

Keswick School Multi Academy Trust Role Description for a Member

A Multi Academy Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, Members are required by the Companies Act 2006 and are the guardians of the governance of the trust.

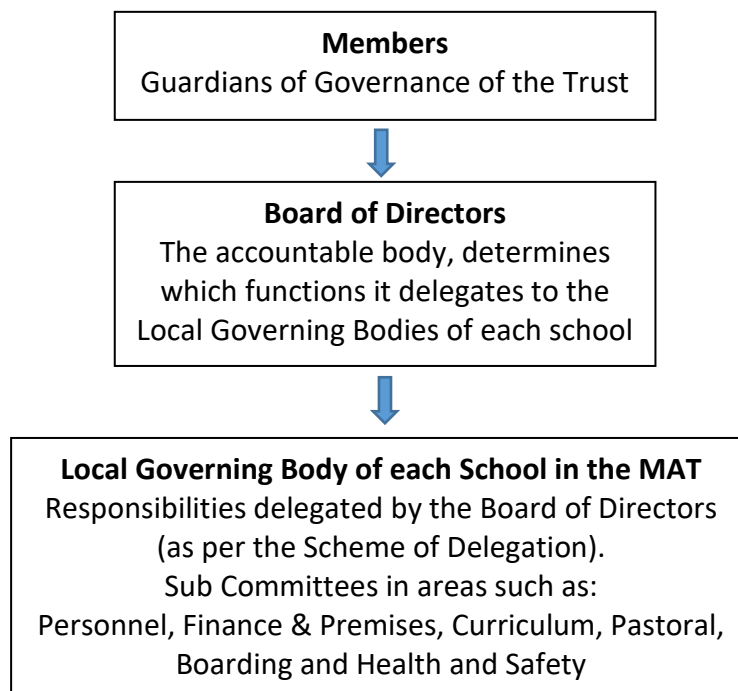
Members agree to the Articles of Association which include the Trust's charitable objects, the purpose of the organization and describe how many Members can be appointed, by whom, and their voting rights. Members hold the Board of Directors to account for the effective governance but have a minimal role in the actual running of the MAT.

The articles describe how the Trust will be governed but it is the Directors, not the Members, who are the organisation's key decision makers. Members are essential to the integrity of the MAT governance structure and uphold the charitable purpose of the organisation. Members must therefore remain informed of the performance of the MAT and be clear on how to appropriately interact with the Directors.

Members are focused on the success of the organization, which should be measured against the achievement of the charitable object of the MAT.

How do Members contribute to Academy Trust Governance?

As the guardians of its governance, Members sit at the top of the trust's governance structure, as demonstrated below:



What do Members do?

Members do not have a large role to play unless the Board of Directors is underperforming. Members must safeguard the governance of the trust, and therefore need to seek assurance that governance is effective.

In summary:

- Members ensure the success of the trust;
- Members sign the memorandum and articles of association;
- Members determine the name of the trust;
- Members retain the power to change the name of the organisation. This requires a special resolution;
- Members appoint Members and Directors;
- Members appoint and remove the Auditors;
- Members are entitled to receive a copy of the annual report and accounts;
- The members meet, usually once a year at an annual general meeting;
- The members dissolve the Trust.