Elveden Church of England Primary Academy

Recommendations on Committee Structure and Terms of Reference 2022-23

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The Role of the Chair of the Governing Body

- To ensure the business of the Governing Body is conducted properly, in accordance with legal and Suffolk County Council delegation requirements.
- To ensure meetings are run effectively, focusing on priorities and making the best use of time available, and to ensure that all members have an equal opportunity to participate in discussion and decision-making
- To establish and foster an effective relationship with the Headteacher based on trust and mutual respect for each other's roles. The Chair has an important role in ensuring that the Governing Body acts as a sounding board to the Headteacher and provides strategic direction

Disqualification - the Headteacher, Staff Governors, Pupils, Staff Members

The Role of the Clerk to the Governing Body

- To work effectively with the Chair of Governors, the other Governors and the Headteacher to support the Governing Body
- To advise the Governing Body on Constitutional and Procedural Matters, duties and powers
- To convene meetings of the Governing Body
- To attend meetings of the Governing Body and ensure minutes are taken
- To maintain a register of members of the Governing Body and report vacancies to the Governing Body
- To give and receive notices in accordance with relevant regulations
- To perform such other functions as may be determined by the Governing Body from time to time

Disqualification - Governors, Associate Members, the Headteacher

The Role of the Chair of a Committee

- To ensure the business of the Committee is conducted properly, in accordance with legal requirements
- To ensure meetings are run effectively, focusing on priorities and making the best use of time available, and to ensure that all members have an equal opportunity to participate in discussion and decision-making

Disqualification - none

The Role of the Clerk to Committees

- To advise the Committee on procedural and legal matters
- To convene meetings of the Committee
- To attend meetings of the Committee and ensure minutes are taken
- To perform such other functions with respect to the Committee as may be determined by the Governing Body from time to time

Disqualification – the Headteacher

The Governing Body

The Governing Body needs to take a strategic role, act as a critical friend to the school and be accountable for its decisions. It should set aims and objectives and agree, monitor and review policies, targets and priorities

Terms of reference:

To agree constitutional matters*, including procedures where the Governing Body has discretion

To recruit new members as vacancies, arise and to appoint new governors* where appropriate

To hold at least three Governing Body meetings a year*

To appoint or remove the Chair and Vice Chair*

To appoint or remove a Clerk to the Governing Body*

To establish the committees of the Governing Body and their terms of reference*

To appoint the Chair of any committee (if not delegated to the committee itself)

To appoint or remove a Clerk to each committee*

To suspend a governor*

To decide which functions of the Governing Body will be delegated to committees, groups and individuals*

To receive reports from any individual or committee to whom a decision has been delegated and to consider whether any further action by the Governing Body is necessary*

To approve the first formal budget plan of the financial year

To review the delegation arrangements annually*

To agree, by early in the previous summer term, the programme of work and calendar of meetings for the Governing Body and its committees for the school year, based on known cycles of school improvement, financial management, staffing issues and communicating with parents

To monitor the progress of work being undertaken by committees and individuals

To consider recommendations made by committees with regard to the working of the Governing Body

To establish and keep under review a protocol for the Governing Body

To establish and keep under review arrangements for Governors' visits to school

To oversee arrangements for Governor involvement in formulating and monitoring the School Improvement Plan

To establish exceptional working arrangements where particular circumstances, arise e.g., a joint committee to oversee a building project or a special committee to oversee an Ofsted inspection

*These matters cannot be delegated to either a committee or an individual

Membership – As per the Instrument of Government

Disqualification – as per Regulation 20 and Schedule 6 of the Constitution Regulations

| These terms of reference agreed by the Governing Body | | |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| Name of Governor End of term of Office | | |
| Lorna Rourke | Ex Officio (Headteacher) | |
| Lynne Proudlock | 02/11/2024 | |
| Rev Paul Tarns | No end date | |
| Zoe Maguire | 13/04/2025 | |
| Michelle Harvey | 24/12/2024 | |
| Nicola Douglas | 24/02/2024 | |
| Tamsin Minty | 01/11/2025 | |
| Dr Pauline Lovelock | 03/10/2026 | |
| Leanne Metcalf | 03/10/2026 | |

| Chair of the Governing Body | Lynne Proudlock |
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| Vice-Chair of the Governing Body | Michelle Harvey |
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| Clerk (s) to the Governing Body | Schools Choice |
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| Quorum: | One half of the number of Governors in post |
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Admissions Committee

