

Extraordinary Full Governing Board Meeting 2024/25

Meeting Minutes			
Date	Thursday 3 April 2025	Time and Location	5.00 p.m. PPA Room
Attendees	Initials	Attendees	Initials
Di Hunt (Chair)	DH	Andrew Hunter	AH
Viv Aloy	VA	Sam Kashmiri	SK
Linda Anderson	LA	Mark Longley	ML
Jennifer Barker	JB	Nicci Lorusso	NL
Colin Brace	CB	Kimberley Nelson	KN
Clare Brittain	CBr	Jake Terrill	JT
Eva Field	EF	Mark Wignall	MW
John Godley	JG	Chris Karley (Clerk)	CK
Sue Hatton	SH		

Apologies	Initials
Diana Marsland	DM

	Agenda	Led by
1.	Welcome and Apologies for Absence	Chair
2.	Declaration of Interest	Chair
3.	Appointment of Headteacher	Chair
4.	AOB	Chair
5.	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 3.30 p.m. (Strategy meeting)	-

Item no.	Discussion	Action	Due Date
	This meeting had been called to ratify the decision of the Governors' panel following interviews to select a new Headteacher. The meeting started at 5.00 p.m.		
1.	Welcome and Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from and accepted for DM.		
2.	Declaration of Interest None		
3.	Appointment of Headteacher DH advised that the panel had had very full discussions following two days of activities and interviews with the shortlisted candidates. This had reduced the field to two very strong candidates.		

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	- The panel had decided that Matt Ashdown (MA), a current Deputy Headteacher at the school, should be appointed to succeed Mark Wignall as Headteacher with effect from 1 September 2025. - The Governing Board unanimously ratified this decision. - The Governors expressed their gratitude to the panel for all the hard work involved in the appointment process. LA noted that the process had been very interesting. The contributions made by Steve Bush (SB), the advisor from WSCC, had been very helpful. - DH would be advising all three candidates who made it through to the last day of the interview of the outcome. SB would be giving them more detailed feedback. They were all very strong candidates. - All candidates had commented positively on the school and on the recruitment process. - Q – When will the school be advised? - DH would send a confidential email to all staff that evening, and a letter would be sent to all parents/carers the next day. - Q – What will happen about replacing MA as Deputy Head? - MW would start discussions on this straightaway. MA would be involved in the process.		
4.	Any Other Business None		
5.	Date of Next Meetings Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 3.30 p.m. (Strategy meeting) The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.		

MAH