

UK School Register Cheat Sheet

Overview

The Get Information about Schools (GIAS) service provides public records on **individuals involved in the leadership and oversight of schools** in England. This includes:

- **Governors and Trustees: 250k**
- **Headteachers and Executive Leaders: 55k**

Why It Matters

- Connect individuals with current roles to **local towns**
- Understanding **networks** in public service or education
- **Corroborating identity** through roles and affiliations
- Spotting **hidden influence or interests** through repeated governance roles

Limitations

- **Only covers England** – Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland use **different systems**
- **Timeliness** – may lack **historic data** on former governors or trustees
- **No personal addresses** — location is based on **school/trust information**

Where to Search

- **Get Information about Schools (GIAS)** – School name search
- **GIAS** – Governor name search
- **Charity Commission** – For schools and trusts registered as charities
- **Public Insights** – Search for headteachers and governors

Tips and Considerations

- Cross-check names with the Electoral Roll to **verify residence** near an associated school
- Use company data to **link trustees to registered charities** and their financial records
- Look for **repeat names** across different schools or governing bodies

Investigation Support

- **Executive Protection** – Search **schools attended by a VIP's family** for risks
- **Fraud & Compliance** – Spot undeclared governance roles or **conflicts of interest**
- **Safeguarding Investigations** – Confirm **governance structure** in misconduct or oversight cases
- **Asset Tracing** – Connect governors/trustees to relevant **regions** to help find property ownership nearby
- **Due Diligence** – Validate **leadership experience** or background in education
- **Journalism** – Investigate school networks or governance **failings**

About Public Insights

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