Terms of Reference

- To recognise and adhere to the statutory function of the Admissions Authority when considering any admissions matter.
- To decide on the admission of individual children in line with statutory provisions and the school's admission policy where such a decision cannot be delegated to the school's Admissions Secretary.
- To review termly the admission limit for each class.
- To keep an oversight of any Local Authority proposal to name the school in an EHCP and ensure that the school responds to consultations according to statutory guidance and time scales.
- To review admissions arrangements and to make recommendations for changes to the governing body.
- To ensure that the statutory appeals process is adhered to.
- To keep under review the effectiveness of SAH's appeal arrangements.
- To keep an oversight of pupil retention and the arrangements for exit interviews.

Membership - Head Teacher and any member of the Governing Body

Disqualification -

| These terms of reference agreed by the Governing Body | 15/11/2022 |
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| Name of Governor | Date Appointed to the Committee |
| Lorna Rourke | 01/05/2018 |
| Rev. Paul Tams | 01/05/2018 |
| Nicola Douglas | 01/05/2021 |
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| Objects of the Occupation | Dov Doul Tomo |
| Chair of the Committee | Rev Paul Tams |
| Clerk to the Committee | Nicola Douglas |
| Clerk to the Committee | Nicola Douglas |
| Clerk to the Committee Quorum (minimum of 2, committee can determine | |
| Clerk to the Committee | Nicola Douglas |
| Clerk to the Committee Quorum (minimum of 2, committee can determine | Nicola Douglas |
| Clerk to the Committee Quorum (minimum of 2, committee can determine higher number) | Nicola Douglas |

Appeals Committee

Terms of reference:

- To consider any appeal against a decision to dismiss a member of staff made by the Hearings Committee*
- To consider any appeal against a decision short of dismissal under the Governing Body's personnel procedures e.g. disciplinary, grievance, capability*
- To consider any appeal against selection for redundancy*
- · Any items which individual governing bodies may wish to include

*Cannot be delegated to an individual

Membership – no fewer members than the Hearings Committee

Disqualification – The Headteacher, Staff Governor Any members of the Hearings Committee

(It is suggested that only experienced governors be appointed to this committee and that the Chair of Governors **only if having had prior knowledge of the case**, should not be a member)

| These terms of reference agreed by the Governing | 15/11/2022 |
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| Body | |

| Name of Governor | Date Appointed to the Committee |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Rev. Paul Tams | 15/11/2022 |
| Tamsin Minty | 15/11/2022 |
| Dr. Pauline Lovelock | 15/11/2022 |
| Leanne Metcalf | 15/11/2022 |

| Chair of the Committee | Rev. Paul Tams | |
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| | | |
| Clerk to the Committee | Tamsin Minty | |
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| Quorum | 4 | |
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| Date Committee established | 15/11/2022 |
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Hearings Committee

Terms of reference:

- To make any determination to dismiss any member of staff (unless delegated to the headteacher)
- To make any decisions under the Governing Body's personnel procedures e.g.
 disciplinary, grievance, capability where the Headteacher is the subject of the action*
- To make any decisions relating to any member of staff other than the Headteacher, under the Governing Body's personnel procedures (*unless delegated to the Headteacher*)
- To make any determination or decision under the Governing Body's General Complaints Procedure for Parents and others
- To make any determination or decision under the Governing Body's Curriculum Complaints Procedure, in respect of National Curriculum disapplications, and the operation of the Governing Body's charging policy:
- Members of this committee may be required to sit on a hearing committee for another school in the local cluster of schools.
- Additional items which individual Governing Bodies may wish to include

*Cannot be delegated to an individual

Membership – not less than 2 members of the Governing Body (NB. The number appointed to this committee directly affects the number required for an Appeal Committee)

