

'Walking in the footsteps of Jesus, loving and serving together'

The Scheme has been developed to clarify the responsibilities and powers of governors and members of staff employed at the school and to ensure compliance with legal requirements and, where appropriate, Local Authority & Diocesan policies.

The delegations set out in this Scheme are delegated to specific committees of the Governing Body and postholders employed at the school.

Delegations cannot be exercised other than by the designated person or committee unless otherwise directed or agreed by the Governing Body.

In the absence or incapacity of a postholder other than the Head Teacher, the delegations stand delegated to the Head Teacher unless otherwise directed or agreed by the Governing Body.

Instead of exercising her/his delegated powers, a postholder or committee may refer the matter to the appropriate committee or governing body. The Scheme will be reviewed at the first meeting in each academic year and is made without prejudice to the powers and duties of the Governing Body and its committees.

The Governing Body will remain accountable for all decisions taken, including those relating to functions delegated to a committee or individual, and can perform any of the functions it has delegated.

The Full Governing Body

Current Composition: 7 Foundation Governors

2 Parent Governors

1 Local Authority Governor

1 Staff Governor1 Head Teacher

3 Associate Members (non-voting)

1 Clerk (non-voting)

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General Structure

- The Governing Body will elect a chairman and vice-chairman at the first meeting of each school year. Governors will be invited to nominate themselves two weeks before the date of the first Governing Body meeting. The term of office for each post is one year.
- The Governing Body will establish annually committees to deal with the areas of Resources (Finance, Staffing & Premises), Learning & Standards, and Mission Vision & Ethos, which will be in addition to the Statutory Committees that the Governing Body is required to establish.
- All governors will be invited to be a member of at least one committee.
- Each committee will elect a chairman at its first meeting at the beginning of each school year. The term of office is one year.
- The quorum for a meeting of a committee shall be any three governors.
- Seven days notice should be given of any committee meetings.
- The committees must be clerked by the Clerk to the Governing Body, one of the committee members or by an appointed clerk but not the Headteacher.
- Names of governors and others present at the meetings must be recorded in the minutes.
- Committee minutes must be signed as approved by the chair of the committee.
- Copies of committee minutes will be circulated to all members of the Governing Body and copied to the Clerk to the Governing Body.
- Any member of the Governing Body may attend the meeting of any committee as a non-voting observer.
- Where votes are to be taken in committee only governors who are members of that committee have the right to vote at any meeting of that committee.
- No vote may be taken unless the majority of those present are members of the Governing Body.

Powers to be Exercised by the Full Governing Body only:

General & Procedural

- To agree the Instrument of Government
- To elect or remove the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Governing Body
- To co-opt, appoint or remove Associate Members of the Governing Body
- To agree the suspension of Governors
- To appoint (and remove) a Head Teacher and/or a Deputy or Assistant Head Teacher
- To appoint or dismiss the Clerk to the Governing Body
- To determine the functions to be performed by the Clerk to the Governing Body that are additional to those laid out in regulations.
- To decide any changes in the times of school sessions and dates of terms and holidays but to ensure that the school meets for 380 sessions in a school year
- To decide on a change of school category
- To undertake an annual review of the Scheme of Delegation and consider whether or not to exercise delegation of functions to individuals or committees
- To revise the constitution of the Governing Body to comply with the 2012 Regulations
- To co-opt Governors onto the Governing Body and to appoint Local Authority Governors (to be exercised only after reconstitution under the 2012 Regulations)
- To approve the first formal budget plan each financial year
- To institute a Health & Safety Policy
- To nominate a named governor to have specific responsibility for overseeing the school's provision for children with Special Educational Needs and physical disabilities
- To nominate a named governor for the staff Whistle Blowing Policy, SEN, and Safeguarding
- Publication of governors' details on school website. As a minimum this should include: each governor's (or associate member's) name; category; appointing body; term of office; any committees they serve on; positions they hold such as Chair, Vice Chair, Chair of a Committee. Associate members' voting rights on any committees should also be included.

