



Governing Board of Brentnall Community Primary School Terms of Reference for the Strategic Development Committee

The purpose of the Strategic Development Sub Committee is to work alongside the senior leadership team of the school to ensure the school makes progress from good to outstanding.

Membership:

The Strategic Development Sub Committee will comprise of at least 3 Governors plus the Headteacher (or Deputy Headteacher).

The Strategic Development Sub Committee may co-opt additional, non-voting members. The Chairperson of the Strategic Development Sub Committee will be elected annually at the first Autumn term meeting.

When the Chairperson is absent, members of the Committee will elect an acting Chairperson. (The Chairperson must be a Governor and must not be employed by the school).

Quorum:

In order for business to proceed, 2 non-staff Governors of the committee and the Headteacher (or Deputy Headteacher) need to be present.

Meetings:

The Committee shall meet as necessary but not less than once per term. It is anticipated that there will be an initial planning meeting of the Committee in September followed by a termly meeting to review the agreed actions and to ensure they are meeting their purpose and aims.

The Chairperson will liaise with the Headteacher (or Deputy Headteacher) prior to each Committee meeting to agree the agenda. An agenda will be circulated at least 7 days before the Committee's meeting date. Committee meetings will be no longer than 1.5 hours duration.

Minutes from the Strategic Development Sub Committee will be shared with all members of the Governing board.

Any member (voting or non-voting) will withdraw from a meeting where they have a pecuniary interest in the matter under consideration.

The Governing Board delegates the following responsibilities to the Strategic Development Sub Committee:

Governing Principles

- To ensure that the Governing Board holds the skillset necessary to achieve its aims, through effective skills audit.
- To ensure that the Governing Board are effective in its duties.
- To ensure that the Chair of the Governing Board is effective in its duties and that the Governing Board shows strong leadership.
- To ensure that the school has a clear vision and that the priorities are strategic in nature.
- To ensure that the Governing Board is fully engaged with the school community, the wider school sector and the outside world.
- To hold the Headteacher and other members of the school leadership team to account.
- To ensure that the Governing Board are having an impact on outcomes for pupils.

Setting the Strategy

- To work alongside the Headteacher and agree a strategy for school improvement.
- To support the writing of the School Development Plan.

Monitoring the Strategy

- To monitor the implementation of the strategy taking into consideration some of all of the following:
 - Proportion of pupils making expected progress
 - Pupil attainment
 - Quality of Teaching
 - Staff Morale
 - Pupil wellbeing and resilience
 - Behaviour of Pupils
 - Use of resources
 - Effectiveness of communication with parents
 - Relationship with the local community
 - Future aspirations of pupils
 - Preparation for next stage of education
 - Range of opportunities for pupils to experience and enhance success

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually at the first meeting of each academic year.

Signed Chair of the Committee

Signed Chair of Governors

Date