

Members

Name	Term of Office Start date
 Professor John Crewdson is Chair of the Board of Directors. Professor Crewdson has a lifetime of experience in secondary and higher education and was Chair of Governors at Ripley from 2003 to 2018. He is also a National Leader of Governance and has supported governors in a number of local primary and secondary schools.	1 May 2011
 Professor Chris Carr was appointed the first Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cumbria when it opened in August 2007 having been the CEO and Principal of St Martin's College for ten years (1997-2007). Previously, Professor Carr was Principal Lecturer and Head of Law and then Dean and Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of Central Lancashire. Professor Carr has also been the Chair of the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education and Chair of Governors at Clitheroe Grammar School. Professor Carr retired in 2009 but remains a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire a director of B4RN (Broadband for the Rural North) Ltd.	26 October 2017
 Mr Iain Parks is the Director Education for the Blackburn Diocese Board of Education. Prior to his appointment in September 2023, he was a successful serving headteacher in a church school in the Liverpool Diocese and he has	16 October 2023

worked in the education sector and the church across a variety of contexts in different parts of the country. He was Chair of Partnership and Accounting Officer of the school-centred 'initial teacher training partnership' for Mersey Boroughs ITT that served across the 7 Merseyside councils and has recently been instrumental in the formation of a charity that seeks to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in society with Prescott. Away from work he loves spending time with his young family and enjoys many sporting activities including football and golf.	
 Rt Revd Dr Jill Duff is Bishop of Lancaster. Her brief includes the oversight of mission, evangelism & church planting in Lancashire. She speaks and teaches widely and has a recently published book <i>Lighting the Beacons</i> (SPCK). Previously she was the Founding Director of St Mellitus College North West (2013-2018) the first full-time ordination course in the North West for over 40 years. She taught New Testament, mission and church planting. Prior to this she has served as an urban parish priest, school chaplain, pioneer minster church planting, and as Associate Fellow at Liverpool Hope University. She was ordained Deacon in 2003 and ordained priest in 2004. Prior to ordination, she worked in research and business management at Esso Petroleum. She has an MA in Theology and DPhil in Chemistry from Oxford University and MA in Natural Sciences from Cambridge University. She is mum to two teenage boys and married to Canon Prof Jeremy Duff, Principal of St Padarn's. In spare time with her family Jill enjoys walking, wild camping and holidays in the fresh air with big vistas. She runs, journals and enjoys writing fun lyrics to well-known songs as the occasion demands.	26 September 2018