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- Establish, publish on website, (and update annually) a register of headteachers'
 and governors' business interests. The register must set out details of any relevant
 business interests and any other schools at which they govern. It should also detail
 any relationships between governors and school staff including spouses, partners
 and relatives.
- Review the Governors' Code of Conduct to ensure that all governors and associate
 members are aware that their details as identified in the preceding 2 points will be
 published and that all are required to provide the information. Governors' explicit
 agreement to the Code of Conduct should be recorded in minutes.

School Self-Evaluation & School Development Planning Responsibilities

- To agree the outcomes of the school's Self-Evaluation process (including Governing Body Self-Evaluation)
- To agree long term vision and a strategic plan
- To approve the School Development Plan (SDP), monitor its implementation & evaluate its impact (including ensuring that any Ofsted recommendations are incorporated into the SDP)

Data Analysis & Target Setting Responsibilities

- Scrutinise a range of pupil performance data to evaluate the school's performance, including information provided in the Governors' data dashboard
- Agree challenging targets for pupil achievement/attainment and ensuring they are based on outcomes of robust data analysis
- Evaluate the school's performance against agreed targets
- Evaluate the impact of pupil premium funding and other resources to overcome barriers to learning
- Receive attendance and exclusion data from the Head Teacher, including the impact of initiatives that are in place to improve poor attendance
- To ensure rigorous assessment processes are in place

Safeguarding

- To nominate one member of the Governing Body to have specific responsibility for Safeguarding
- Approve a Child Protection Policy and review its effectiveness at least annually
- Consider the school's Safeguarding Audits and monitor subsequent action plans

Pupils, Parents & Community

- To agree and publish an Admissions Policy annually and to take action as required or permitted by law on matters relating to school admissions
- Agree a behaviour principles statement and ensure that this is posted on the school
 website this will encompass general principles on Pupil Discipline
- Draft a school behaviour policy and publicise to staff, students and parents.
- Decide whether to confirm permanent and fixed term exclusions where the pupil is either excluded for more than 15 days in a term or at risk of being unable to sit a public examination; consider parents' representation about exclusions.
- To decide the policy on School Uniform
- To decide what Sex Education is to be provided
- To decide the policy on Charging and Remissions
- To ensure legally required information is published online: including the SEN policy, curriculum plan, pupil premium spending, reading schemes, links to DfE school performance tables, and Ofsted report
- To agree and publish a Complaints Procedure and a Freedom of Information Scheme
- To consider matters relating to the role of the school in the community
- To ensure that the Governing Body can demonstrate its accountability to parents

Extended Services

- To decide whether or not to offer and/or cease to provide additional activities and what form these should take ('Extended Schools')
- To review the impact of extended services, where they are in place

The *Governors' Handbook* sets out the core functions and responsibilities of Governing Bodies, including their specific legal duties. Regard should be had to the *Governors' Handbook* if further clarification of any delegated functions is required.

The Full Governing Body has a duty to:

- hold a full Governing Body meeting at least three times in a school year
- ensure that the National Curriculum is implemented
- ensure that RE and daily collective worship are provided
- ensure balance in the presentation of political issues in the curriculum
- ensure that equalities are embedded in all policies & frameworks
- ensure it can demonstrate its accountability to parents
- ensure that the views of pupils, parents & other stakeholders inform school improvements

General Duties of all Committees

Each committee will:

- Plan agendas within their terms of reference & delegated responsibilities
- Receive reports
- Respond with recommendations to the full Governing Body
- To meet a minimum of at least three times in a school year
- Notify all governors, including the Head Teacher, of agendas prior to meetings
- Prepare minutes of meetings for full Governing Body meetings and circulate to all governors and committee members, with a copy to the Clerk to the Governing Body
- Organise working parties or additional groups as necessary to carry out committee work, e.g. buildings improvements, etc
- Review relevant sections of School Development Plan annually and give recommendations to the Governing Body for new targets

Additional Responsibilities in this year's Framework

• Establish a School Development Plan Governors Committee to support staff in the development and delivery of the plan.

RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNING BODY

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Composition & Membership Head Teacher

Four other Governors (minimum)

Quorum Any three committee members

Chair Any non-staff governor

Frequency of Meetings A minimum of 4 meetings per year

Minuting & Reporting A committee member

or Clerk to the Governing Body

PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

To ensure the proper management of the school's financial, physical and human resources

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Staffing:

Appointments, Dismissals, Development, Performance and Remuneration

Finance:

Budget Control, Capital Funding, Supplier Payments and Income Generation

Premises:

Health & Safety, Maintenance, Improvements, Insurance, Lettings and Disposals

RESOURCES COMMITTEE: DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES

(Key: "R": Responsibility for; "W": Carrying out the Work)

Торіс	FGB	Resources Committee	Head Teacher	Other
STAFFING				
Recruitment				
Recruitment & Appointment of Head Teacher, Assistant or l	Deputy H	lead Teacher		W - Selection
Drawing up job/person specifications	R			Panel
				W - Selection
Drawing up and placing advertisements	R			Panel W - Selection
Arranging for short-listing of candidates	R			Panel
Total in the Complitude	D			W - Selection
Interviewing of candidates	R			Panel W - Selection
Selection of candidate to be recommended to FGB	R			Panel
Appointment of Head Teacher	R			W - Selection Panel
Decide whether to give advisory rights to the Local Authority	K			W- Selection
&/or Diocese	R			Panel
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Ensuring Safer Recruitment requirements are met	R			Panel
Recruitment & Appointment of Teaching & Non-Teaching S	taff			
Strategies for presenting school to potential members of staff			R W	
Drawing up job/person specifications			R W	
Drawing up and placing advertisements			R W	
Arranging for short-listing of candidates			R W	
Interviewing of candidates			R W	
Ensure Safer Recruitment requirements are met			R W	
Selection of candidate to be recommended to FGB			RW	
Appointment of Staff	R		W	
Arranging for carrying out of administrative aspects of			D.W.	
appointments procedures			R W	
Induction				
Deciding on forms of induction programmes for new members				
of staff			RW	
Staffing Structure & Staff Deployment				
Determining staff complement - number of posts to be filled	D	11 7	W	
including the appointment of a SENCO Review of staffing structure & planning overall strategy for	R	W	W	
staff deployment in teaching, non-teaching, full & part-time				
posts.			RW	
Leave of Absence				
To authorise staff leave of absence, where requested			RW	
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Topic	FGB	Resources Committee	Head Teacher	Other
Secondment & Early Retirement				
To approve applications for secondment & early retirement	R	RW		
Development				
Deciding on strategies for the continuing development of staff for their own and the school's benefit		R	RW	
Performance Management				
To establish an Appraisal Policy and to review the Policy on an annual basis		RW		
To formulate & implement an Appraisal Policy Nominate governors to conduct the head teacher's performance management & to appoint an External Adviser to assist with the Head Teacher's performance management	R		RW	
Consider reports from Head Teacher on the effectiveness of the				
Appraisal Policy, including anonymised impact on quality of teaching & learning	R		RW	
School Improvement				
Monitor progress/impact of staffing related school				
improvement priorities		R	RW	
Supply cover				
Deciding on a policy for the use of supply cover			RW	
Remuneration				
Setting up a Pay Panel to oversee staff and Head teacher pay		RW		
Deciding on a pay policy applying to all members of staff, involving criteria to be used and procedures to be followed		ΙζW		Pay Panel
Deciding on pay discretions, where appropriate				Pay Panel
To determine dismissal / early retirement payments				Pay Panel
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Procedures Adopting CES Procedures and/or the Local Authority's Personnel Procedures as the committee sees fit, such procedures to be applied to all members of staff		RW		
to be applied to all members of staff		ΚW		
Staffing Panels Setting up staffing panels, as required, to deal with the following:		RW		
Grievance - To hear employees' grievances as provided for in the Grievance Procedure		1011		
Discipline - To hold disciplinary hearings as provided for in the Disciplinary Procedure				
Capability - To hold capability hearings as provided for in the Capability Procedure				
Probation - To hold probationary hearings as provided for in the Probationary Procedure				

