



Date: Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 5:00pm

Present:

Neil McKinlay (NM)-Chair
 Karina Stanley (KS)
 Jayne Chapman (JC)
 Rebecca Lumsden (RL)
 Martin North (MN)
 George Hughes (GH)
 Andy Martin (AM)

Apologies

Julie Brinnand (JB)

Absent:

n/a

In attendance:

Caroline Lowe (CL)-Headteacher
 Sue Pomeroy (SP)-Clerk

	Governance and Administration	Action
1.	Welcome, Quorum, Apologies and Declarations The Chair opened the meeting and confirmed that it was quorate. Apologies were received and accepted from Julie Brinnand. There were no conflicts of interest declared with the business of the meeting. Unless otherwise stated, all papers referred to had been uploaded to Governor Hub prior to the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting a) The Part One Minutes of the Egerton LGB meeting held on 20th January 2026 were accepted as an accurate record and would be uploaded to Governor Hub and marked as signed.	
2.	b) Matters Arising Governors reviewed and updated the action log. The following matters were discussed: - The Kenyan hut has been removed. NM would discuss with JR whether the condemned tree house could be repaired and with IS whether funds are available for this. ACTION - CL provided a breakdown from IS of the spending of the £70k Nursery reserve: ➤ £20k loss in the first year of operation ➤ £5k painting and woodwork ➤ £5-6k resources	

3.	➤ £5k capital costs ➤ The £20k also does not include central team costs for HR, finance, estates etc. Governors asked whether there was any of the £70k reserve left. CL explained that any remaining funds were now in the main school budget and had been allocated. It was confirmed that all other actions had been met and closed or would be addressed on this agenda. Membership Update • Karina Stanley had been appointed as a governor from 30.04.26-31.08.30. • George Hughes and Neil McKinlay had been re-appointed as governors for a further term of office until 31.08.30. • There is 1x appointed governor vacancy on the board.	
	Strategic Direction and Progress Against Priorities	
4.	School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Self Evaluation (SEF) a) Update on progress CL informed governors that preparations for the recent permanent exclusion, subsequent Independent Review Panel and Stage 2 Complaint hearing had adversely leadership capacity to progress the objectives on the SIP. She highlighted the following points: • Adaptive teaching: This will continue into next academic year. A staff meeting was delivered by the DHT. • Improve Standards in writing by increasing proportion of pupils achieving ARE in spelling: A new spelling programme has been purchased and is being used from Years 3-6. Analysis will take place at the end of the summer term 2026 to identify spelling development and gaps in spelling patterns. Governors asked how the implementation of the spelling scheme is going. CL informed them that it is going well. It will be reviewed in September 2026 to see how it can be adapted to suit the school and needs of the pupils. Governors also asked why a target of 15% had been decided upon. CL explained that this was aimed at the lowest performing pupils, plus several others whose performance had dipped. Governors requested information on the school's budget position for 2026-27. CL informed them that the school is still in a challenging position but that it had improved from 2025-26 and that a £40k surplus had been predicted in 2026-27. However, the school intends to appoint a teaching assistant to work in Year 1 in the mornings as this Year Group does not have a teaching assistant, and to deliver intervention programmes in the afternoons. This will reduce the surplus to around 15k. • Sustain Attendance rates: The school is RAG rated green for attendance. Overall attendance is above national average. • Sustainability: This is thread through all the children's learning. Climate champions have been chosen to represent the school. • Student leadership: There are a range of roles and responsibilities such as school councillors, STEM leaders and sports leaders. • Achieve 100% safeguarding training completion for all staff: Compliant as of 05.01.26	

	• Minimise financial risks and ensure stability: Budget due to be finalised by end of May 2026. SBM and HT monitor the budget regularly with the Trust finance lead. • EYFS: Additional PPA time has been provided for planning for Nursery. This will not be required in September 2026 as previous planning can be utilised. Nursery is now full in line with the current staffing ratios. It is nearly full for September 2026. A 4th member of staff could be appointed later in the next academic year, or a teacher could be appointed with a different structure. The preference would be to have a teacher with two play workers.	
	Quality of Education	
5.	Admission and Pupil Numbers • There are 231 pupils on roll including Nursery. This is an increase of six since the last meeting. • 24 places have been accepted for Reception in September 2026, with six more pending. The school is expecting to reach the PAN of 30.	
6.	Curriculum Update There was no update for this meeting.	
7.	Pupil Performance CL had uploaded a “Spring 2 Data 2026” paper to Governor Hub. • The data shows a dip in some areas. • The Year 4 cohort contains children with high needs. • CL also noted that some teachers are cautious in their assessments. Moderation sessions are taking place within the Trust and with the Knutsford cluster of schools. • CL informed governors that the Year 6 SATS had gone well and that the children had worked hard. The school is expecting that results will be in line with last year’s. • Results in EYFS are expected to exceed those from last year.	
8.	Link Governor Monitoring The following link governor monitoring reports had been shared: • MN EYFS 17.04.26 • NM, RL Safeguarding 11.05.26 • GH Personal Development 18.05.26 MN EYFS: • Met with EYFS led. • Nursery feels stable. Numbers have increased and Nursery is at capacity with the existing staffing. • Academic performance of the Reception class (first full transitional class) is strong and reflects the benefits of an integrated curriculum in Nursery and Reception. NM, RL Safeguarding: • Met with CL. • Reviewed SCiES report and action plan for next year. • Discussed creating a document to show how the school’s safeguarding policies are being delivered. • Had a tour of the school. New fencing to be completed in May half term of summer holidays 2026.	

