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MINUTES

Purpose: Meeting of the Local Governing Body
Date: Thursday 14th May 2026
Time: 4.15pm – 6.15pm
Location: St George's Church of England Primary School, Chequers Road, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 3QU

Present:

Angie Cummings (AC)	Foundation Ex-Officio
Howard Fisher (HF)	Headteacher
Emma Hill (EH)	Staff governor
Nnenna Jones-Agbaje (NJA)	Co-opted governor
Abi Oniye (AO)	Chair, Co-opted governor
Lucie Wilson (LW)	Parent governor
James Shaw (JS)	Vice Chair, Foundation governor

Attended:

Jazmine Rayner (JR)	Computing Lead (left at 17.10pm)
Kelly Hassall (KH)	Geography Lead (left at 17.10pm)
Emma Howland (EH)	Worship Lead (left at 17.10pm)

Apologies:

Carol Gardner (CG)	Foundation governor
Kerry French (KF)	Clerk
Zoe Spoerry	Deputy Headteacher, Associate Member

Clerk: AI clerk

Unless stated otherwise all papers relevant to the meeting were circulated in advance.
Papers tabled at the meeting will only be considered with the Chair's approval and noted in the meeting minutes.

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Item:	Summary Description:
1.	Welcome, Apologies, Prayer a) The Chair welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 16.15pm. The agenda was changed to accommodate staff availability; therefore, the meeting started with item 4, followed by item 14. b.) Apologies had been received in advance from CG, ZS and KF which were accepted by all. c.) AC led in opening Prayer.
2.	Quorum The meeting was established as quorate (6/8)
3.	Declaration of Business Interests There were no new business interests, or conflicts of interest relevant to the agenda declared.

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4.	Subject Lead Presentations (16.18pm – 17.10pm) <u>Computing (JR)</u> A presentation on screen was shared with governors detailing the intent, implementation, impact and long-term plan for computing. • Pupils were seen via photos to be enjoying computing. • Current audit shows a need for equipment, items are now becoming very expensive with even a basic laptop at £400 and iPads the same. • JR has been working on resources and re-equipping the computer room. • Curriculum will be re-modelled April 2027 once the government launches their new curriculum, until then we will tweak what we have as it is solid. • Pupil voice indicates understanding of computer language and vocabulary at expected levels <u>Geography (KH)</u> A presentation was also shared on screen. • Pupils have been on a field trip this year as part of the curriculum offer. This is often around the local area. • The school eco team was set up by the pupils and is active around the school with eco champions turning off lights and reminding everyone how to save money. • The geography curriculum continues to be based on Curriculum Maestro and bought in scheme. It will be refreshed when the new National Curriculum launches in April 2027. Governors noted good opportunities exist for eco awareness in the school. <u>Worship (EH)</u> A presentation and handout were available • EH has worked with HF and PP this year on making sure that worship is compliant and monitored. HF has monitoring notes. Staff have received additional training from EH in staff meetings. • Pupils continue to support in worship as worship warriors and enjoy leading and evaluating the session. • In worship the pupils like the time to share ideas during the discussion part. • Established opening and closing phrases continue to be present. • Diocese scheme followed and adapted. • All staff lead worship during the year and there is CPD for new staff. • EH has evidence that a prayer is invitational and in all sessions of worship. • Class worship will continue to be in the Spiritual Garden weather permitting. • HF and EH have continued to lead the school CPD on vision refresh, spiritual development and RE curriculum. Question: Does EH feel that the staff are meeting the requirements of SIAMS in worship. Answer Yes. It has been established at this school for a long time. There has been refreshers to staff which included ensuring invitational language was always present.
5.	Governing Body Business/Membership a) <u>Governing body update:</u> • There are four vacancies: three foundation, one parent.