Торіс	FGB	Resources Committee	Head Teacher	Other
Termination of Employment - To hear early retirement, ill health/attendance, redundancy, and proposed dismissals for "some other substantial reason" cases, as provided for in the Termination of Employment Procedure				
Appeals - Setting up an appeals panel as provided for under Personal Procedures.				
Arranging to notify the Governing Body of :				
 decisions of the above panels in relation to discipline, grievance, termination of employment, and appeals decisions of the Head Teacher in relation to discipline, grievance and capability. 		RW	RW	
Head Teacher Suspension or Dismissal				
To consider parental complaints against the Head Teacher	CofG			
To consider & determine whether to dismiss or suspend the Head Teacher	R	W		
To consider & determine whether to end a period of suspension	R	W		
Staff Suspension or Dismissal				
To consider & determine whether to dismiss or suspend a member of staff			RW	
To consider & determine whether to end a period of suspension			RW	
To hear appeals against an initial dismissal decision	R			W - Appeal Committee

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Activity	FGB	Resources Committee	Head Teacher	Other
FINANCE				
School Budget				
Identifying priorities with reference to the School Development Plan & staffing structure		R	W	
To approve the first formal budget plan in each financial year;	R	W		
Agree end of year budget rollover	R	W		
To decide upon annual allocations and planning for solvency	R	W		
To monitor the school expenditure against the Budget		W	R	
Deciding upon format (reviewed annually) and appropriateness of financial monitoring statements		W	R	
Ensuring Best Value & agreeing an annual statement of Best				
Value		W	R	
Ensuring the budget is spent only for school				
purposes		W	R	
Ensure the school is compliant with the Schools				
Financial Value Standards (SFVS)		W	R	
Considering annual benchmarking data &				
analyse outcomes		W	R	
Deciding upon major virements in connection with annual allocations and in-year budget variations, greater than £500	R	to FGB		
Deciding upon minor virements in response to need during course of year.			RW - reported to Committee	
Monitoring and identifying areas of overspend/underspend in course of, or at end of, financial year		R	W	
Monitor adequacy of financial management				
competency amongst staff & governors		RW		
Collating information and presenting financial reports to the Governing Body			R	RW - Business Manager
Reconciliation of Information				RW - Business
			R	Manager
Checking elements of budget information received from LA including monitoring income & expenditure reports &				RW - Business Manager
approving returns required by LA			R	RW - Business Manager
Seeking clarification and initiating enquiries			R	RW - Business Manager
Ensure all required finance policies & procedures are in place & implemented	R	W		
Receive, and where appropriate respond to, reports from LA Auditors		RW		

For expenditure already allocated in the School Budget the following spending limits shall apply:-

The headteacher may spend up to £1,500 per transaction upon his/her own authority; The Resources Committee must authorise expenditure between £1,501 and £5,000 per transaction; The FGB must authorise expenditure above £5,000 per transaction;

These limits do not apply to expenditure not allocated in the School Budget.

