# **ARNSIDE NATIONAL CHURCH of ENGLAND SCHOOL**

### POLICY FOR FINANCIAL DELEGATION 2019-2020

The purpose of this document is to indicate the areas of responsibility held and delegated by the Governing Board. The overall aim is to establish a clear, efficient and effective system of financial management and to clarify the roles and responsibilities involved.

ITEM A Preparation of school management plan and budget		
Responsibility of:	The Staffing and Finance Committee	
Undertaken:	Headteacher	
Accountable to:	The Governing Board	
ITEM B Decisions on how to spend the resources (the detailed items purchased)		
Responsibility of:	The Headteacher (up to £1,000)	
	<ul> <li>Headteacher plus either Chair of GB or Chair of Finance Cttee (£1,001- £2,500)</li> </ul>	
	• The Finance Committee (up to £5,000 & approved by Headteacher/Chair of Governors or Finance)	
	<ul> <li>GB (above £5,000-approved by Headteacher/Chair of Governors or Finance)</li> </ul>	
Undertaken:	Headteacher	
Accountable to:	The Governing board	
ITEM C Decisions to transfer resources between budget headings (after the spending plan for the year has been approved)		
Responsibility of:	The Staffing and Finance Committee	
Undertaken:	Headteacher	
Accountable to:	The Governing board	
ITEM D Advising the EFA of significant financial decisions to be considered by the Governing Board		
Responsibility of:	The Staffing and Finance Committee	
Undertaken:	Headteacher	
Accountable to:	The Governing Board	
ITEM E Staffing issues e.g. Appointment, Dismissal, Disciplinary and Grievance aspects		
Responsibility of:	The relevant committee	
Undertaken:	The Headteacher in collaboration with the relevant committee	
Accountable to:	The Governing Board	
ITEM F Incurring expenditure (e.g. placing orders)		
Responsibility of:	The Headteacher, teaching staff	
Undertaken:	Admin Officer	
Accountable to:	The Governing Board/Headteacher	

Responsibility of:       Admin Officer         Undertaken:       Admin Officer         Accountable to:       Headteacher         ITEM H       Certifying payments (goods, services, employees)         Responsibility of:       Headteacher         Undertaken:       Admin Officer         Accountable to:       Headteacher         Undertaken:       Admin Officer         Accountable to:       The Governing board         ITEM I       Preparing / certifying prime documents and claims relating to the appointment, dismissal and payment of employees         Responsibility of:       The Staffing and Finance Committee         Undertaken:       The Headteacher (as reflected in agreed Pay Policy)         Accountable to:       The Governing board         ITEM K       Signatories for cheques/Transfer Authorities         Responsibility of:       School         Undertaken:       Accountable to:         Accountable to:       School         Undertaken:       The Staffing and Finance Committee.         Accountable to:       The Staffing and Finance Committee.         Headteacher, Chair of Finance, Finance Officer, Chair of Governors		
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The Governing board		
ITEM L School Fund/Petty Cash		
Responsibility of: The Staffing and Finance Committee.		
Undertaken: Headteacher, Finance Officer, Teachers and Chair of Governors		
Accountable to: The Governing board		
ITEM M Monitoring of spending		
Responsibility of: The Staffing and Finance Committee		
Undertaken: The Staffing and Finance Committee, Headteacher, Finance Officer		
Accountable to: The Governing board		
ITEM N Reconciliation of school financial records to LA information		
Responsibility of: The Staffing and Finance Committee		
Undertaken: Finance Officer, Admin Officer		
Accountable to: The Governing board		
ITEM O Calculation of those charges within the Governing Board's discretion (lettings, etc.)		
Responsibility of: The Headteacher		
Undertaken: Admin Officer		
Accountable to: Premises Committee		
ITEM P Collecting and banking of cash		
Responsibility of: The Headteacher		
Undertaken: Admin Officer		
Accountable to: The Staffing and Finance Committee		

ITEM Q Custody of cash		
Responsibility of:	The Headteacher	
Undertaken:	Admin Officer	
Accountable to:	The Staffing and Finance Committee	
ITEM R Custody and security of buildings and equipment (including inventories and physical verification)		
Responsibility of:	The Headteacher	
Undertaken:	The Cleaner plus Headteacher /Admin Officer	
Accountable to:	The Premises Committee	
ITEM S Security and non-disclosure of confidential data (computer and paper based)		
Responsibility of:	The Headteacher	
Undertaken:	Admin Officer/ Staff	
Accountable to:	The Governing Board	
ITEM T Administering and controlling stocks and stores		
Responsibility of:	The Headteacher	
Undertaken:	Admin Officer/Staff/Cleaner	
Accountable to:	The Staffing and Finance Committee	
ITEM U Arranging insurances (those which fall upon the school budget)		
Responsibility of:	The Premises Committee	
Undertaken:	The Headteacher/Admin Officer	
Accountable to:	The Governing Board	
ITEM V Approval and distribution extent of this document		
Responsibility of:	The Chair of the Staffing and Finance Committee	
Undertaken:	Admin Officer	
Accountable to:	The Governing Board	

It should normally be the case that, in addition to all Governors, a copy be given to each person named in the document and that there be a copy available, in the care of the Headteacher, so that other members of staff who wish to view it may do so.

AuthorisedS Kershaw(Chair of the Governors)

Date 24/09/2019

The contents of this document should be subject to an annual review by the Governors. The review should be evidenced in meeting minutes and the 'delegation policy' signed and dated.

## SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNTS

#### **Governors' Responsibilities**

- **To Appoint An Auditor and Treasurer**
- **To Approve List of authorised signatories**

School Fund Treasurer's Responsibilities

- Keep proper accounts with regularity and probity
- Present annual report to the Governors
- Make books available to the Governing Board at any time
- Distribute Report as approved by the Governors.
- Maintain the security of the Account, Cheque and Paying-in Books.

Governors appoint Mrs Alison Evans as School Fund Treasurer

#### School Fund Auditor's Responsibilities

On appointment by the Governors, audit the school fund accounts and present the findings to the School Fund Treasurer.

The Governors appoint Ian Thompson Saint & Co as School Fund Auditor

### GENERAL

#### **Governors' Responsibilities**

#### To Approve

- List of keyholders
- Any Management Audit reports

#### To Ensure

• That a properly constituted Committee and formal reporting structure is defined and carried out

AuthorisedS Kershaw(Chair of the Governors)

Date 24/09/2019