

Minutes of a Trust Board meeting held on Thursday 27th June 2024 at 8am at online via Teams

Present		In attendance		Apologies	
Maria Ashurst (Chair of Trustees)	MA	Matthew Symonds (Chief Financial Officer)	MS	Judith Goodchild	JG
Adrian Massey (Chief Executive)	AM	Julia Stoneman (Clerk to the Board)	Clerk		
Nick Hart	NH				
Sally Crabb	SC				
Jane McFall (Vice Chair of Trustees)	JM				

Acronyms: GAG – General Annual Grant SRMA – School Resource Management Advisor ESFA – Education and Skills Funding Agency UISFM – Universal Infant Free School Meals PA – Persistent Absence ATH – Academy Trust Handbook ARB – Area Resource Base	KCSIE – Keeping Children Safe in Education CIF – Condition Improvement Fund DFC – Devolved Formula Capital LGPS – Local Government Pension Scheme DSL – Designated Safeguarding Lead EWO – Educational Welfare Officer AP – Alternative Provision ARE - Age Related Expectations
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1. Welcome and apologies for absence	Apologies were received and accepted from Judith Goodchild.	
2. Appointment of chair and vice-chair	All agreed for MA to continue as chair and JM to continue as vice-chair.	
3. Opportunity to declare an additional conflict of interests	The register of interests had been circulated and there were no changes.	
4. Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 16 th May were taken as a true and accurate record of proceedings.	
5. Any matters arising	It was confirmed that all actions had been completed.	
6. Finance update	Trustees discussed the P9 report which had been previously circulated and the proposed budget 2025-26. Trustees discussed the budget which had been recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee. <i>See appendix.</i>	
7. CE report	Trustees confirmed that they had received the CE report, draft Trust Development Plan, RAG Rated Ofsted Gradings, Parent Questionnaire Results, Census Paper Summer 2024, Sustainability Plan, Safeguarding Report and Attendance Report and these were discussed. <i>See appendix.</i>	
8. SEND report to trustees	Trustees confirmed that they had received the report from the SENDCO. From this: a. SEND is lacking support and funding. There are fewer advisors from the local authority. EHCPs have continued to rise almost exponentially, and they barely cover the costs. Staff have done well in being creative and flexible. b. There is a tiny number of children who are complex and display completely dysregulated dysfunctional behaviour that has not been seen before by the staff. c. Most local authorities are overspent on the high needs block. The number of EHCPs has increased dramatically and some alternative provisions cost as much as £200k per year. d. SEN is becoming increasingly complex, This has an impact on the rest of the school in terms of staffing time.	

	e. A vote of thanks was given to Hannah Prinn for her informative report.	
9. Committees	Trustees confirmed that they had received the minutes of the Education and Standards Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee. <i>See appendix.</i> Trustees reviewed the terms of reference for the People and Pay, Education and Standards, Audit and Risk and Ethos and Values Committee. A Trustee asked whether the connection between the Audit and Risk and People and Pay committees needs to be made clearer, as they make decisions on pay. The People and Pay ToRs to be taken to the next meeting to ensure that there is a clear reference to the overlap.	
10. Governance matters	Governors reviewed and approved the Scheme of Delegated Authority, subject to some updates to committee names.	

In order to evidence that trustees are providing challenge to the leaders these questions are highlighted in the minutes

The meeting was closed at 10am