Disqualification – The Headteacher, Staff Governor

(It is suggested that only experienced governors be appointed to this committee and that the Chairman of Governors **only if having had prior knowledge of the case**, should not be a member)

| These terms of reference agreed by the Governing Body | | 15 th November 2022 |
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| Name of Covernor | Data Annaintad t | a tha Cammittaa |
| Name of Governor | Date Appointed to | o the Committee |
| Michelle Harvey | 01/11/2021 | |
| Nicola Douglas | 01/11/2021 | |
| 1 Governor from St Marys Primary Academy | 15/11/2021 | |
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| Chair of the Committee | Michelle Harvey | |
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| Clerk to the Committee | Nicola Douglas | |
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| Quorum (as set out in complaints policy) 3 | | |
| | T | |
| Date Committee established | 01/11/2021 | |
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| Date of review: | November 2023 | |

Audit and Risk Committee

Terms of reference:

1. Responsibilities

- to maintain an oversight of the Academy Trust's financial, governance, risk management and internal control systems
- to report findings termly and annually to the Trust Board and the Accounting Officer as a critical element of the trust's annual reporting requirements.

2. Authority

- the Audit and Risk Committee is a Committee of the Academy Trust Board and is authorised to investigate any activity within its terms of reference or specifically delegated to it by the Board.
- the Audit and Risk Committee is authorised to
 - request any information it requires from any employee, external audit, internal audit, or other assurance provider.
 - obtain outside legal or independent professional advice it considers necessary, normally in consultation with the Accounting Officer and/or the Trust Board.

3. Composition

- the membership of the committee will comprise a minimum of 3 trustees.
- Chair and Vice Chair of Committee to be appointed by the Trust board at its first meeting in the Autumn Term.
- employees of the trust should not be audit and risk committee members, but the accounting officer and chief financial officer should attend to provide information and participate in discussions.
- the chair of trustees should not be chair of the audit and risk committee.
- where the audit and risk committee is combined with another committee, employees should not participate as members when audit matters are discussed.
- until otherwise determined by the board of trustees, a quorum shall consist of 2 members of the committee.
- at least one member of the audit and risk committee should have recent or relevant accountancy, or audit assurance, experience.
- any trustee may attend a meeting of the audit and risk committee, including those who are not members of the audit and risk committee.

4. Reporting

The Audit and Risk Committee will:

- report back to the Trust Board regularly every term.
- provide an annual summary report provided by the internal scrutineer / auditor and areas reviewed by internal scrutiny / audit covering key findings, recommendations, and conclusions

5. Coverage

The Audit and Risk Committee will:

- advise the board on the effectiveness and resources of the external/internal auditors or scrutineers to provide a basis for their reappointment, dismissal, retendering, or remuneration. Considerations may include:
 - the auditor's/scrutineer's sector expertise
 - their understanding of the trust and its activities
 - whether the audit process allows issues to be raised on a timely basis at the appropriate level
 - the quality of auditor/scrutineer comments and recommendations in relation to key areas
 - where relevant the personal authority, knowledge and integrity of audit partners and their staff to interact effectively with, and robustly challenge, the trust's managers
 - the auditor's/scrutineer's use of technology
- ensure there is co-ordination between internal audit/scrutiny and external audit and any other review bodies that are relevant
- consider the reports of the auditors/scrutineers and, when appropriate, advise the Trust Board of material control issues.
- encourage a culture within the trust whereby each individual feels that he or she has a part to play in

guarding the probity of the Trust, and is able to take any concerns or worries to an appropriate member of the management team or in exceptional circumstances directly to the Board of Trustees

 provide minutes of all Audit and Risk Committee meetings for review at board meetings External Audit

- review the external auditor's plan each year
- · review the annual report and accounts
- review the auditor's findings and actions taken by the trust's SLT in response to those findings
- produce an annual report of the committee's conclusions to advise the board of trustees and members.

Internal Scrutiny

- take delegated responsibility on behalf of the board of trustees for examining and reviewing all
 systems and methods of control both financial and otherwise including risk analysis and risk
 management; and for ensuring the Trust is complying with the overall requirements for internal
 scrutiny, as specified in the Academies Financial Handbook.
- conduct a review of the risk register at least termly.
- agree an annual programme of internal scrutiny / audit, which is objective and independent, covering systems, controls, transactions, and risks.
- advise the trustees on the adequacy and effectiveness of the trust's systems of internal control, governance, and risk management processes,
- consider the appropriateness of executive action following internal audit/internal scrutiny reviews and to advise the board on any additional or alternative steps to be taken
- oversee the annual review of the trust's risk register

Related policies

Reserves Policy
Investment Policy
Whistleblowing Policy
Gifts and Hospitality Policy
Health and Safety Policy
HR and payroll practices Policies

Membership – Accounting officer and the Finance Officer and the Head of Internal Audit will also attend meetings of the Committee.

