

Terms of Reference for Curriculum and Standards Committee 2025-2026

1. Scope

The purpose of the Curriculum and Standards Committee is to advise the Governing Body on the successful delivery of the school's curriculum.

2. Membership

- i The Curriculum and Standards Committee shall consist of not less than 4 governors.
- ii To maintain continuity and development of a measure of expertise, governors shall be expected to remain in membership of the committee for a period of at least two years or until their membership of the governing body terminates if that should occur before the expiry of the two year period.
- iii Representation of the Curriculum & Standards Committee for the academic year 2025/2026 shall be:

Chair	Mr Chris Hansen	Appointed Governor
Vice-Chair	Mr Dylan Hawkes	Parent Governor
	Mr Dominic Burke	Headteacher
	Mrs Olivia Dickinson	Parent Governor
	Mrs Amy Lilley-Stewart	Appointed Governor
	Mr Peter Mitchener	Appointed Governor
	Mrs Faye Potter	Parent Appointed Governor
	Mrs Jen Swanepoel	Staff Appointed Governor

Non-voting school representatives

- Mrs Liz Cullis Assistant Head
- Mr Darren Leatherbarrow Assistant Head
- Mr Gary Towers Deputy Head
- Mrs Harriet Ebanja Associate Assistant Head
- Mrs Karen Adkins Clerk

3. Quorum

- i. The quorum shall be 4 governors which must include the Chair or an agreed Vice-Chair.
- ii. In the absence of a properly constituted quorum for a planned meeting, the committee shall re-convene at the earliest available opportunity.

4. Meetings

- i. The Curriculum and Standards Committee shall meet not less than once per term; additional meetings may be called when required by circumstances.
- ii. A provisional schedule of regular meetings for the academic year shall be agreed at the first meeting of the Summer Term of the Full Governing Boards.
- iii. Extra-Ordinary meetings of the committee shall be convened by the Clerk of the Curriculum and Standards Committee as required at no less than seven days notice.

5. Chairperson

- i. The Chair, who should be a governor, shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the Curriculum Committee of the Autumn Term.
- ii. Ideally, a governor shall not hold the Chair for more than 3 consecutive years unless he/she is unopposed for election.

6. Standing Orders

- i. The clerk to the Curriculum and Standards Committee shall distribute the agenda for each meeting via GVO to all committee members at least seven days in advance of the meeting.
- ii. All meetings will be clerked, and all decisions, recommendations and actions arising from committee meetings shall be recorded in the minutes.
- iii. All minutes will be circulated to committee members via GVO before presentation to the full governing body.
- iv. Committee members shall verify the accuracy of the minutes in advance of the distribution of such minutes to the full governing body (any amendments to be notified to the clerk to the Governors).
- v. Only governors who are properly constituted members of the Curriculum & Standards Committee shall vote on issues within the assigned terms of reference.
- vi. Where there is equality in a vote, which cannot be resolved in committee, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- vii. The Nolan Principles on standards in public life shall always apply in meetings.

7. Delegated Powers and Responsibilities

The Curriculum and Standards Committee has delegated responsibilities and powers from the governing body to advise the governing body in relation to the main school and Sixth Form on:-

- Standards of achievement and progress. Review of internal monitoring and performance as defined by external data sources (eg Analysing School Performance (ASP), League tables, benchmarking group, FFT, ALPs etc).
- Delivery and development of the curriculum; monitoring of effectiveness of key strategies and partnerships; timetable & teaching time.
- Ensuring breadth and challenge in the curriculum.
- Oversight of department plans and review of Link Governor reports
- Responses to new educational initiatives and emerging policy, inspections and external reports.
- Special Educational Needs provision.
- Provision for Pupil Premium Students.
- Provision for training and staff development.
- Implications for resourcing all of the above, making recommendations to the Operations and Community Committee and the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee of the Balcarras Trust.
- Aspects not covered by the above but related to the SDP and/or included under the curriculum section in the Governors Handbook.

8. Review

These Terms of Reference shall be reviewed annually in the Autumn Term by the Curriculum and Standards Committee and amendments to be approved by the Full Governing Body.