

## **CREATIVE EDUCATION TRUST SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

**SUMMARY OF ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES:** 

Board of Directors; Academy Council; Head Teacher or Principal; and Executive Team



Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)
The Board of Directors is the overall governing body of Creative Education Trust and all its schools, charged with the strategic direction of the Trust and responsible to the Secretary of State for Education for executing its statutory duties and to Parliament for the proper expenditure of public money  Is responsible for all statutory functions but may choose to delegate some  Operates under the Trust's Articles of Association and in accordance with its Master Funding Agreement. Is responsible for strategic leadership of Creative Education Trust, for academic performance, financial management, entering into contracts, stewardship of its buildings and land, and staffing matters including the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Other senior appointments including Head Teachers and Principals are delegated to the CEO  Is responsible for the adoption of all statutory policies and approves nonstatutory policies and approves nonstatutory policies through delegation to the CEO  Approves the Trust's Strategic Plan  Approves key performance targets and monitoring statistics for each group school through delegation to Education Standards Committee  Approves Trust's annual budget and three- year plan on advice of CEO	The Academy Council (AC) for each school is a sub- committee of the Creative Education Trust Board of Directors. It is accountable to the Board of Directors and is its local presence. It may include representatives from such groups as the school community, parents, the local community and other local organisations and businesses as appropriate  Academy Council receives report at each meeting on activities of its school's Academy Improvement Board (AIB) – the executive accountability body for school improvement - from those of its member(s) who participate	The Head Teacher (primary school) or Principal (secondary school) is accountable to the Board of Directors of Creative Education Trust though the CEO for the effective leadership, educational performance and financial management of the school in accordance with agreed plans, budgets and targets, and with group strategy and policies  Reports to Director of Education via line manager who is a senior member of the central education team  Has right of direct access to Chair of Academy Council, CEO and Chair of Creative Education Trust Board, as appropriate  Responsible for all school-level statutory and non-statutory reporting and compliance matters	The Head Office Executive Team, led by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provides professional advice to the Board of Director on all aspects of group strategy and policies, and on all educational, financial, human resource, estates management and other operational matters across the group. Provides Board with regular updates on wider educational and policy matters  Has delegated responsibility from the Board of Directors for the implementation of group strategy and for approving and implementing policies, and for the effective running of Creative Education Trust schools  Provides Board of Directors with secretariat and ensures efficient reporting and distribution of papers, as well as timely implementation of its decisions  Agrees and monitors school curriculum plans, budgets and performance targets on behalf of the Board of Directors  Supports and advises Chief Executive on appointment of Principals/Head Teachers and, where necessary, other senior staff  Responsible for all statutory and nonstatutory reporting and compliance matters  Responsible for data protection and Freedom of Information matters



Appoints Academy Council Chairs and Members, but may choose to delegate to CEO to appoint on its behalf

Decides which of its responsibilities will be delegated to the Academy Council; these are set out in the Creative Education Trust Academy Council handbook

In some circumstances the Board may choose to delegate oversight responsibilities normally undertaken by the Academy Council *pro tem* to the Academy Improvement Board (AIB), the executive accountability body for school improvement. In such cases the AIB is authorised to deploy all the powers attributed to ACs

The Academy Council undertakes such duties and responsibilities as are delegated to it from time to time by the Board of Directors. They include (i) supporting Creative Education Trust's plans for the school as set out in the Academy Development & Improvement Plan. Self-Evaluation Form and annual budget; (ii) providing understanding of the local context and the challenge that the local environment presents; (iii) acting as a sounding board for senior leaders, especially the Principal or Head Teacher; (iv) providing regular monitoring of health and safety matters, safeguarding provision, the welfare of looked after children, and provision for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities: (v) providing hearing panels for pupil behaviour matters; (vi) building and maintaining positive local perceptions of the school; (vii) building and maintaining relationships with the local and regional business community; (viii) building and maintaining relationships with community partners (e.g. health services, police, social services); and (ix) undertaking local fundraising

Chair of AC assists in the recruitment process for Head Teachers and Principals

Establishes hearing panels for complaints and for staff disciplinary matters in accordance with relevant policies

Advises and supports Academy Councils to fulfil their local duties and ensures the timely distribution of information

Director of Education line manages
Principals/Head Teachers but may choose
to delegate this on a day-to-day basis to
senior members of the Education Team,
with regular formal performance reviews
taking place through the mechanism of the
Academy Improvement Boards (AIBs),
which are the principal management tool
for school improvement and
accountability.





Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)
Meets formally at least four times each academic year including twice in the autumn term; decides when and where to meet; elects Chair and Vice-Chair; takes decisions if a quorum is present; may form committees; may delegate responsibilities; determines agenda  Quorum is five; each period of office is up to four years, which may be renewed for further periods of up to four years, except CEO whose role is ex officio  Conducts or commissions annually a review of its effectiveness  Board forms appropriate sub-committees to enable it to conduct its business effectively. These are currently Audit & Risk Committee; Finance Committee; Education Standards Committee; People and Remuneration Committee; Estates & Property Committee; Safeguarding Committee. It may choose to co-opt non-Directors to any committee in an advisory but non-voting capacity  Reviews the working of any committee of the Board including that of Academy Councils	Chairs of Academy Councils may submit agenda items for consideration by the Board of Directors by prior notification to the Governance & Compliance Manager  Chairs of Academy Councils may attend meetings of the Board of Directors as appropriate and by prior invitation from the Chair of the Board	Attends Board meetings by invitation when specific item is to be discussed  Is required to submit regular Academy progress reports in a common format to the Academy Council. These are available to the CEO and to the Board of Directors on Governor Hub	Members of Head Office Executive Team may attend meetings of the Board of Directors by invitation in a non-voting capacity, except for the CEO who is a member of the Board with full voting rights  Executive Team members (CEO and as delegated) may contribute to the agenda of Board Meetings by invitation and are expected to report at appropriate subcommittee meetings



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Any member of the Board of Directors may attend Academy Council meetings; would normally ask Chair as a courtesy	Academy Council meets formally four times each academic year including twice in autumn term, decides when and where to meet; takes decisions if a quorum is present.  Academy Council quorum is three; period of office is three years; maximum service is nine years.  Meets as a unitary body. Academy Council may after discussion with the Trust's Head of Governance & Compliance form timelimited 'Task & Finish' groups to undertake a specific task (e.g. a local fundraising campaign)  Academy Councils follow the standard agenda determined by the Board of Directors, which includes prescribed standing items for information/discussion (Academic standards, SEND, Admissions, Discipline, Safeguarding, etc.). At the discretion of the chair, further agenda items may be added as appropriate  The Chair of the Academy Council may add agenda items to the standing items in accordance with business in hand  Minutes are taken using the Creative Education Trust pro-forma and circulated to	Is ex-officio member of Academy Council, may place items on the agenda Is required to report at each meeting using the Creative Education Trust standard reporting format and where necessary to provide an oral update	Members of Executive Team may attend Academy Council meetings CEO to attend as necessary in order to ensure good communication



Creative Education Trust pro-formas are also supplied for agenda, Head Teacher's/Principal's report, action points and reports by members Board of Directors appoints Chairs of Academy Councils, and also appoints Members and confirms locally chosen Parent and Academy Council staff Members; would normally do so on the recommendation of the Chair and the Head Teacher/Principal; these powers of appointment may be delegated to the CEO Decisions must be in accordance with the most recent Creative Education Trust policies and with the Academy Council Handbook. Any decision may be subject to review by the Board of Directors



Functions and Responsibilities of the Parties: (4) Curriculum				
Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)	
Determines via delegation to the Education Standards Committee group policies for schools within Creative Education Trust on (i) the curriculum vision and ethos and (ii) sex and relationship education  Ensures via delegation to the Education Standards Committee only approved external qualifications and syllabuses are offered	Receives termly monitoring information from Principal/Head Teacher on curriculum, public exam results, value added information, progress towards targets, attendance, behaviour, exclusions, etc.	Is responsible for curriculum direction of the school within the group policies  Decides the curriculum policies specific to the school in agreement with Head Office  Ensures that Funding Agreement curriculum requirements for Academies are implemented  Is responsible for day-to-day decisions about the management and curriculum of the school	Agrees school curriculum policies with Principal/Head Teacher in accordance with group policy  Agrees with the Principal/Head Teacher and publishes targets for pupils' performance  Receives termly monitoring information from Principal/Head Teacher on curriculum, public exam results, value added information, progress towards targets	