Disqualification – Staff Governors

| | These terms of reference agreed by the Governing Body | 15/11/2022 |
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| Name of Governor | Date Appointed to the Committee |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lynne Proudlock | 01/11/2021 |
| Lorna Rourke | 01/11/2021 |
| Paul Tams | 01/112021 |
| Michelle Harvey | 01/11/2021 |
| Tamsin Minty | 01/11/2021 |

| Chair of the Group | Michelle Harvey | |
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| Clerk to the Committee | Schools' choice | |
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| Quorum | 3 | |
| Date Group established | 01/11/2021 | |
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| Date of review: | November 2023 | |

Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee

Terms of reference:

Meetings and Minutes

- A minimum of six per year, or as required throughout the school year.
- Minutes are to be completed in draft no longer than 5 working days after meeting takes place.
 Approval by Chair of Committee to be completed 5 working days after receiving minutes.

Accountability

A report (written or verbal) will be presented to the next board meeting. This will include all
decisions made under delegated powers by the Committee, and recommendations where there is
no delegation.

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Financial policy and planning

- To review, adopt and monitor the schools Financial Regulations which includes the local scheme of delegation for spending and budgetary adjustments (virements) for the committee, headteacher and other nominated staff.
- To review, adopt and monitor all additional financial policies, including a charging and remissions policy
- To establish and maintain a three-year financial plan, taking into the account priorities of the School Improvement Plan, roll projection and signals from central government regarding future years' budgets, within the constraints of available information.
- To draft and propose to the board for adoption an annual school budget taking into account the priorities of the School/Academy Improvement Plan.
- To make decisions in respect of service level agreements and all major contracts
- To monitor school insurances and any claims
- To monitor non-pupil funds and letting income
- To monitor payroll expenditure
- To ensure that sufficient funds are set aside for pay increments as set out in the Pay Policy and as recommended by the Headteacher.
- To monitor the management of assets as per the asset register, including the maintenance, repair and disposal of assets in line with the scheme of delegation

Financial monitoring

- To monitor the income and expenditure throughout the year of all delegated and devolved funds against the annual budget plan.
- To receive monthly financial monitoring reports from the CFO
- To report back to each meeting of the board and to alert them of potential problems or significant anomalies at an early date.
- To meet with other committees and provide them with the information they need to perform their duties.
- Subject to the local scheme of delegation, to approve any budgetary adjustments that will from time to time be necessary in response to the evolving requirements of the school.
- To review, complete and submit the Academies Resource Management Self-Assessment Tool
- To undertake any remedial action identified as part of the self-assessment tool.
- To complete annual financial benchmarking

Premises

- To provide support and guidance for the board and the headteacher on all matters relating to the maintenance and development of the premises and grounds, including Health and Safety.
- To ensure that an annual inspection of the premises and grounds takes place and a report is received identifying any issues.
- To inform the board of the report and set out a proposed order of priorities for maintenance and development, for the approval of the board.
- To arrange professional surveys and emergency work as necessary.
- The headteacher is authorised to commit expenditure without the prior approval of the committee in any emergency where delay would result in further damage or present a risk to the health and

safety of pupils or staff. In this event the headteacher would normally be expected to consult the committee chair at the earliest opportunity.

- To create a project committee where necessary to oversee any major developments.
- To establish and keep under review an Accessibility Plan and a Building Development Plan
- To review, adopt and monitor a Health and Safety policy.
- To ensure that the board's responsibilities regarding litter, refuse and dog excrement are discharged according to Section 89 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, so far as is practicable.

