

East Devon Local Advisory Committee (LAC)

Tuesday 20th January 2025
16.00 @ Otterton School

Please note: This meeting will be held in person at Otterton School with the option of online participation via Microsoft 'Teams'



Attendees: Corinna Tigg, Anne Pelosi, Louise Jacques, Rev'd Martin Jacques, Robert Pickering, Natalie Clark, Sam Briant-Evans, Jack Corsellis, Grace Chamberlain, Natalie Clark, Stephanie Kastner

Minutes:

No	Item	Led By
1.	Welcome and apologies: Gillian Pyle, Ashleigh Tubbs, Pete Halford	Chair
2.	Declarations of interest:	Chair
3.	Approval of meeting minutes from 25th November 2025. The minutes were approved	Chair
4.	Matters arising from minutes (not on the agenda) 4.1 Governors to review the responses to the questions raised at the previous LAC and confirm if any supplementary questions.	Chair
5.	Clerk Update 5.1 Appointments/nominations 5.2 Training - Update on training Governors reminded they must complete L2 Safeguarding (Please send certificates to the Clerk) 5.3 Clerk to Local Board Committee to update the governors on any local or national issues 5.4 Significant changes within the Trust including key personnel; Strategy for board: Good Trust quality 5 priority points. (3 year plan) Action plan for SLTS. Vision: School reviews: Central team roles consultation. (5/Feb delivery): Consultation will go to whole school. Shared savings. Top slicing/division. % being sliced to be reduced. Clusters to support workload. Negative continuation following changes. Realistic mapping forward. DofE Lizzie to move on – schools to give.	Clerk
6.	Focus: In line with the Governors Visit Note Spring 1 2026 Mid-year overview of Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from governors on their focus visits JC: 96.2% Seasonality SBE: 95.2% improved due to. Indian procedures followed. Wedding 16 days unauthorised days. Skewed figures. AIO (4 indian holidays). B/F 89% one child 49% improving picture. All others 97% 2 children of significant concern with absence. (26) 94.28% Broadhembury 4 peoples below support but improving picture. Fixed penalty for unauthorised absence & lateness (graduated response). 84.9% 1 family in court procedures/ social care involved. Parent and Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from governors OTT: new ptfa team – enthusiastic, new events – high hopes Singing at old vic. EYFA - games EB: Teachers on the gate. Parental survey – await Facebook page updated 3 times per week EYFS linked to reception good intergration. 	All

	<p>Littleham: New headteacher – meet the new HT (a lot of change) Low update for clubs/ breakfast clubs £1200 donation from church. Early years combination which is going on well. Broadhembury – strengthening links with Dunkeswell pre-school teaching for pre-school teachers. Use of site. Flow of children from Dunkeswell into Bradhembury trust issue which HT is looking to improve. B/F Stephanie Kastner: Class DoJo social media improves communication. EYFS not in Branscombe. Few children within the village.many second homes. Challenging offer. Few children</p> <p>Curriculum Subject Focus – EYFS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from governors on EYFS provision in their schools OTT Building infrastructures issues. 	
7.	<p>Feedback from Ethos Committees and Community Groups Questions from Governors to ask the Foundation Governors/Academy Head/Staff Governor</p> <p>Culture where all are treated well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is it like for all pupils and adults who come to this school...is it a place of welcome, dignity and inclusion? Is this connected in practice to the school's vision? • Are there examples that show the impact of the vision in difficult times on pupils and their families and the wider community. • How is provision made to support pupils and adults to enjoy good mental health, including Trust support. <p>OTT lovely meeting with EG, a place of welcome, places for quiet time & prayer A pleasure. BH: Class 1 & Class 2. Positive answers, learning, lego friendships, they new what to do if thigs are going wrong. F&B Siams experience:</p>	Chair
8.	<p>Successes and Sharing of Good Practice Any positive news to share or examples of good practice that could be shared within the LAC/across the Trust. SB: Governance structure – Christian distinctiveness inter woven & triangulated.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>School Updates Governors to consider and discuss feedback on any issues/successes from their school visits or visit notes completed by AH.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAN (to include pupils joined/left). OTT plus 1 (43) EB Plus 2 (32) B 6 BH 1 FW 2 (25) Littleham • Pupil wellbeing • Staff workload and wellbeing; Strong team /season illness Normalisation of stress. Relational response. Scaling of emotions, bringing us back to you • Suspensions and permanent exclusions • Feedback on any parent forum meetings/parents' evenings/PTFA • ASIP update: On track/happy/ responding to staff changes • Pre-school update • Risk Register: Pupil numbers • Sustainability Strategy: Lets go zero. Climate action plan to go on website – green team. 	Governors/ Academy Head
10.	Standards and Curriculum Trustees Meeting	Chair/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to draft minutes (please be aware the minutes are draft and remain confidential until approved) • Feedback on any issues raised from local board Chairs in S&C Meeting 	Governance Professional
11.	<p>Next S&C Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A detailed analysis of nationally reported data on EYFS, Y1 Phonic check, Y4 multiplication check, KS1 SATS and KS2 SATS, SEND and PPG analysis ○ Broad overview of other groups on their progress and expectations to targets ○ Provision of PPG & LAC ○ Curriculum subject - EYFS 	Chair
12.	<p>Evaluation of governance impact Review performance and value of the meeting - to summarise the effectiveness of the meeting and how this will positively impact on our pupils, staff and Trust. Governors to consider during the meeting where their understanding/decisions have had an impact and share a sentence. Discussion regarding pupil numbers.</p>	All
13.	<p>Questions to be escalated: Consultation. Branscombe – Rachel &</p>	Clerk/Chair
14.	<p>Questions to be escalated to S&C</p>	