Supplier management

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To enter into contracts for the provision of supplies,				RW - Business
equipment and services;			R	Manager
To put out to tender appropriate contracts in accordance with the Financial Policy Document			-	RW - Business
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To discharge payments for the provision of supplies, equipment and services			R	RW - Business
Researching /negotiating terms with suppliers			K	Manager RW - Business
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Designating signatories for authorising orders & payments				RW - Business
(including cheques)			R	Manager
Formulating a policy on receiving quotes and on tendering.		RW		
Review contracts & services due for renewal				W - Business
		R		Manager
Approve & review ordering & payment systems				W - Business
		R		Manager
Funding & Income Generation				
Planning and initiation revenue generation activities		RW		
Submission of applications for funding from Local Authority,		IX VV		
Central Government or other sources of Capital Funds		R	W	
Capital Funding				
Deciding upon capital funded projects		RW		
Budgeting for Capital funded project to ensure solvency		RW		
Management & investment of capital funds		RW		
		1011		
School Fund				
Annually appoint an auditor to conduct an audit of the School				
Fund		RW		
Receive an annual report on the audited accounts of the School Fund		RW		
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Governors' Allowances				
Approve & keep under review a Governors' Allowances				
Policy	R	W		

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Activity	FGB	Resources Committee	Head Teacher	Other
PREMISES			70001101	C 1C.
Asset Management Developing a school buildings strategic plan & contributing as required to the Local Authority, Diocesan or school Asset Management Planning Arrangements Formulating long term strategy for phased initiatives aimed at improving & enhancing initiatives aimed at improving & enhancing initiatives aimed at improving the standard of school premises, including liaising with the Diocese to make bids for LCVAP funding	R	W	R	RW - Business Manager
Procurement & Maintenance Procuring and maintaining of buildings, including additional land. Developing a properly funded maintenance plan Planning programmes of priorities aimed at establishing standards of good practice in achieving acceptable levels of repairs and maintenance of school premises Maintaining an overview of the general condition of the whole school site; Carrying out a Condition Survey & arranging for regular monitoring of the condition of the site and premises, including updating original survey Investigating needs & making recommendations relating to major & minor repairs Seeking advice & liaising with LA &/or Diocese, where appropriate, on proposals for work to be carried out	R R	W W RW RW RW	RW W	
Health and Safety Instituting a Health & Safety Policy Undertaking Risk Assessments to identify deficiencies that could affect health & safety of persons in the school; Identifying to whom the responsibility falls for remedying any defects (school/LA/Diocese) Making recommendations and/or initiating action to resolve defects Updating Fire Safety Procedures	R	W RW RW	"	
Insurance Establishing the extent of cover provided for buildings, contents & personal liability insurance Researching, recommending & initiating any additional cover that may be required	R	R		RW - Business Manager RW - Business Manager
Lettings Deciding upon the school's lettings policy & charges in accordance with LA guidelines Carrying out procedures & collecting income	R	R		RW - Business Manager
Disposals To determine & implement a policy on the disposal of assets limited to fixtures & fittings but excluding land & school buildings		R		RW - Business Manager

PAY PANEL

The Pay Panel is established to review the pay of each member of staff, award increments as appropriate and advise them of the outcome accordingly, in accordance with the school's procedure.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Composition & Membership Three non-staff Governors (minimum)

Head Teacher (in an advisory capacity except when discussing the head teacher's

pay)

Disqualification Members of staff at the school

Restrictions on persons taking part in

proceedings Any governor where there may be a

pecuniary interest or conflict of interest

Quorum 3 Non-Staff Governors

Chair Elected by the committee

Frequency of Meetings As required

Minuting & Reporting Clerk to the Governing Body

Areas of responsibility &

delegated decision making powers See delegations listed below

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

- To review the whole school pay policy as appropriate and make recommendations to the governing body for discussion and ratification;
- To keep up to date with relevant developments and any legal changes and to advise the governing body when the schools pay policy needs to be revised;
- To review, on an annual basis, the pay of each member of staff, award increments as appropriate and advise them of the outcome accordingly;
- To ensure any records or minutes relating to the pay panel will be carefully safeguarded and kept confidential
- To minute clearly giving the reasons for all decisions and report these decisions to the next full governing body meeting as a confidential item to be received;
- To seek professional advice from the Local Authority, Diocesan Authority or others, as necessary;
- To attend relevant training as appropriate.

