisation	Full Name & Appointment	Notes	From	То	
Name: Mrs Gemma Piper Conf	Confirmed: 24/01/2024	Oakwood Youth	Personal or close family relationship	A local charity which provides services and outdoor learning experiences to young people and adults. My brother works at this charity. I do not benefit from this organisation financially in any way.	01/01/2014	-	
		Scouts	Other governance role	I am a Trustee for the Lower Early 1st Scouts group. I do not benefit financially from this organisation in any way.	01/08/2020	-	
		Piper Custom Carpentry	Business or finance interests	This is my husband's business.	01/03/2020	-	
Name: Mr Nick Cornish	Became a m	 ember in December 2024	. See Members section abo	ve.			
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members							
Term of office start: 13/12/2023 Term of office end: 12/12/2024							
Effective removal date: 12/12/2024							
Name: Mr Matthew Espley	Confirmed: 09/09/2024	Coley Primary School	Other Governance Role	Chair of Governors	01/09/2014	-	
Appointment: Chief Finance Officer Appointed by: Trustees		Iqra Slough Islamic Primary School	Business or Finance Interests	Consultancy Work	01/01/2020	-	
Term of office start: 25/09/2023							
Effective Removal Date: 14/02/2025							
Name: Professor Laurence Harwood	Became a n	nember in December 2024	1. See Members section abo	ove.			
Appointment: Member Appointed by: Members							
Term of office start: 13/12/2020 Term of office end: 12/12/2024							
Name: Mr Andy James	Confirmed: 07/10/2024	Kennet School	Personal or close family relationship	Wife is an employee of both Kennet School	11/12/2019	-	
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members				and the Equinox Learning Trust.			
Term of office start: 13/12/2023 Resigned: 16/05/2025							
		PinPoint Business Advisory Ltd	Business or Finance Interests	A shareholder and director of the company (neither Equinox Learning Trust nor any of the schools within the Trust are clients of the company).	05/01/2022	-	

Name: Mr M Keogh	Nothing to - Declare 03/09/2024	-	-	
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members				
Term of office start: 20/10/2020 Term of office end: 19/10/2024				
Name: Mr Nigel Margeson	Nothing to - Declare:	-	-	
Appointment: Trustee Appointed by: Members	13/09/2024			
Term of office start: 14/07/2021 Term of office end: 12/09/2025				