



ST GEORGE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

LOCAL GOVERNING BODY (LGB) MEETING THURSDAY 22 MAY 2025 AT 4PM VIA TEAMS

MINUTES

Present:

Richard Purchase	(Chair)	Chair, Foundation Governor
Katy Astle	(HT)	Headteacher
Angela Bell	(AB)	Foundation Governor
Lindy Cameron	(LC)	Foundation Governor
Poppy Maltby	(PM)	Parent Governor (from 4.30pm)
Heather Pardoe	(HP)	

In Attendance: Hazel Serkis Clerk

No	Item	Action
1	Opening Prayer, Welcome and Apologies	
1.1	RP welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1.2	Opening Prayer.	
1.3	Apologies were accepted from: Claire Hollard, (CH), Zoey Ingarfield (ZI)	
2	Declaration of Business Interests	
2.1	No new interests were declared.	
3	Minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on 27 March 2025 and Matters Arising	
3.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2025 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
3.2	Matters Arising from the previous meeting – no matters were discussed. It was noted that all actions from the previous meeting had been completed.	
	VISION AND VALUES	
4.	Ongoing impact of the school's distinctly Christian vision and values The LGB noted the update in the Headteacher Status Report (HTSR). The HT explained that the school values were part of everything the school did including being outside and loving learning. The LGB provided feedback that the pupils supported the Christian ethos of the school. Pupils were familiar of the language of the Christian faith and the level of knowledge was excellent. The assemble team were always welcomed and well supported in school.	
	EDUCATION PROVISION AND OUTCOMES	
5.	Evaluation of pupil outcomes so far this year (including performance against targets) The HT explained that the latest mock data was from March 2025 and that the Y6 SATs had taken place the previous week. The school would not be externally moderated for writing this year. SATs week had been a positive experience for pupils. It was confirmed that statutory requirements were checked, and access arrangements were in place where needed.	

	The LGB sought further information regarding maths in Y1. The HT explained that the most progress in maths was seen in March to summer in Y1 due to the change in curriculum from Reception. GQ: Was the reading outcome from Y1 due to the lack of engagement by some parents? Yes, potentially. Those pupils not reading at home were being heard at school every day which had seen improvement then of reading at home. There were several volunteers who listened to pupils reading in school. The HT highlighted that area of focus was reading and the reading curriculum, writing, spelling and handwriting. A formal handwriting scheme would be in place for September. It was highlighted that the LGB could look for progression in handwriting and spelling when visiting the school. The LGB was asked to arranged visits in Summer 2 noting that the two weeks after half term would be the Y4 MTC and Y1 Phonics check in the mornings. Pre-school – the HT explained that training and development was ongoing. The HT had undertaken a useful training course on running a pre-school.	LGB
6.	Evaluate the impact of the Sports Premium spending The HT reported that the funding supported the sports coaching and development and to be able to be part of the Purbeck Sports Partnership. The full report would be ready to be published on the website for the end of term. It was not yet known whether the sports premium would continue in September 2025.	KA for Sumer 2
	SAFETY AND WELFARE OF PUPILS	
7.	Evaluation of in-year pupil attendance The updated in the HTSR was reviewed and noted and the LGB assured that pupils where attendance was a concern were being monitored and action being taken as needed. The HT reported on a success with one pupil whose attendance had significantly improved since the implementation of an ‘attendance contract’ which involves the school and parents agreeing what actions could be taken to support pupils to attend school.	
8.	Pupils accessing Alternative Provision (internal or external to the school) and part time education The update in the HTSR was noted.	
	CONTEXT, STATUS, NEEDS AND RESOURCES	
9.	Staff views and wellbeing The LGB noted the positive feedback from the staff and acknowledged comments regarding workload. It was recognized that the financial position of the school and therefore the impact on resources was not realized by all staff. GQ: Would a conversation be had with staff about this? Yes, this would happen with both schools for September 2025. The LGB sought further information regarding the comments regarding the CLP model for training and development. It was explained that in the past there had not been so many opportunities for training either in person or online and CLP are implementing what was needed. More online training was needed as the school was new to the CLP systems, but this would be different from September 2025.	

10.	Engagement with CLP The LGB noted the update in the HTSR.	
11.	Premises, Health & Safety and compliance with statutory operational requirements The LGB noted the update in the HTSR.	
12.	SCHOOL / LGB SPECIFIC ITEMS	
12.1	St George's and St Mark's new leadership arrangements – The Chair updated the LGB that it had been agreed that the two LGB's would be joined from September 2025. RP would be the Chair of the new single LGB for St George's and St Mark's. The Chair would arrange individual conversations with each LGB member regarding the new arrangements. It was intended that the next LGB meeting to be held on 10 July 2025 would be a joint meeting with the current St Mark's LGB and would be held at St Mark's school. The LGB was invited to visit St Mark's to see the school and meeting some of the staff and pupils. KA to identify potential dates.	RP KA
12.2	School Field – The HT updated that CLP had uncovered that the Parish Council lease of the school field expired in 2021 and was not resigned. This was being managed between CLP and the parish council. The school had contacted CLP with regard to the school letting policy and the school field. Liability insurance was needed, and Dorset Council had stated that the school field that could not be used for car parking. The Parish Council would need its own liability insurance to be able to use the field for car parking. Therefore, the field was temporarily closed to car parking until the insurance issue was resolved by the parish council. It was confirmed that the school would not be closing the school field. The padlock on the gate had been changed to ensure that there was only one open entrance to the field during the school day; this would be opened for school holidays. The school would need to put up a sign to state that the school does not accept responsibility for the field. It was confirmed that the school and CLP were working with the parish council to ensure that the lease would be signed, and the relevant insurances would be in place. It was agreed that the Chair would respond to members of the community who had raised concerns regarding the school field.	RP
12.3	Outdoor Learning Area – The LGB thanked PM and ZI for the ongoing development of the outdoor learning area. The willow fencing would be completed after half term then there would be a grand opening and the pupils would be able to use the area. It was reported that the match funding was ongoing and in progress.	
12.4	Pupil Numbers – Nine pupils were expected for Reception for September 2025 with 68 pupils in total expected to be on roll, not including pre-school. This was significantly lower than in previous years.	
12.5	Governor Visits – LC fed back that a wonderful visit had taken place and that she had enjoyed watching the pupils learning about heritage and spirituality.	
13.	KEY MESSAGES FOR THE TRUST	
	None.	
14.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	The Chair thanked the LGB, HT and staff for all their hard work and commitment to the school. The Chair also noted that with the impending merger of the LGBs of St George's and St Mark's, and the plan to hold a first joint meeting of both in July, this would be the last meeting to be clerked by Hazel. The Chair, the Headteacher and all LGB members thanked Hazel profoundly for the exceptional support and professionalism that she had brought to the clerking duties at St George's - she will be missed.	
15.	Date of Next Meeting 2024/25 Meeting dates at 4.00pm • 10 July 2025 at St Mark's School	

Meeting closed: 5.30pm

Signed:

Date:

Richard Purchase
Chair of the Local Governing Body