PAY APPEALS PANEL

The Pay Appeals Panel is established to consider any appeals in respect of staff pay in accordance with the school's procedure.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Composition & Membership Three non-staff Governors (minimum)

Head Teacher (in an advisory capacity except when discussing the head teacher's pay) Members cannot have been on the

previous pay panel.

Disqualification Members of staff at the school

Restrictions on persons taking part in

proceedings Any governor where there may be a

pecuniary interest or conflict of interest

Quorum 3 Non-Staff Governors

Chair Elected by the committee

Frequency of Meetings As required

Minuting & Reporting Clerk to the Governing Body

Areas of responsibility &

delegated decision making powers See delegations listed below

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

- To carry out any appeal review in accordance with the school's Pay Policy;
- To ensure any records or minutes relating to the pay appeals panel will be carefully safeguarded and kept confidential
- To minute clearly giving the reasons for all decisions and report these decisions to the next full governing body meeting as a confidential item to be received;
- To seek professional advice from the Local Authority, Diocesan Authority or others, as necessary;
- To attend relevant training as appropriate.

LEARNING AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNING BODY

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Composition & Membership Head Teacher

Three other Governors (minimum)

Quorum Any three committee members

Chair Head Teacher

Frequency of Meetings A minimum of 4 meetings per year

Minuting & Reporting Committee member unless clerked

Areas of responsibility &

delegated decision making powers See delegations listed below

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

To ensure strong principles of teaching and learning and to promote a vision of what good and outstanding teaching and learning looks like.

To ensure all pupils enjoy and achieve through learning.

To ensure the rigorous use of data analysis to monitor pupil progress and performance, and to drive the improvement of standards in all curriculum areas, including Religious Education.

To identify trends in various groups, including vulnerable pupils, children in care, free school meals pupils, pupils with Special Educational Needs, and gifted and talented pupils, to ensure the appropriate induction and support is provided to these groups, and that their progress is monitored and their needs are met within, and potentially beyond, the curriculum.

To ensure pupils and parents/carers are engaged in the education process and that they are aware of their child's progress and what is required for further improvement and support, if any.

LEARNING & STANDARDS: DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES

Topic	Who has responsibility?	Who does the work?
National Curriculum		
To approve the curriculum to be delivered including areas to be covered and any changes to be implemented	Cttee	HT/Cttee
Ensure that the September 2014 statutory requirements for Early Years Foundation Stage are implemented	Cttee	HT/Cttee
Religious Education Curriculum		
Establish a framework for monitoring and reporting to the Governing Body on the implementation of the RE curriculum; and arranging for ways in which the Body can be informed fully upon the variety of teaching strategies employed, resources used and learning environments provided to deliver and enhance RE curriculum	HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
To ensure standards of achievement in RE are no less than in other curriculum subjects; that there is monitoring for and evidence of progression in RE that strategies are in place to ensure there is sufficient challenge and scope in the RE curriculum to meet the learning needs of pupils with differing abilities, e.g. more able and SEN learners	HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
Monitoring and Reporting Strategies		
Deciding on the monitoring and reporting strategies to be used which will:		
• allow the Governing Body to be sufficiently informed to enable it to fulfil its statutory duty		
• ensure that the National Curriculum is being followed throughout the school	Cttee	HT/Cttee
Formulation of School Policies		
Formulating, establishing & implementing curriculum policies and principles	HT	HT/Subject Leaders
Approval & Monitoring of School Policies		
To consider evidence of and impact of whole-school approach of curriculum policies and to monitor their implementation		
To agree or reject curriculum policies and to ensure they are reviewed every other year, or every year where necessary	Cttee	Cttee
School Development Plan		
Deciding upon the priority areas to be included in the SDP and arranging for that part of the SDP to be submitted to the full Governing Body for approval	Cttee	HT/Subject Leader
Standards of Achievement		
Monitoring and reviewing information on pupil performance, including value added and benchmarking data in order to evaluate the school's performance against agreed targets	Cttee	HT/Cttee
Evaluate the impact of the allocation of Pupil Premium Funding on overcoming barriers to Learning	Cttee	HT/Cttee