Staffing

- To ensure that the school is staffed sufficiently for the fulfilment of the school's development plan and the effective operation of the school.
- To establish and oversee the operation of the school's Performance Management Policy including the arrangements and operation of the school's appraisal procedures for the Headteacher.
- To establish a Pay Policy for all categories of staff.
- To be responsible for the administration and review of the Pay Policy.
- To ensure that staffing procedures (including recruitment procedures) follow current equalities legislation and that all relevant HR policies are up to date and followed.
- To annually review procedures for dealing with staff discipline and grievances and make recommendations to the board for approval.
- To monitor approved procedures for staff discipline and grievance and ensure that staff are kept informed of these.
- To recommend to the board staff selection procedures, ensuring that they conform with safer recruitment practice, and to review these procedures as necessary.
- In consultation with staff, to oversee any process leading to staff reductions.
- To establish the annual and longer-term salary budgets and other costs relating to personnel, e.g. training.

Other Areas

- To ensure the school website is fit for purpose
- To ensure compliance with GDPR
- To monitor and support promotion of the school
- To monitor pupil intake and in-year movement of pupils
- To monitor compliance with all data management legislation
- Update the Manual of Internal Procedures on an annual basis

All Relevant Policies:

- Accessibility Plan
- Admissions Policy
- Best Value Statement
- Charging and Remissions
- Data Protection
- Equality
- Financial Regulations
- Freedom of Information Publication Scheme
- Health and Safety
- HR policies (all)

Membership-At least four trustees plus Headteacher. In addition, the board may appoint associate members to the Committee to draw on expertise and experience both inside and outside the school. Accounting officer and the Finance Officer and the Head of Internal Audit will attend meetings of the Committee.

Disqualification- Any relevant person employed to work at the school other than as the headteacher, when the subject for consideration is the pay or performance review of any person employed to work at the school

| These terms of reference agreed by the Governing Body | 15/11/2022 |
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| Name of Governor/Associate Member | G/AM | Date Appointed to the Committee |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Lorna Rourke | G | 01/11/2021 |
| Paul Tams | G | 01/11/2021 |
| Nicola Douglas | G | 01/11/2021 |
| Tamsin Minty | G | 01/11/2021 |
| Schools Choice Representative | AM | 01/11/2021 |
| Catherine Bond | AM | 01/11/2021 |
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| Chair of the Committee Lynne Pro | udlock | |

| Chair of the Committee | Lynne Proudlock | | |
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| Clerk to the Committee | Schools' Choice | | |
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| Quorum (minimum of 3, committee can determine higher number) | | 3 | |
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| Date Committee established | | 01/11/2021 | |
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| Date of review: | | November 2023 | |

Christian Ethos and Standards Committee

Terms of reference:

Meetings and Minutes

A minimum of three per year, usually once per term, or as required throughout the school year. Minutes are to be completed in draft no longer than 5 working days after meeting takes place. Approval by Chair of Committee to be completed 5 working days after receiving minutes.

Accountability

A report (written or verbal) will be presented to the next board meeting. This will include all decisions made under delegated powers by the Committee, and recommendations where there is no delegation.

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To monitor and uphold the Christian ethos of the school and ensure its vision, values and mission statement are embedded in the heartbeat of the school.

To ensure that the Christian vision of the school is at the centre of strategic decision making.

To ensure the Church of England's vision for education 'Life in all its fullness' is central to school practice.

To ensure children receive their entitlement to RE.

To monitor collective worship as inspiring, inclusive and invitational.

To monitor and promote children's spiritual development.

To attend training and support staff in developing the Christian ethos of the school.

To receive and assess all school data related to the academic performance, behaviour, attendance, wellbeing and personal development of pupils at the school against agreed KPIs

To monitor and evaluate the impact of quality of teaching on rates of pupil progress and standards of achievement

To monitor, evaluate and hold the school executive to account for rates of progress and standards of achievement by pupils, including any underachieving groups

To approve the curriculum and ensure it is fit for purpose and compliant with all relevant legislation and monitor its implementation and impact.

To monitor the impact of the curriculum

To monitor the accuracy of assessment

To monitor the active promotion of British values

To monitor, evaluate and hold the school executive to account for the utilisation and impact of classroom support staff and any other specialist staff utilised to support pupils

To monitor, evaluate and hold the school executive to account for the impact of the Pupil Premium grant and the progress, attendance and wellbeing of those children benefiting from the Pupil Premium grant or other catch-up funding.

