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Standards & Curriculum Committee
Terms of Reference

2026-2027

Date agreed:	15 September 2026
Review date:	Terms of reference must be reviewed by the trust board annually.
Chair of committee:	Appointed by the trust board annually at the last board meeting of the academic year. In the case of a split vote, the chair of the meeting will have a second and casting vote.
Governance professional:	Appointed by the trust board. This may be the trust governance professional or a member of their team, or a third party, but should be someone appropriately skilled and knowledgeable and professionally independent, in line with NGA's governance professional position statement.
Papers:	The agenda and any other meeting papers will be circulated to all committee members seven days in advance of the meeting.
Membership:	Up to 7 and no fewer than 3 trustees will be appointed by the trust board annually at the last board meeting of the academic year. This may include individuals who are not trustees, provided that a majority of committee members are trustees. Non-trustee committee members will not have voting rights on the committee.
Other attendees:	The principal may attend any meeting of the committee. Other members of the executive team may be invited to attend on a meeting-by-meeting basis. Any trustee may attend regardless of whether they are appointed as a committee member so long as they give sufficient notice to the chair and the governance professional.
Quorum:	A minimum of three trustees who are members of the committee. If a meeting is not quorate, any matter decided by the committee will only be a recommendation and must be ratified by the board.

Meetings:	The committee will meet five times per year. Meetings will take place in person with a remove option if a Teams link is requested from the governance professional in advance.

The committee will monitor, evaluate and report on:

Curriculum

1. the trust's curriculum strategy, ensuring that the academy's curriculum meets requirements, e.g. around relationships and sex education and careers education, is ambitious for all pupils and is broad and balanced
2. the accessibility of the trust's curriculum, ensuring that it meets the needs of and is accessible to all learners, including meeting the requirements of the SEND Code of Practice
3. the implementation, impact and effectiveness of the curriculum
4. the way in which the curriculum provides opportunities for pupils to become physically confident, supporting their health and fitness
5. the embedding of safeguarding across the curriculum
6. the extent to which the trust's curriculum and extra-curricular activities are successfully building cultural capital for all pupils
7. the risks relevant to this committee in the risk register

Pupil outcomes

8. pupil achievement and standards throughout the trust, including specific groups eg those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), eligible for the pupil premium, looked after and previously looked after, and pupils with English as an additional language (EAL)
9. the quality of teaching and learning, including performance trends and risks
10. teaching capacity throughout the trust, including the impact of continuing professional development on pupil achievement and standards
11. the impact of pupil premium and other targeted funding streams
12. the approach towards ensuring all pupils have the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to manage their lives now, in the future, and for the next stage of education and employment
13. the impact of the approach to promoting British values and providing pupils with a global outlook
14. the impact of the approach to providing pupils with effective careers education, and the delivery and impact of the careers programme in secondary phase schools
15. patterns, trends and risks relating to attendance
16. pupil mental health and wellbeing via presentation from the wellbeing lead

Policies

17. review/approve and monitor policies delegated by the trust board – see the statutory policies tracker