

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL
MINUTES OF THE FULL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Venue: Library, Upper School, Glossop Road
Tuesday 7 July 2026 5.15pm – 7.15pm

PRESENT:

• Peter Dickson, Chair of Governors (PD) • Linda Gooden, Headteacher (LGO) • Louisa Warde, Deputy Headteacher (LAW) • Michael Williams (MW) • Emma Wilkinson (EW) • Donna Ellerby, Business Manager (DE) • Farhan Aziz (FA) • Rachael Galletly (RG)	• Kate Williamson (KW) • Ahmed Mohamed (AM) • Emma Titterington-Giles (ETG) • Caz Perry, Curriculum Leader of PSHE (part attendance)
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No.	ITEM	ACTION
1.	Apologies for absence	
	Marcus Brown (MJB)	
2.	Declaration of any pecuniary interests relevant to this agenda and to ensure the register of pecuniary interests for all governors and staff is up to date	
	None.	
3.	Confirmation of the previous meeting and report on matters arising from the minutes on 21 April 2026.	
	Smartphones: LGO has sent a letter to parents explaining that the School is now a device free area. EW asked if there had been any response from parents? LGO said from one parent.	
4.	Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and the Relations, Sex and Health Education Policy - presentation and discussion	
	CP gave a presentation to governors. ETG asked about the differences in teaching about sexual consent in Year 9 and relationships in Year 8? CP said in Year 8 and Year 9 they discuss basic consent, but in Year 9 there are eight lessons that are more in depth. ETG asked CP if there were any areas that she would like to progress with but had been unable to? CP responded. Governors thanked CP for delivering her presentation.	
5.	External Review of Governance Report – revisit the report and agree key action points going forward	
	Action points were agreed based on the ERG. LGO to update them. EW said with regard to link governor visits, it would be useful to have a table of potential type of visits that governors can assign themselves to. LGO said this is something that LAW can pick up with PD in September. Teams meetings: LGO said this would work well on a half termly basis, at the end of the day and could be part of the quality assurance approach. To revisit in September. Training opportunities are available to governors and PD reminds governors of this during full Governing Board meetings. It would be useful for a volunteer from	LGO PD/LAW

	the Governor Board to have responsibility for what training is available to the Board. RG volunteered to be the CPD Champion for governors. Reschedule the OFSTED discussion meeting via teams, with LGO, KW, RG and LAW. Succession planning: The Governing Board action plan for 2026-2027 will include governors attending training for SEND etc and succession planning for Chair and Vice Chair. FA will become the link governor for teaching and learning as he is undertaking a leadership course. It is called the aspiring leaders programme.	LAW, KW, PD, RG, JJ LAW, PD, KW FA
6.	Headteacher's Report, including update on the Safeguarding Annual Audit	
	SEF/SIP 2026-2027 – draft latest version: This is a working document. Links to be included to other documents. At a LT meeting on Monday, LT members will work on finalising the document. PFI handover meetings and TUPE meetings are taking place. Sheffield role review programme: Each member of staff will need to partake in a three hour question session. LGO asked governors if they had any questions on the above. EW asked if there would be an implication for staff if there is as drop in students choosing a Language? LGO said the School is managing staffing so there are no significant changes but it does need to think of this ahead. ETG said students choose the School because of its strong offer. EW would like to see data on HOLA. Inclusion network: LGO said there are approximately forty organisations looking at what works and are working collaboratively. The rationale is about reducing exclusions and suspensions. LGO is part of the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Inclusive Leaders' network. Governors asked a range of questions based on the Headteacher's Report. Safeguarding annual report discussed annually: PD will meet with LGO and CJ.	LGO PD, LGO, CJ
7.	Review and evaluation of the Governing Board's Action Plan 2025-2026 (Red, Amber, Green – RAG)	
	This has been RAG'd and good progress has been made. KW explained the content. Governors want to understand relational practice better. These areas will form a main item on the plan for next year. KW will link the School's SEF summary statement to the Governing Board version for next year. The plan will include a presentation, annually, at a full Governing Board meeting, on SEND	KW
8.	Reports from: Governors' Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee As circulated Governors' Curriculum and Performance Committee As circulated	

9.	Any other business: • Trips and visits 2026-2027: An extensive offer. AW and LGO met and looked at any barriers to trips and are happy with the offer for next year. Governors approved the trips and visits. • Review of policies: LT have reviewed the website policies. LGO, PD, EW, and LAW will meet to conduct the annual Governing Board review of them, on Thursday 16 July 2026. • Review of governor training opportunities for the remainder of the year: PD attended an annual general meeting recently at Learn Sheffield on 'what is a safe school' which echoed what CP said during her presentation. We are safe and parents should focus on the lack of safety within the cyber world which is greater than that in the real world. PD will forward the presentation from the annual general meeting, to governors. • MIS system: LAW said sims is soon to become cloud based and the School's contract with it ends on 31 March 2027. Sims does not provide anything near the capabilities that other competitors provide and lots of schools are moving to other platforms. The School formed a working group to look at options and they visited other schools and attended webinars etc. Sims is really behind compared to other platforms. A decision was made to move to Arbor. We now need to get staff trained and make them aware that the change is happening for the right reasons. Farewell to Linda: PD extended huge thanks to LGO, on her retirement, on behalf of the Governing Board and they presented her with some flowers and a card. LGO said it has been amazing working at the School and she will say more at her retirement celebration event on Friday 10 July 2026 which will be attended by staff, former colleagues, friends and family.	LGO, PD, EW, LAW PD
	Meeting finished 7.15pm Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6 October 2026	