To approve the annual Pupil Premium Plan and review the impact of the previous years Pupil Premium Plan

To approve the annual Sports Premium Plan and review the impact of the previous years Sports Premium Plan

To monitor, evaluate and hold the school executive to account for the impact of SEND provision for those children identified with a SEND, including those who have an Education Health Care Plan.

Compliance of SEND provision with the SEND Code of Practice

To monitor and evaluate provision for all groups of vulnerable children (e.g. looked after children, young carers and children with a social worker in their lives) and ensure all their needs have been identified and addressed, and to evaluate their progress and achievement.

To regularly review and develop the Assessment Policy and to ensure that the policy is operating effectively.

To consider recommendations from external reviews of the school (e.g. Ofsted, SIAMS or local school improvement advisers-SEPs), agree actions as a result of reviews and evaluate regularly the implementation of the plan.

To annually review the IDSR and review the schools data against national comparisons

To ensure that all children have equal opportunities.

To monitor and evaluate the impact of continuing professional development on quality of teaching To set priorities for improvement and monitor and evaluate the impact of improvement plans which relate to the committee's area of operation.

To advise the Finance, Premises and Personnel committee on the relative funding priorities necessary to deliver the curriculum.

To monitor EYFS provision and compliance with EYFS legislation

All Relevant Policies:

Behaviour Policy

Curriculum Policies

Equality Policy

Exclusion Policy

EYFS Policy and statement

Sex and Relationships Education Policy

SEND policy and statement

Support for Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy or similar

| These terms of reference agreed by the Go | verning Body | 15 th November 2022 |
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| Name of Governor/Associate Member | Date Ann | ointed to the Committee |
| Lynne Proudlock | 01/11/202 | |
| Lorna Rourke | 01/11/202 | <u></u> |
| Zoe Maquire | 01/11/202 | |
| Michelle Harvey | 01/11/202 | |
| Nicola Douglas | 01/11/202 | |
| Paul Tams | 01/11/202 | |
| Dr. Pauline Lovelock | 15/11/202 | |
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| Chair of the Committee | Michelle Har | rvev |
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| Clerk to the Committee | Schools' Cho | oice |
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| Quorum (minimum of 3, committee can det | ermine higher | 4 |
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| Date Committee established | | 01/11/2021 |
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| Date of review: | | November 2023 |

Head Teacher Performance Management Committee

Terms of reference:

To arrange to meet with the External Adviser to discuss the Headteacher's performance targets To decide, with the support of the External Adviser, whether the targets have been met and to set new targets annually

To monitor through the year the performance of the Headteacher against the targets

To make recommendations to the Finance Committee in respect of awards for the successful meeting of targets set

Additional items which individual Governing Bodies may wish to include

Membership - 3

Review Officer

Disqualification –The Headteacher and Staff Governors

These terms of reference agreed by the Governing Body

| Name of Governor | | Date Appointed to the Group |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Lynne Proudlock | | 01/11/2021 |
| Rev. Paul Tams (Elveden) | | 01/11/2021 |
| Nicola Douglas | | 22/09/2022 |
| | | |
| Chair of the Group | Rev. Paul Tams | |

15/11/2022

| Quorum (minimum of 2 suggested) | 2 |
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Nick Templeton

| Date Group established | 01/11/2021 |
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Responsible Officer

Terms of Reference:

The role of the Responsible Officer (RO) is to provide the governing body (GB) with an on-going independent oversight of the academy's financial affairs. Most public sector organisations, and a growing number of private sector organisations, are required to have an internal audit service but due to the relatively small size of academies this requirement is thought to be too onerous.

In the absence of an internal audit service, it falls to the RO to provide the GB with independent assurance that:

- the financial responsibilities of the GB are being properly discharged.
- resources are managed in an efficient, economical and effective manner.
- · sound systems of internal financial control are being maintained and
- financial considerations are fully considered in reaching decisions.

Disqualifications:

-any relevant person employed at the school and not a member of the Finance Committee

| These terms of reference agreed by the Governing Body | 15/11/2022 |
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| Name | Date Appointed to the Role |
| Schools' choice | 01/11/2019 |
| Date Role established | 24/01/11 |
| | , |
| Date of review: | November 2023 |

Delegation of Responsibility to Individuals

Any individual to whom responsibility has been delegated is expected to work within the following terms of reference.