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Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)
Determines the level of funding with DfE/ESFA and is body of final accountability for spending within budget  Sets via delegation to the Finance Committee overall budget parameters for group  Approves via delegation to the Finance Committee the final consolidated budget for the schools and central office before submission to DfE/ESFA  Approves via delegation to the Finance Committee with advice from the Estates & Property Committee the capital investment priorities and budget for the schools  Receives monthly management accounts from the Head Office finance team  Agrees final statutory accounts on recommendation of Audit & Risk Committee as required by Companies Act  Appoints the Responsible Officer  Maintains the Register of Interests for Trust Board members	Receives the annual budget for the school Maintains the Register of Interests for Academy Council	Agrees with the Finance Director or their delegate, the draft budget for the school  With the assistance of the Regional Head of Finance:  Controls school level expenditure on a line-by-line basis within the agreed budget  Ensures academy-level accounts are kept and administered in accordance with Head Office accounting policies  Complies with Creative Education Trust accounting requirements for schools	CEO is the Trust's Accounting Officer  Finance Director-leads on all other Group finance matters:  Finance Director works with the CEO to agree Group Budget  Works with local Regional Head of Finance and agrees with Principals/Head Teachers the draft budget for each school  Manages the overall implementation of the budget  Manages payroll, nominal, purchase and sales ledger  Ensures accurate accounts are kept, procedures and systems maintained including internal audit systems  Agrees and monitors all contracts for services and purchases; in consultation win DfE when appropriate within DfE guideline.  Arranges internal audits. Arranges annual external audit



Functions and Responsibilities of the Parties: (7) Staff				
Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)	
Appoints, performance manages and sets the remuneration of the CEO via delegation to the People & Remuneration Committee  Approves the appointment of Executive Directors and Principals/Headteachers on the advice of appointment panels on which one or more Board members may serve alongside the CEO and other senior staff  Approves via delegation to the People & Remuneration Committee group HR strategy  As the legal employer of all staff, responsible for ensuring via delegation to the People & Remuneration Committee that HR policies, and terms & conditions of service are in place, and takes responsibility for overseeing staff health and welfare  Approves via delegation to the People & Remuneration Committee the annual trust-wide pay award for staff	Chair participates in the appointment process for Principal/Head Teacher of the school  When invited, supports the recruitment of senior staff within the school by joining appointment panels or otherwise contributing to the appointment process  When invited, may be a panel member in formal panels, hearings or appeals	Appoints all staff in the school within the agreed structure and budget  Ensures that all required pre-employment checks take place, the accuracy of the school's Single Central Record, and statutory compliance with safer recruitment training  Responsible for reporting key metrics (including recruitment) to Head Office  Implements performance appraisal, pay and other HR processes for staff in schools, in conjunction with Head Office where appropriate, ensuring that the group HR policies are fully adhered to  May suspend staff in consultation with Head Office HR  May chair or be a panel member in formal panels, hearings or appeals  Propose, develop and lead on staffing restructures at academy level  Liaise with local union representatives	Manages the recruitment of Principals and Headteachers, and supports the Principal/Headteacher by joining appointment panels or otherwise contributing to the appointment process of senior team members  Leads the development of group HR policies, procedures and terms & conditions of service  Provides the Board of Directors and Principals/Headteachers with professional HR support and advice relating to recruitment, performance management, pay and other aspects of staffing  Responsible for performance management and pay reviews of Principals/Headteachers and Head Office team (CEO)  Monitors compliance with HR policy, including Safer Recruitment Policy  May chair or be a panel member in formal hearings or appeals  Undertakes consultations with trade union representatives regarding issues that have group-wide implications  Monitors the recruitment, deployment and performance of staff	



	Approves decisions on pay relating to performance on the basis of recommendations made by the Principal/Head Teacher
	May chair or be a panel member in formal panels, hearings or appeals

Functions and Responsibilities of the Parties: (8) Professional Development and Training				
Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)	
Via delegation to the People & Remuneration Committee approves trust-wide staff development strategy	Receives termly update on training and development through the Principal's Report	Produces and implements the school's staff development strategy in alignment with the group strategy	Develops trust-wide staff development and initiatives	
	·	Delivers professional development programmes at school level	Provides support for professional development, training, induction, talent management and succession planning across the group	
		Reports termly on training and development to Head Office  Contributes to trust-wide professional development programmes	Takes a lead role in training and development for Principals/Headteachers and SLTs	



Functions and Responsibilities of the Parties: (9) Equal Opportunities			
Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)
Approves via delegation to the People & Remuneration Committee group equal opportunities policy. Receives annual report on equal opportunities		Implements equal opportunities policy	Proposes and monitors implementation of equal opportunities policy  Advises Board of Directors on school compliance

Functions and Responsibilities of the Parties: (10) Inspection				
Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)	
Receives inspection report and may require Principal/Headteacher to attend Creative Education Trust Board to discuss	Receives inspection report	Co-operates with inspection team, providing information and setting up meetings as required  Responsible for ensuring academy achieves best reasonable outcome from any inspection	Acts as delegated representative of Board of Directors and CEO during Ofsted inspections; co-operates with inspection team, providing information and meeting as required	