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Target Setting
Agree challenging targets for pupil achievement / attainment, ensuring they are based on outcome of robust data analysis
Resources Deciding on level of resources to be deployed in various curriculum areas within

Cttee HT/Cttee

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the overall structure of the School Development Plan

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Pupil Premium

Evaluate the impact of the allocation of Pupil Premium funding on overcoming barriers to learning

Cttee

HT/Cttee

Sport Funding

Evaluate the impact of the allocation of Primary School Sport Funding in improving the quality and breadth of PE and sport provision

Cttee

HT/Cttee

Information

Arranging for ways in which the governing body can be fully informed about the variety of teaching strategies employed, resources used and learning environments provided to ensure that all children have access to a high standard of education throughout the school

Cttee

HT

Special Educational Needs

Arranging for one member of the governing body to have specific responsibility for overseeing the school's provision for children with special educational needs

FGB

FGB

Cttee

Report to parents annually on the provision provided to pupils with SEN

FGB

НТ

HT

Sex Education

Deciding on the school's policy for providing Sex Education for pupils at the school having due regard to moral considerations and to family life and to the teaching of the Diocesan policy for Sex Education in Catholic schools and to establish and keep up to date a written policy

FGB

Cttee

Extra Curricular Activities

Deciding on which activities the school will offer as extracurricular options (including peripatetic teachers) and to which year groups or individuals.

HT/Cttee

HT/Teachers

Off Site Activities

Approve off-site visits & activities of up to one day one day

HT

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Approve off-site visits & activities of more than 24 hours or which involve a hazardous pursuit or journey by sea or air

FGB/HT

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MISSON, VISION & ETHOS COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNING BODY

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Composition & Membership Head Teacher

Staff Governor (teaching)

Three other Governors (minimum)

Quorum Any three committee members

Chair Governor

Frequency of Meetings Three times per year

Minuting & Reporting Committee member unless clerked

[* When applications for admissions are being determined the Committee must be clerked by the Clerk to the Governing Body.]

Areas of responsibility &

delegated decision making powers See delegations listed below

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

To ensure the work of the school reflects the principles set out in the Mission Statement and that we continue to be a unique Christian community, where faith is celebrated and lived in daily practice through well planned liturgies, collective worship and the prayer life of the school.

To act in accordance with our Trust Deed to ensure the religious character of the school is preserved and that we implement the Bishop's policies on education including religious education.

To ensure that the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our pupils is at the heart of what we do and that community cohesion is an essential part of the life of the school.

MISSION, VISION & ETHOS: DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES

Торіс	Who has responsibility?	Who does the work?
Prayer Life & Collective Worship		
Ensure the development of the Catholic ethos throughout the school	FGB/HT	FGB/HT
Ensure arrangements for daily acts of worship within the school which are in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church	FGB/HT	FGB/HT
Provide areas in and around the school displaying evidence of our faith at work to which all pupils can contribute; and to provide areas for quiet reflection by both staff and pupils	HT/Cttee	НТ
Determine the way in which pupils should be prepared to receive the Sacraments	FGB in conjunction with Parish Priest	Parish
Policious Education Curriculum		
Religious Education Curriculum Decide upon the scheme of work to be used for Religious Education and to consult with the Diocesan RE Adviser for that purpose	HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
To strive to ensure that RE occupies 10% of allocated teaching time	FGB/HT	FGB/HT
To ensure adequate RE induction & training for new &/or non-specialist staff; and to provide continuing professional development opportunities for all staff	HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
To ensure the learning environment bears witness to the school's vision, ethos and Mission Statement, and reflects the school's Catholic distinctiveness	HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
Safeguarding Formulating and implementing safeguarding policies and procedures including reviewing at least annually the impact of those policies	FGB/HT	HT/Cttee
Designating a senior staff member and nominating a named governor with specific responsibility for Child Protection	FGB/HT	FGB/HT
To ensure staff & governors have opportunities to undertake safeguarding training, including in relation to E-safety & safer recruitment	FGB/HT	HT/Cttee
To ensure all new staff undergo appropriate safeguarding induction training upon appointment	НТ	НТ
Reviewing pupil attendance at least annually and exploring ways to support pupils and their families to facilitate attendance, including arriving at school on time	FGB/HT	FGB/HT/Cttee
To undertake a Child Protection audit annually & to formulate an Action Plan, where appropriate, to be included in the School Development Plan	FGB/HT	НТ

