



The Oak Academy Trust

Trustee and Committee Roles and Responsibilities – Barnham Primary School

Legislative Documents

The Trustees and Committees will be guided by the following documents:

Articles of Association

Funding Agreements

The Academy Trust Handbook

The Governors' Handbook

Trustees

As stated in The Governors Handbook the key responsible of the Trustees of both The Oak Academy Trust and Barnham Primary School will be:

- to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Full Board of Trustees Meeting

Termly meetings of the full board of Trustees to receive:

- Headteacher's report
- FACC report – verbal feedback
- School Improvement Committee report – verbal feedback
- monitor and review the progress of groups within the school, including SEND and Pupil Premium
- monitor and review progress to towards targets – both academic and against key outcomes
- review and monitor the use of Exclusions
- monitor and review the progress of groups within the Pupil Premium
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School Improvement

Through termly School Improvement meetings Trustees will:

- ensure that the school curriculum is broad, balanced and relevant to the needs of the children at Barnham Primary School
- analyse internal and external data, monitoring performance and trends against targets and local and national information
- ensure that all professional development has impact on the child, individual and whole school
- monitor the impact of the PPJ (Personal and Professional Journey) process on the child, individual and whole school
- and make recommendations to the full board of trustees on these areas

Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee

The FACC has delegated responsibility for all financial decisions at a Trust and school level. These will be feedback at the following Full Board meeting.



Through termly FACC meetings the Trustees will ensure that the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook are met.

In addition Trustees will monitor:

- Health and Safety
- Premises Development
- Policies/Risk Assessment, including the risk of fraud
- ensure Insurances are in place
- approve all residential trips
- ratify pay recommendations
- receive information on the staff structure and any staff appointments. Where appointments are at a senior level – Trustees will be involved in the recruitment process.
- monitor and review complaints
- HR issues

Committees

Head Teacher Review Committee

The Head Teacher Review Committee will review the Head Teacher's performance which will include setting targets related to School Improvement and Personal Development and agreeing pay recommendations.

Pay Committee

The pay committee is responsible for reviewing, challenging and agreeing the pay awards put forward by the Head Teacher and School Business Manager. It will ensure contractual and statutory entitlements are in place together with all equal opportunity policies.

Finance Trustee Visits

Where possible a Finance Trustee Visit will be carried out by the Chair of Trustees monthly. When this is not possible, regularly virtual/telephone updates will be provided. The Academies Financial Handbook will provide guidance for this visit.

Project Committees

Project Committees will be established as and when required by Trustees. They will be for a specific purpose and the scope of the work to be undertaken will be set out. Timescales, responsibilities and reporting mechanisms will also be agreed. A Project Committee will be established if it is necessary to form a complaints or appeals panel.

Weekly Update Meetings – weekly telephone/face to face meeting will take place between the Head Teacher and Chair.

Head Teacher/Chair

Items to be discussed will include:

School Improvement Development Plan



Staffing
Pupils
Locality matters
Operational overview
Any other business.

Quorum

There must be a quorum for each meeting of 1/3 rounded up to the nearest whole. Every question to be answered at a meeting will be determined by a majority of the votes of the trustees present and voting. The Chair holds the casting vote.

Lead Trustees

The following Trustees have strategic oversight for the following areas and will liaise with the relevant members of staff as and when necessary to gain further understanding, provide challenge or support as required.

Area	Lead Trustee
Safeguarding and Child Protection	Ian Patrick/Tony Occleshaw
Health and Safety	Ian Patrick
Premises and Travel Plan	Ian Patrick
SEND/SSC	Denise Allen
Pupil Premium	Tony Occleshaw/Tricia Farrelly
School Improvement	Tony Occleshaw/Tricia Farrelly
Pupil Outcomes	Tony Occleshaw/Tricia Farrelly
Finance and Compliance	Ian Myhill
Data and Assessment	Tony Occleshaw/Tricia Farrelly
Pupil Wellbeing	Denise Allen
Staff Wellbeing	Melanie Hersey