Functions and Responsibilities of the Parties: (11) Admissions and Marketing			
Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)
Ensures that schools comply with legislation regarding local admissions arrangements	Receives regular reports on admissions and marketing through Academy Report	Ensures full implementation of the admissions policy	Coordinates admissions and admissions appeals arrangements across all group schools
Approves group brand identity, and marketing and communications strategies	Supports local marketing and communications efforts in consultation with Principal/Head Teacher and Head Office	Ensures that an admissions register is kept in line with legislation  Supervises production of marketing materials within group guidelines and using group templates, supervises local marketing efforts in consultation with Head Office	Provides support - directly or via retained communications advisor — in planning and implementing local marketing strategies, including supplying guidelines and templates for school marketing materials
		Provides regular reports on admissions and marketing through Academy Report	Approves school marketing materials within group guidelines



Functions and Responsibilities of the Parties: (12) Pupil Discipline and Attendance			
Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)
Determines group policy on exclusions and attendance	Receives regular reports on discipline and attendance through Academy Report	Is responsible for overall management and discipline; takes measures to secure good behaviour	Monitors implementation of group behaviour, attendance and exclusions policies
Ultimate appeal body within Creative Education Trust  Approves material changes to	Hears first appeals against exclusions. Panel members may also include Executive Directors, and Principals and Head Teachers from other CET schools	Ensures full compliance with group behaviour, attendance and exclusions policies	Receives half-termly monitoring figures from Principal/Head Teacher on attendance, unauthorised absence and exclusions
structure of school year and start and finish times of the school day	Hears first appeals against pupil discipline cases	Decides in consultation with Head Office and informs parents about starting and finishing times of school sessions	Reviews and proposes to Board material changes to structure of school year and start and finish times of the school day
		Ensures attendance register is kept and that attendance is monitored	





Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office
Agrees via delegation to the Estates & Property Committee annual maintenance and renewal priorities	Receives regular information on quality and state of school building, furniture and fittings through Principal's Report	Produces and implements school community use policy which incorporates the principles set out in group policy	May enter into agreement allowing share management of the premises
·			Arranges for the regular inspection of the
Determines group community use policy to ensure schools are at the heart of their		Ensures that the fabric of the school, furniture and fittings are kept in good order	fabric of the school, furniture and fittings
communities where possible		through work with on-site facilities staff and the central estates team	Agrees with the Principal/Head Teacher programmes of minor building work
communities where possible			

Functions and Responsibilities of the Parties: (15) Charging for School Activities			
Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)
Approves group charging policy		Implements school charging policy	Prepares charging policy for Board approval
Ensures charging policy is consistent with law relating to charges within maintained academies			



Functions and Responsibilities of the Parties: (16) Management of Complaints			
Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)
Approves group complaints policy	Receives report on complaints at each meeting	Implements complaints policy  Reports on complaints at each Academy  Council meeting	Proposes and advises on implementation of complaints policy

Functions and Responsibilities of the Parties: (17) Providing Information				
Board of Directors	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)	
Determines group Data Protection policy in line with Data Protection Act 2018  Supplies DfE and Secretary of State with any information asked for including examination and National Curriculum assessment information  Monitors via delegation to the Audit & Risk Committee compliance with Data Protection, GDPR and FOI legislation	Receives regular flow of information from Principal/Head Teacher using group reporting formats	Responsible for ensuring school compliance with Data Protection policy, GDPR and FOI legislation  Provides Academy Council with regular reports in group format and additional information as required  Supplies appropriate information to parents and prospective parents  Reports regularly and frequently to parents on their child's educational achievements including at least one annual written report  Provides school leavers with report on achievements  Keeps pupils' educational records and allows access in line with regulations	Responsible for overseeing Subject Access Requests and FOI requests in compliance with most recent legislation	



<b>Board of Directors</b>	Academy Council	Principal/Head Teacher	Executive Team (Head Office)
Through the oversight of its Safeguarding Committee has overall responsibility for the group Child protection policy, its implementation and monitoring Receives assurances through the reporting of the Safeguarding Committee that each school has regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State	Safeguarding is a standing item on every agenda  Follows group guidance and templates to monitor safeguarding  Appoints a member to have local oversight of safeguarding, who completes checks in line with group guidance and reports back to the Academy Council	Responsible for:  Implementing the Child protection policy  Adhering to all statutory and group safeguarding requirements  Making sure all pupils are properly safeguarded  Appointing a Designated Safeguarding Lead and ensuring they are properly supported to carry out their duties  Ensuring that the school meets its statutory requirements to appoint staff into statutory roles  Ensures that the school has regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.	Through the work of the Director of Quality Assurance and the Director of Safeguarding, who are the executives responsible for leadership of safeguarding across the Trust, ensures all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements relating to safeguarding are met, including the statutory maintenance of the Single Central Record. Director of Safeguarding reports regularly to the Safeguarding Committee