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<i>Topic</i> Provide a biannual report to governors on Child Protection & safeguarding issues	Who has responsibility? HT	Who does the work? HT
Ensure effectiveness of record keeping related to health, safety & safeguarding	FGB/HT	НТ
Ensure the PSHE curriculum provides adequate opportunities for all pupils to develop the skills and confidence they need to be safe from harm & to foster an environment within the school that promotes safety, self-worth and respect, including opportunities for pupils to speak to staff in confidence	FGB/HT	НТ
Looked After Children		
Ensure that school policy & procedure for looked after children are consistent with statutory guidance	FGB/HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
Designate a responsible person for looked after children	FGB	НТ
Admissions		
To determine, within statutory provisions and the Governing Body's admissions policy, whether any child should be admitted to the school	FGB	Cttee
To review admission arrangements & to make recommendations to the Governing Body upon any changes to the school's admissions policy	FGB	HT/Cttee
To consult annually or as required before adopting an admissions policy	FGB	Cttee
To determine, taking into account statutory provisions, the planned admission number for any year group(s) within the school	FGB	FGB
Relationships & Behaviour		
Formulating, establishing & implementing policies relating to spiritual, moral, social and cultural development; and at least annually to consider and evaluate the impact upon the school of those policies	HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
Deciding on a policy which will provide a framework within which all members of staff can work to create an acceptable level of behaviour from all members of the school community	HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
Ensure that any scheme of rewards and sanctions reflects the values of our Mission Statement in that they promote self-esteem, dignity and respect	HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
Ensure opportunities are provided for the views of pupils of all abilities to be provided and considered, e.g. through the School Council; and to provide leadership opportunities as the pupils progress through the school, e.g. school prefects, etc	HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
Build upon and nurture links with parents & carers, the Parish, the Diocese & the wider community including national & international charities to promote the ethos and vision of the school, including supporting & promoting the work of the Parents & Friends Association	HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee

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Topic	Who has responsibility?	Who does the work?
Follow statutory exclusions guidance (applicable from September 2012)	FGB/HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
School Development Plan		
Deciding upon any areas to be included in the SDP and arranging for that part of the SDP to be submitted to the Governing Body for approval	HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
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Ensure the Governing Board is represented at the Diocesan, Wiltshire and Samuel Partnership sub-committee meetings	HT/Cttee	HT/Cttee
Leadership		
Decide upon & implement appropriate succession planning arrangements, for the head teacher, the senior management team and the Governing Body	FGB/HT	Cttee
Provide opportunities for personal self-development for all staff, including an annual Catholic retreat for the head teacher	FGB/HT	FGB/HT
Ensure the Governing Body is represented at the Diocesan Wiltshire sub-committee meetings	FGB/HT	FGB/HT
Extended Schools		
To review provisions & impact of additional services	FGB	FGB/HT
Provision of School Meals		
Ensure school meets national school food standards (in force from Jan 2015)	HT/Cttee	HT
Ensure provision of free school meals to those pupils meeting the eligibility criteria, including Universal Infant School Meals	НТ	нт

Arrangements for monitoring, evaluation and review

Responsible committee for monitoring & evaluation:	FGB
Policy reviewed by:	FGB
Policy review & approval date:	17 th October 2019
Next review date:	19 th October 2020

Signature of Chair of Governors:	

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