



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC VA PRIMARY SCHOOL
THE GOVERNING BODY
Chair: Joanna Hooper

Minutes of School Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 16th March 2026 - 6.30pm

Present:

Joanna Hooper	JH	Foundation Governor
Neville Conn	NC	Foundation Governor
Simon Lennon	SL	Headteacher
Rachael Cox	RC	
Manuale Lazarri	ML	Parent Governor
David Tobi	DT	Parent Governor
Nicholas Mavengere	NM	Foundation Governor
Monsignor John Nelson	JN	Foundation Governor
Anna Murphy-Sullivan	AMS	Foundation Governor

In attendance:

Eithne Boyce	EB	Deputy Headteacher
Sonia Lomax	Clerk	

Item		Action
1.0	Welcome & prayers. JN led the prayers. JH welcomed the two new parent governors to their first meeting.	
2.0	Apologies Joanne Hendy, Ade Bamgboye, Anna Koppec Massey and Robert Rocca.	
3.0	Pecuniary Interests No updates to the existing record were required.	
4.0	Appointment of Associate Governors	
	RC left the room.	

	AB had resigned as the LA Governor but has been asked by the FGB to stand again as an Associate Governor for a 4 year term. RC's term as a Parent Governor has now ended. She has applied to become the LA Governor but is still waiting to hear from BCP Council. In the meantime she will stand as an Associate Governor. A vote was held on both these proposals. DECISION - Ade Bamgboye and Rachael Cox were unanimously elected to stand as Associate Governors for 4 year terms. RC returned to the room.	
5.0	Minutes of Previous Meeting (8th December 2025)	
	Prior to the meeting, governors received a copy of the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by JH.	
6.0	Matters Arising	
	All actions had been completed. SL reported that the school is still waiting for the amended invoices from the Diocese for the School Building Fund. Governors were reminded that they need to complete the Cyber Awareness Training asap.	ALL
7.0	Policies	
7.1	NC reported that the F & R Committee had recommended that all policies need to be reviewed to check whether the Pre-School should be added to them and to check for any changes required as a result of this. Governors agreed to update policies as they become due for renewal rather than do all of them now. Pre-School Admissions 2026/27 Policy Governors reviewed and agreed to the amendments to this policy. DECISION - The Pre-School Admissions 2026/27 Policy was agreed.	
7.2	Induction Policy The Pre-School was added. Governors reviewed and agreed to the amendments to this policy. DECISION - The Induction Policy was agreed.	
7.3	Inclusion/SEND Policy The Pre-School was added. Governors reviewed and agreed to the amendments to this policy. DECISION - The Inclusion/SEND Policy was agreed.	
8.0	DSL/NSG Safeguarding Update	

	NC reported that he had undertaken a safeguarding link visit with EB last week. They had looked at the Single Central Register, the new audit tool (Phew), monitoring school attendance using the similar school comparison report and two anonymised case studies. NC asked SL whether the attendance monitoring report should include the Pre-School in the total number of pupils - SL to check.	SL
9.0	Chair's Update	
9.1	The Headteacher mid-term appraisal had taken place on 9th March. AMS reported that SL had already met all the targets set for him for this year.	
9.2	NC updated Governors on the recent CASO (Diocese) briefing. The slides had already been sent to all Governors. NC encouraged Governors to book Diocese training.	
9.3	NC updated on the invitation to contribute to the review of the National Framework for the Inspection of Catholic Schools. Further details had been made available to Governors.	
10.0	F & R Update	
	In RR's absence, NC updated Governors: • Currently within budget with a projected contingency of £24k, although this is expected to increase by year end. • The Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) total is currently £14.2k. £5.2k has been used to pay for the refurbishment of the disabled toilet. • Budget 2026/27 - Has increased to £2.28m but does not include any additional funding. Currently showing a deficit of £98k after the carryover has been taken into account. The School Business Manager is working to get a balanced budget. • Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) - had been reviewed and recommended by the F & R committee. Approved - RR to sign for submission to BCP Council by 31/03/2025. • Staff absences - rolling 12 month average is now 1.83 FTE per week compared to 1.92 FTE per week last year. DECISION - Governors approved the 2025 SFVS.	
11.0	SSDC Update	
	Governors reviewed the Link Governor spreadsheet. Governors were asked to read the Link Governor Policy and consider which areas they would be best suited to. EB to ask KMF to update the spreadsheet in the Governor's Link Visits folder and re-send to all Governors.	EB
12.0	Headteacher's Report	
12.1	<u>New RE and Catholic Life</u> SL informed Governors of the services and other activities that had taken place and were taking place before Easter.	

12.2	<u>Safeguarding</u> SL provided a safeguarding update. EB updated on behaviour management and the recorded incidents in January and February.	
12.3	<u>Attendance</u> SL updated on the DfE document 'View Your Education Data' - Similar School Comparison Reports.	
12.4	<u>Curriculum Updates</u> EB reported that the Religious Education Directory will be compulsory from September 2026. The school has chosen Oxford University Press 'Lighting the Path' in accordance with Diocesan advice. This will be implemented from September. SL updated on British Science Week, Book Week, Sounds Write, EAL assessments and that the girls dodgeball squad have qualified for the Primary Girls National Finals.	
12.5	<u>School Updates</u> SL reported on staff vacancies, visits to the school and a successful bid for funding.	
12.6	<u>School Development Plan Update</u> Updates on the Pre-School, Dyslexia Screening and Lexia intervention, Flash Academy and the proposals for next year's SDP which will be discussed and agreed at the Vision meeting.	
13.0	Academisation	
	AMS reported that the Diocese are introducing 2 Multi-Academy Trusts (MAT's) across their area - one for the north and one for the south. CCCP School will be in the Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust (ESCAT) area. The CEO of ESCAT visited the school last week and invited the school to sign a partnership agreement as a sign of intent to join the MAT. This agreement will not be binding but will have some potential associated costs. There are no timescales to this, but Governors felt that early joiners might have more influence in the shape of the final MAT. Governors discussed the possible benefits and barriers to joining the MAT early. Governors agreed that this will need further discussion with all Governors present so will be discussed at the Vision meeting next week with a view to making a decision at the July FGB meeting.	Clerk
14.0	Link Visits (for information only) • Safeguarding • RE	
15.0	AOB Governors were reminded about the Vision meeting on 23rd March.	

16.0	Date of next Extraordinary FGB meeting - 27/04/2026 (Budget ratification.	
	Meeting Closed – 8.55pm	

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

ALL

- Complete Cyber Awareness training

SL

- Check if the attendance monitoring report should include the Pre-School in the total number of pupils

EB

- Ask KMF to update Governors Link spreadsheet and send to all Governors

Clerk

- Add decision on ESCAT partnership agreement to July FGB agenda

DECISIONS AGREED

- Ade Bamgboye and Rachael Cox were unanimously elected to stand as Associate Governors for 4 year terms.
- Pre-School Admissions 2026/27 Policy
- Induction Policy
- Inclusion/SEND Policy

Approved

Date
