

Minutes of a Trust Board meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2026 at 8am online via Teams

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

Acronyms:	GAG – General Annual Grant
ARB – Area Resource Base	LGH – Local Governor Hub
CIF- Condition Improvement Fund	ND - Neurodiversity
CIC – Children in Care	TDP – Trust Development Plan
FSM – Free School Meals	YTD – Year to Date

		Action
1. Welcome and apologies for absence	There were no apologies.	
2. Declaration of interests	The register of interests had been circulated and there were no changes.	
3. Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 11 th December were taken as a true and accurate record of proceedings.	
4. Any matters arising	It was confirmed that the revised complaints procedure had been circulated and was on the agenda.	
5. Finance update	Trustees confirmed that they had received the P5 summary and the Finance Policy, which had been previously circulated and this was discussed. <i>See appendix.</i> Trustees approved the Finance Policy, which had been previously circulated.	
6. CE Report	Trustees confirmed that they had received the CE Report, the census paper and the HR update, which had been previously circulated and these were discussed. <i>See appendix.</i>	
7. Trust Development Plan	Trustees were given an update on the progress of the Trust Development Plan and this was discussed.	
8. Committee minutes and matters brought forward from these	Trustees confirmed that they had received the minutes from the recent Audit and Risk, Education and Standards and Ethos and Values meetings. <i>See appendix.</i>	
9. Policies	Trustees confirmed that they had received the reviewed the Complaints Procedure and AI Policy. These were discussed and approved. <i>See appendix.</i>	
10. AOB	All agreed to invite Adrian Hines to be a trustee. He is currently chair of the Medium Schools LGH Hub and has been very supportive and done a lot of work around making the LGH hub work. Trustees felt it would be useful to have more direct involvement with the local governors. It was agreed to have a strategy meeting with LG in the summer term. MA will suggest some dates.	
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