Terms of reference:

To liaise with the appropriate member(s) of staff/subject leads

To visit the school with the purpose of gathering information concerning their area of responsibility and to increase their knowledge of the School

To regularly report to the Governing Body and the Christian Ethos and Standards Committee. whichever the Governing Body deems most appropriate, on developments and progress within their area of responsibility

To raise the profile of the area of responsibility when related matters are considered by the Governing Body

To attend training as appropriate

Any items which individual governing bodies may wish to include

Disqualification – The following functions **CANNOT** be delegated to an **individual**:

Functions relating to:

- The alteration, closure or change of category of maintained schools
- The approval of the first formal budget plan of the financial year
- · School discipline policies
- Exclusions of pupils (except in an emergency when the chair has the power to exercise these functions)
- Admissions

| Area Of Responsibility | Name of Governor | Liaising with | Reporting to |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| Child Protection/Safeguarding | Rev. Paul Tams | DSL/ASLs | Governing Body |
| SEN | Lynne Proudlock | SENCO/Headteacher | Christian Ethos and Standards committee |
| OPAL | Nicola Douglas | Zoe Maguire | Governing Body |
| EYFS | Nicola Douglas | Danielle Sanders | Christian Ethos and Standards committee |
| Wellbeing | Lynne Proudlock | Zoe Maguire | Governing Body |
| English/Elklan | Lynne Proudlock | Anna Syer | Christian Ethos and Standards committee |
| Maths | | Lorna Rourke | Christian Ethos and Standards committee |
| Forest Schools | Nicola Douglas | Zoe Maguire | Christian Ethos and Standards committee |
| Humanities | | Danielle Sanders | Christian Ethos and Standards committee |
| STEM-Science, computing, DT | Nicola Douglas | Molly Crosby | Christian Ethos and Standards committee |
| Art, Music, Drama | Michelle Harvey | Anna Syer | Christian Ethos and Standards committee |
| Languages | Michelle Harvey | Anna Syer | Christian Ethos and Standards committee |
| PE | Tamsin Minty | Zoe Maguire | Christian Ethos and Standards committee |
| RE/Collective worship | Rev. Paul Tams | Lorna Rourke | Christian Ethos and |

| | | | Standards committee |
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| RSE | Nicola Douglas | Zoe Maguire | Christian Ethos and |
| | | - | Standards committee |
| PSHE | Michelle Harvey | Zoe Maguire | Christian Ethos and |
| | | - | Standards committee |
| Online safety | Paul Tams | Molly Crosby | Governing Body |
| Risk | Tamsin Minty | Lorna Rourke | Audit and Risk committee |
| Christian Ethos/SMSC | Lynne Proudlock | Lorna Rourke/Danielle | Christian Ethos and |
| | | Sanders | Standards committee |
| Responsible Officer | Schools Choice | Finance Officer | Finance, Premises and |
| | | | Personnel committee |
| HT Performance | Nick Templeton | Committee | Governing Body |
| Management | | | |
| Pupil Premium/ | Lynne Proudlock | Lorna Rourke | Christian Ethos and |
| | | | Standards committee |

| These terms of reference agreed by the Governing Body | 15/11/2022 |
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| Date Delegation Agreed | 15/11/2022 |
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| Date of review: | November 2023 |

Meeting Dates for the Academic Year

| Committee | Meeting dates |
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| Admissions | Spring Term (dependent on LA admissions) |
| Appeals | When called |
| Hearings | When called |
| Audit and Risk | 20/09/2022 31/01/2023 20/06/2023 |
| Finance, Premises and Personnel | 1. 14/10/2022 2. 01/12/2022 3. 02/02/2023 4. 23/03/2023 5. 04/05/2023 6. 29/06/2023 |
| Christian Ethos and Standards | 1. 13/01/2023 2. 27/04/2023 3. 06/07/2023 1. 20/09/2022 |
| Full Governing Body | 2. 31/01/2023 3. 20/06/2023 |
| Head Teacher's Performance Management | 1.03/11/2022 2. 23/02/2023 3. 06/07/2023 |