	GH Personal development: - Met with MS to check on progress of PD and PSHE. Considered how the programme fits with the new Ofsted framework. - School uses Kapow and the curriculum is well placed to meet Ofsted scrutiny. - Pupils' personal skills are strong. - Considered use of CPOMS in recording well-being concerns. - MS stated that PD is strongly embedded in the school. NM and JB had also met with the SENCO. NM provided a verbal update: - SEND numbers are stable. - Each year group was considered. - Discussed EHCPs and First Concerns. - The SENCO knows the pupils well. - The SENCO has a training programme in place. - Adaptive teaching is evident and pupils with SEND are well-integrated. CL explained that the school has moved to a position where staff are responsible for the children in their class with SEND and the SENCO has an oversight role. NM thanked governors for carrying out a good range of monitoring visits.	
9.	Pupil Premium This item was deferred to the next meeting of the LGB in July 2026.	
	Personal Development and Welfare	
10.	Attendance: a) Latest data - Overall school attendance: 96.4%. - Year 3 has the lowest attendance at 94.8%. Children in this year group are often late and have random absences, but there is some genuine illness. The attendance of this group has been low throughout school. - The school follows the Trust Attendance Policy and has discussed with EH how to adapt the process for specific families. - The school is RAG rated green for attendance. b) Attendance reports from the Trust None for this meeting.	
11.	Rewards and Behaviour - CL reported that there had been no suspensions, no incidents of bullying or physical interventions and one permanent exclusion. - Behaviour is positive across the school.	
12.	Safeguarding a) Current caseload: see slide 7. b) Actions from Safeguarding audits CL would upload the SCiES audit. ACTION	CL
13.	Welfare and Wellbeing-Students-see slide 8. CL informed governors that one child is still on a part-time timetable which is due to be reviewed in May 2026. Governors asked whether SEND numbers are stable currently. CL informed them that numbers are stable. The new Headteacher due to start in September 2026 a SEND has background, and the SENCO will undertake the national SENCO qualification next year.	

	Governors asked whether the school receives external support for SEND. CL explained that there has been less support from the Trust this year but there are experienced SENCOs in the Trust who can provide support when required. The school has also received support from Cheshire East, particularly in managing the permanent exclusion process.	
14.	Welfare and Wellbeing-staff - One member of staff is on long-term sick leave, and this is impacting on subject leadership time and release time for the DHT. The Absence Management Policy is being followed. - It had been difficult to recruit a nursery play worker. An appointment has now been made, subject to pre-employment checks. The delay impacted on lunch cover and day to day cover. - A flexible working request has been made to reduce hours. Governors challenged on whether there was a plan to mitigate the impact of the long-term absence. CL informed them that staff meetings have been changed to create subject leadership time. The situation would then be reviewed in September 2026.	
	Local Matters and Stakeholder Engagement	
15.	a) Statutory Policy Approval The School Food Policy was deferred to September 2026. Non-statutory Policies None for this meeting. b) Trust Policies: None for this meeting.	
16.	Governor training Update - KS is required to complete Safeguarding training on induction. - Governors are asked to complete Cyber Security training and to update their training record on Governor Hub.	
17.	Stakeholder engagement a) Parents/Carers: see slide 10 Governors had led delivery of the parental survey at parents evening. Results would be available at the next LGB meeting. ACTION Governors asked whether there were any repercussions for the school from the planned strike action at some of the TLP schools. CL informed them that there were none expected. b) Wider Community-Kenya Link A question on the Kenya link was included in the parental survey. Responses would be analysed when the survey results are available. Mark Webb is speaking to the school in Kenya to arrange an online meeting before the next LGB meeting.	CL
18.	Communication-to Trust - To ES&P Committee None for this meeting. - Feedback to Trust on other matters ➤ None from this meeting.	
19.	Communication-from Trust Skills Audit: results would be available at the next LGB meeting.	

	Governance Conference 2026: the conference had been postponed. It was proposed to deliver some of the content at the next LGB meeting.	
21.	AOB NM noted that the school is expecting an Ofsted inspection during 2026-27. The Trust will provide support for the school and governors to prepare for the inspection. Governors will be required to renew Safeguarding training in September 2026. NM thanked Tom Hollingsbee, Andrew Hendrie and Mark Hill for serving on the permanent exclusion panel and for taking the time to prepare thoroughly for this.	
	Dates and time of remaining LGB meeting 2025-26 Wednesday 1 st July 2026 at 5:00 pm	

There were no part two items for discussion at this meeting.
 The meeting closed at 6:15 pm

Summary of action Points:

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From the meeting held on 20.01.26

Agenda item	Action	Assigned to	Deadline
8	To obtain quotes to replace the tree house. NM and AM to inspect the condemned structures. Update 20.05.26: Kenyan hut has been removed. Tree house needs substantial work. Governors would like to retain it to enhance provision for the pupils. NM to contact IS regarding funding to repair the tree house	AM/NM NM	March 2026 June 2026
16	To arrange an audit of the SEN and Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions policies.	NM	May 2026 c/f to July 2026
17	To forward the document from Mark Webb re Kenya to all governors.	NM	January 2026 c/f to June 2026

From the meeting held on 20.05.26

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12	To upload the most recent SCiES audit.	CL	May-2026
9	To discuss the impact of the spending of the PP funding at the next LGB	CL	July-2026
17	To review the parental questionnaire results at the next LGB	CL	July 2026