	Trust is working on a campaign to fill the three foundation vacancies. b) <u>Governor Training:</u> The HT signposted governors training opportunities shared on the GovernorHub noticeboard. c) <u>Trust Board Key Reflections discussion</u> NA. d) <u>Update from Clerk</u> e) <u>NA</u>																																																																																																						
6.	Minutes of the last meeting and Actions Arising a) The minutes of the LGB Meeting held on 26th March 2026 were agreed for content and accuracy. b) Governing Body actions and matters arising were updated as follows; A number of governor reports were not handed in but given orally, please hand these in ASAP.																																																																																																						
7.	Leadership Team Reports a) <u>Headteachers Report:</u> - Admissions 385 pupils on roll 2 pupils have left, 4 new pupils incoming 15 EAL pupils - Attendance 94% whole school 2.2% unauthorised 18% holidays - Pupils with SEN and LAC 7 LAC pupils <table><tr><th colspan="2">Current Figures</th><th colspan="4">% Break Down of Year Groups</th></tr><tr><td>Total Pupils with SEND:</td><td>57</td><td>YR Grp</td><td>SEND K</td><td>EHCP</td><td>%</td></tr><tr><td>Number of Pupils with SEND Support K:</td><td>41</td><td>EYFS</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>3%</td></tr><tr><td>Number of Pupils with and EHC Statement:</td><td>16</td><td>YR1</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>6%</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Attendance</td><td>YR2</td><td>8</td><td>3</td><td>20%</td></tr><tr><td>% Attendance of Pupils with SEND:</td><td>90%</td><td>YR3</td><td>4</td><td>1</td><td>8%</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Current of Referrals/Request in Progress</td><td>YR4</td><td>9</td><td>2</td><td>18%</td></tr><tr><td>EHCP Requests:</td><td>2</td><td>YR5</td><td>6</td><td>3</td><td>17%</td></tr><tr><td>EHCP Appeal/Tribunal:</td><td>1</td><td>YR6</td><td>13</td><td>4</td><td>31%</td></tr><tr><td>Paediatric Referrals:</td><td>2</td><td colspan="4">% Area of Need</td></tr><tr><td>SALT Assessments:</td><td>0</td><td colspan="2">CI: 61%</td><td colspan="2">CL: 5%</td></tr><tr><td>NELFT Referrals:</td><td>2</td><td colspan="2">SEMH: 29%</td><td colspan="2">SP: 5%</td></tr><tr><td colspan="6">Term 5 Actions</td></tr><tr><td colspan="6">Actions from last term Pupil Progress Meeting</td></tr><tr><td colspan="6">Catch up on assessments and screeners now SEND TA is back to school</td></tr><tr><td colspan="6">Term 5 Training/CPD</td></tr><tr><td colspan="6">Restraint Training - in house from Senior Leadership Team</td></tr></table>	Current Figures		% Break Down of Year Groups				Total Pupils with SEND:	57	YR Grp	SEND K	EHCP	%	Number of Pupils with SEND Support K:	41	EYFS	1	1	3%	Number of Pupils with and EHC Statement:	16	YR1	1	2	6%	Attendance		YR2	8	3	20%	% Attendance of Pupils with SEND:	90%	YR3	4	1	8%	Current of Referrals/Request in Progress		YR4	9	2	18%	EHCP Requests:	2	YR5	6	3	17%	EHCP Appeal/Tribunal:	1	YR6	13	4	31%	Paediatric Referrals:	2	% Area of Need				SALT Assessments:	0	CI: 61%		CL: 5%		NELFT Referrals:	2	SEMH: 29%		SP: 5%		Term 5 Actions						Actions from last term Pupil Progress Meeting						Catch up on assessments and screeners now SEND TA is back to school						Term 5 Training/CPD						Restraint Training - in house from Senior Leadership Team					
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- Behavioural Reports and pupil mental health and wellbeing

Positive Points		Unexpected Behaviour	
Total Dojo Points:	17,286	Total Slips:	53
50 Dojo Certificates:	381	Yellow Slips:	43
100 Dojo Certificates:	346	Pink Slips:	10
150 Dojo Certificates:	242	Internal Exclusion:	3
200 Dojo Certificates:	89	External Suspension:	3
Headlines			
Another healthy total of Positive Dojo Points being issued Lots of children receiving their 150 and 200 reward this term Pastoral support plans going into YR4 to help with 3 key pupils An increase in incidents at lunch time Behaviour charts continue to have a positive impact when consistently used Summer adult re-shuffle to support key pupils and year groups		% With an additional need:	36%
		Most common event time of day:	Lunch Time
		Yellow slip event type:	Cruelty and Spite
		Pink slip event type:	Physical Assault Against a Peer
		Location	Playground
Summary/Actions Points			
1. Set up Pastoral Support Plans for Key Pupils in Year 4			
2. SLT to provide cohort support and behaviour accountability to Year 4 (class worship)			
3. Adult reshuffle to support afternoons/lunch times/key pupils			

- Pupil Premium
 - 87 pupils / 23% on roll
 - 90% attendance
- School performance and standards
 - End of term 4 data was analysed and progress is sluggish due to lack of adults. Pupils generally expected to meet the standard with the exception of year 6 where 40% of the cohort have joined since KS1 and have high SEND
- Impact of PE & other Funding
 - Will be reviewed at the end of the PE Funding period.
- Staffing information, including mental health and wellbeing

Wellbeing strategies continue to be in place but the staff remain working at full capacity. There continues to be short term absences related to stress with the support staff.

