

**Ashbourne Primary School
Local Governing Committee (LGC) Meeting
Wednesday 29th April, 5pm**

Minutes

Present

Ken Torr
Paula Chisholm
Heather Davis
Sue Dell
Chloe Woolley
Kythe Beresford
Katie White
Glenn Wilson
Richard Hargreaves
Jane Cole

Vicky Howell

Clerk Harriet Buckley

Apologies

No apologies given

Agenda Items:

LGC.29.04.26-1. Apologies

- i. No apologies given

LGC.29.04.26-2. Declarations of interest: None

LGC.29.04.26-3. Confidentiality statement: Governors were reminded that matters discussed in the meeting are confidential and that the way of making these matters public is through the minutes. PC informed governors that previous confidential meeting topics had been discussed with staff members and reminded all not to do this.

LGC.29.04.26-4. Minutes of the last meeting – Wednesday 4th February 2026: The minutes of LGC 4th February were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

LGC.29.04.26-5. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (only items not on this agenda):

Governors asked for an update on the parent banned from the school grounds.

- No apology received from the parent, and they are refusing to attend meetings.
- Governors in agreement for ban to continue.

LGC.29.04.26-6. New governor welcome and induction – Glenn Wilson

LGC.29.04.26-7. Headteacher report

Governors reviewed the Headteacher's report:

- Governors asked about the 1 suspension. HD informed governors that the child has since been reintegrated, has a reduced timetable and behaviour has improved. EHCP funding has also been secured, and frequent parent meetings take place.
- KT asked why there is a child at risk of exclusion. HD informed that it is due to aggressive behaviour and measures have been put in place.
- KT questioned why report states that 2023 was the last date teaching staff had seen the RA. PC stated it only has to be seen every 5 years.

LGC.29.04.26-8. ACE Derbyshire Trust report to LGCs

One policy to adopt – Suspension and Exclusion policy

KT to attend meetings in June and January. KT to note the discussion points.

KT enquired about the use of the governor hub

PC said the hub is to be considered so policies and minutes can be held centrally.

Action: PC to check everyone has access to the governor hub

LGC.29.04.26-9. School Improvement Plan

Governors reviewed the SIP

Priority 1: To improve the consistency and effectiveness of teaching and learning in maths to raise attainment and close gaps in knowledge

VH has been monitoring maths and reports that the data is going up

Priority 2: Create a whole-school culture that actively supports the development of children's emotional resilience and wellbeing

Introduction of zones of regulation

Children are back on track quicker

Overview of OPAL success from KB

Free flow success

Success of regulate ready, hoping to move to phase 3

Priority 3: Review and refine the school's curriculum to address the needs of our pupils, ensuring alignment with the government curriculum review

Changes into play 27-28

LGC.29.04.26-10. SES

PC informed governors of Christopher Mansell's mock Ofsted inspection.

Christopher noted that early years is strong, but the high standards are not replicated in the rest of the school.

KW noted that the progress data is good.

HD noted that it is important Ofsted inspectors have the correct context about Ashbourne and are aware of the socio-economic diversity.

PC to distribute report to governors for their reference.

LGC.29.04.26-11. Vision, values and golden threads – Heather

HD informed governors that the launch has been successful. Children have picked this up quickly via assemblies.

KT questioned what difference governors would notice if they went into a classroom now this has been implemented?

HD informed governors of the environmental changes such as signs and lanyards, and other changes including aims and values being reinforced and referenced by staff. Teaching staff will be recognising and praising effort.

LGC.29.04.26-12. Governor record of visit

SEND learning walk – KW

Learning walk to see what adjustments have been put in place.

KW was very impressed, noted that the teachers seem to know the children well.

There are great systems in place and the children are engaged.

Pupil voice interviews – SD

SD noted that students know their current topics well but struggle to make links to previous subjects and identify which previous topic their knowledge comes from.

KW suggested using 'sticky facts' to encourage children to remember.

HD said that we cannot predict how inspectors will word questions to the children, so this approach might not work.

PC informed governors that we will make the distinctions for each subject clearer. PC noted that the interviews were very useful.

Regulate ready and zones of regulation

Overview of Review of Regulate Ready & Zones of Regulation Provision report from KT

HD noted how we have seen an increase in emotional literacy. Children know what to do to calm down. PC noted the success of this and praised Jill Simpson for her involvement. CW said the children know how to identify their triggers and what 'zone' they are in. RH asked if it takes a while for children to learn this? PC informed governors that once teachers have shown children how to identify how they feel, it does not take long for them to figure it out independently. The next step would be including a 'blue zone'.

Pupil Premium – KT

Overview of Review of 2025/28 Pupil Premium Strategy Statement for Ashbourne Primary School report from KT

KT informed governors that the impact of the 2024-2025 PPS was generally positive. There continues to be a policy of positive inclusion for Disadvantaged Pupils, with many initiatives being undertaken.

KT reported that this meets the criteria and is ready for the next stage.

LGC.29.04.26-13. Quality of teaching and learning report

PC provided an overview of the report.

LGC.29.04.26-14. Attainment and progress report – March 2026

This part of the item was deemed confidential.

LGC.29.04.26-15. Attendance of groups spring term

PC informed governors that the school's attendance is at national and asked if there were any questions relating to particular year groups.

HD said there is an issue with the attendance of the Y2 SEN children (currently at 74.8%).

Governors questioned this and were informed that one child has not attended since November, affecting the overall figure.

KT asked what the school is doing about this child?

PC said this has been referred to the LA regarding the penalty notices/ fines. The family will not engage but school will continue to reach out.

LGC.29.04.26-16. IDSR – Strengths and areas for development

PC informed governors that this report is what Ofsted will see before their visit. The red sections indicate concerns.

KW asked about the 2023 cohort and if this is relating to covid.

HD said that that is the case, and context is given in the report.

LGC.29.04.26-17. Nursery fees

PC said this will be discussed by the trust. Nursery fees will increase to be in line with the trust fees.

LGC.29.04.26-18. Trust policies for adoption

- Suspensions and exclusions

Policy updated by PC

LGC.29.04.26-19. School policies

- Computer Disaster and Security
- ICT Administration

Policies have been updated due to new staff members

LGC.29.04.26-20. Staffing updates – PC and SLT, teachers and Clive

PC leaving in September, HD to take Headteacher role. VH as Co-Headteacher on Mondays and Deputy Headteacher on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. MC and BA to job share the Assistant Head position.

New teacher appointments are Lauren Garratt, Natalie Stanley and ECT Lillie Keay.

Clive is retiring, PC noted his hard work and how the search for a new caretaker has begun.

GW enquired whether it is difficult to recruit new teachers and caretakers?

PC said it is harder to find caretakers, but there is no issue with teacher recruitment.

RH asked if new staff changes are difficult for children?

PC informed that a lot of work is done to support children during these transitions.

LGC.29.04.26-21. Any other business

Headteachers report – Note to be added to say the SCR has been seen by both KT and PC.

LGC.29.04.26-22. Date of next meeting – 24th June 2026

LGC.29.04.26-23. Determination of items deemed to be confidential: LGC.29.04.26-14. Attainment and progress report