8.

School Improvement

- School Improvement Plan
Remains on track to be met by the end of the year. Full plan available with annotations in the pack.
- Notes of Visit
No visits this term

9.

School vision

"Aspirational opportunities for all through the breath of God."

St George's leads the community by following the teachings of Christ through holistically ensuring excellence for all. Through our happy, secure and stimulating environment all members of the school community grow in self-esteem and potential. Their spiritual, academic and social needs are celebrated as part of daily life. The Bible story of the 'Feeding of the 5000' shows Gods love and our school values – love, care, share, trust and respect.

10.

Christian Distinctiveness/SIAMS

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	AO visited worship to monitor this with HF. Notes showed that it was compliant and followed the expectations of the Diocese and School. AO is booked to look at RE books 2/7/26
11.	Governor Monitoring and other Reports & Visits a) <u>Update of monitoring visits undertaken:</u> • SEND LW • Finance CG • Leadership & Management AO AO continues to meet the HT weekly. • Worship AO • Safeguarding LW • SCR Compliance LW • HSE JS b) <u>Agree monitoring visits for next term:</u> Diary to be circulated c) <u>Receive any other Reports or notes of visits</u> None.
12.	Finance: a) <u>To review Governor Report</u> b) <u>Consolidated cash flow</u> c) <u>To review and approve the new budget</u> DC from the trust presented the budget on screen to all govns. It is noted that alongside most schools in the trust we will set an in year deficit this year. Howard, governors and the trust firmly believe we have nothing left to cut and to do so will effect the safety of our pupils. The budget has been checked by CG and HF and all known costs have been accounted for. The budget was recommended for approval Questions- Governors asked DC whether the situation would improve. DC notes that most schools are in the same position and that salary and NI contributions have been significant an impact on the school due to government led rises where funding is available for limited periods of time. Governors asked whether we knew the situation for funding in Sept. DC reported that a planned rise for teachers is still under discussion with government and that a % amount is not yet confirmed. The trust has planned 2% in the current budget plan. Governors approved the budget and noted that there were many obstacles this year that the trust and school have navigated in order to make the budget viable.
13.	Safeguarding a) <u>Any issues or concerns for Governors to be made aware of</u> None. ZS continues to lead well and LW has notes of visit. b) <u>Safeguarding outcomes</u> The audit report was shared last time and a mid-audit review is due in July
14.	Health and Safety The school is awaiting its scheduled external HSE inspection due next week.

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	The governors received an update on outstanding items and noted COSHH and Water tests are the only two left now.
15.	Riskmate Risk Register a) <u>Update from Headteacher regarding Riskmate Register</u> Received. b) <u>Assess Riskmate return for current strategic risks and ensure appropriate mitigations are considered</u> The most extreme risk is around the heating system, then pupil numbers then retaining good staff. <u>GDPR</u> No requests or breaches.
16.	Compliance a) <u>Single Central Register</u> Compliant. b) <u>Website</u> Compliant.
17.	Policy Review a) <u>Aquila Trust Policies</u> – It was not possible to include these in this meeting and will be carried forward due to clerks absence b) <u>School Based Policies</u> – As above
18.	Any other business: None.
19.	Confidentiality: None noted
20.	Future Dates and Agenda Plans: a) The next meeting date will be held at 4.15pm on the 16 th July 2026. b) Agree important items to be included on the next agenda; Initial Results
21.	Closing Reflections & Meeting Summary: a) What was the theme of the key discussion during the meeting and what is the impact for the pupils? Subject leader presentations demonstrated strong knowledge, with a focus on computing, worship and geography. This supports enriched teaching and improved pupil learning experiences. b) What was the key challenge facing the School/Trust during this discussion? In year deficit and seemingly no options left to improve the situation. Needs government intervention. c) What are the areas for celebration in this discussion? Positive governor visits where the children are happy and learning AC led in closing Prayer. Meeting closed at 5.55pm

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