

**Summary of discussions of the Local Academy Committee meeting
held on Monday 18th May 2026 at 5:15pm on MS Teams**

Membership	Initial	Category	Absence
Ms J England	JE	Staff Governor	A
Mr K Leckie	KL	Appointed Governor	
Mr M Martin	MM	Appointed Governor	
Miss K O'Hagan	KOH	Appointed Governor	A
Mr P Renshaw	PR	Appointed Governor	A
Mrs S Rhodes	SR	Parent Governor	
Mr G Roberts	GR	Appointed Governor	A
Mr A Ward	AW	Parent Governor	A
Ms S Wilson	SW (Chair)	Appointed Governor	
Quorum required: 4 Governors present: 4			

In Attendance	Initial	Position	Absence
Mrs A Hewitt	AH	Governance Professional	
Mr T Jackson	TIJ	Vice Principal	A
Mr T Reid	TER	Principal	
Mr D Vernon	DV	Executive Principal	

Outstanding Actions Log

C = Complete	CF = Carried Forward	I – Incomplete (CF more than once)
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Item	Meeting Ref	Action Req	Responsibility	Timeline	Update	C/CF
AC/27/2526	19.01.26	Add PFI update to LAC in Spring/Summer term.	TER/AH	18.05.26	Item added to May meeting agenda No update ready, Item added to June agenda.	CF
AC/40/25/26	16.03.26	SEND link governor feedback from meeting	SR	18.05.26	CF to May agenda but governor not present. Governor will be completing another link visit	

					before end of term.	
AC/43/2526	16.03.26	Post 16 students attending LAC	TER	18.05.26	Student leadership interviews for P16 happening now. TER advised on expectation to attend LACs in 2026/27 to contribute/listen.	
AC/46/2526	16.03.26	Feedback on 'Hold & Secure' procedure	KOH	18.05.26	TER reported in absence of KOH. Recent rest went well overall. System worked well and enhancements have been made. IT is creating a PA system. Vulnerable areas held well. Will continue to push for separate system.	

Q = Question from governors

A = Answer from senior leadership

Item	Key Points/Summary	Action Req	Responsibility	Timeline
AC/49/2526	Apologies for absence Apologies received and accepted from GR (work commitment), JE (family commitment), KOH (holiday), PR (unknown reason) and TIJ. AW was not in attendance (no apologies recorded).			
AC/50/2526	Declaration of interest and any changes to declarations made The Clerk noted that AW will need to update his DOI after recently changing employment.	Update to DoI	AW	Immediate

AC/51/2526	Action Log of the previous Academy Committee meeting Action Log of meeting dated 16th March 2026 was received and agreed.			
AC/52/2526	Outstanding items from the previous meeting Outstanding Actions Log discussed and updated.			
AC/53/2526	Governance Report - SEND Link Report feedback: SR was initially present but had dropped out of the meeting at this point (5.23pm). As no questions had arisen at both LAC meetings, Clerk suggested this action be updated when the next link visit is completed. - Membership and link governors: SW informed the LAC that GR will step down at the end of the academic year. This leaves a gap for safeguarding link governor. This is a statutory role to fill, ideally by end of summer term. - Governors Discipline Panel - update on complaints letter Council: TER and governors happy with letter. Clerk to post and response will be forwarded to LAC when it arrives.	Email governors regarding safeguarding link vacancy. Post/email letter to LCC	SW Clerk	By 29.06.26 Immediate
AC/54/2526 SR returned 5.28pm	Principal's Report: ERM The ERM was circulated prior to the meeting. Q) Attendance figures look very good. Although there are improvements in FSM and SEND attendance, there is still a gap in most year groups. Please can you summarise any further actions being taken, and is there anything you would like the link governor visits to focus on to support this? A) Attendance has improved significantly and the academy is celebrating being in the top 25% of all FFT Secondary Schools in England and top 25% of similar FFT			

	Secondary Schools in England during the Spring term 2025/26. For FSM we were trending below but are now above national and are above national for SEN Support. Attendance for EHCP students is lower than national, which is to be expected. Students with EHCP's in Nottinghamshire are very complex and would not be in school all the time due to health and anxiety related reasons. Overall, it is a positive picture and we will maintain this going forward. Currently, year 9's are a concern due to some individual students and year 11 students are not attending after/between exams, despite study leave not starting until half term. The Executive Principal emphasised the achievement of East Leake Academy stating that the academy was 1.3% above national and this was an increase of 0.9%. The DfE have reported that 80% of schools nationally will not reach target attendance so for ELA to be in this positive position is a big achievement and a credit to the staff. Link governors advised to check in with staff on what they do to support attendance. • Governors commented that this was excellent and thanked staff for their work in this area. Q) Please explain "OI area" assessments - how do we understand what each area is and whether it is ok or not? A) It was explained that this is a change in the Ofsted Framework. Schools must now meet the criteria for all bullet points and as a minimum we must meet the expected standard. At the moment we are expected and looking to go strong and maintain. The AIR next term will show how secure we are. Ofsted has recently visited other schools within the Trust so we are able to learn from this. There is more focus on leadership. • Governors commented that future meetings should show how this evaluation develops.			
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	Q) Increase in P16 numbers - this looks very positive. Are there any challenges presented by this increase? A) P16 is fully staffed. It is a positive outlook as long as the numbers come through, including many external applications. It all comes down to results day. The Loughborough area has been targeted for marketing and we have seen an increase in applications. We want to be Loughborough's Sixth Form of choice. <i>Verbal report: Confirm admission numbers for 2026/27 and staffing numbers/vacancies</i> • Year 6 into year 7 is at PAN • Staffing in place <i>Verbal report: In-year admissions numbers – all year groups</i> • Any students that leave, there are students that replace <i>H&S Committee minutes</i> • Minutes received. There were no questions or comments from governors. <i>Any Cat C trips/review</i> • Spreadsheet received. There were no questions or comments from governors. <i>Safeguarding/Compliance and culture</i> • Template received. There were no comments or questions from governors. <i>Receive any surveys/audit/review reports</i> • No current update to report <i>Staff & pupil well-being</i> • No current update to report			
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	<i>Staff professional development</i> • No current update to report <i>Data Protection</i> • No current update to report <i>Complaints</i> • No current update to report <i>Policies/local policy appendix to review/ratify</i> • No current update to report <i>SEND/PP update</i> • No current update to report <i>Stakeholders update</i> • No current update to report <i>Spring term evaluation of AIP</i> • Forward to June meeting	LAC6 to include AIP update	Clerk/TER	29.06.26
AC/55/2526	Policies The following Policies were approved during Spring B: • Audit and Risk Committee • Risk Policy • Whistleblowing • Standards and Outcomes • Behaviour Policy • Supporting students with medical needs • Safeguarding Finance and Resources • Expenses policy • Charges and remissions policy • Pay and reward policy There were no questions from governors.			
AC/56/2526	How has the Academy Committee held the Senior Leaders to account and how have the vision, mission and values of the Trust been upheld? ➤ Attendance: positives and trends, FSM and SEND improvements ➤ Ofsted framework changes			

AC/57/2526	Complete the report to Trustees and receive comments from Trustees from last report • No Trustee comments were reported. • ELA LAC report to Trust completed			
AC/35/2526	Determination of confidentiality of business and Equality Act consideration. • There were no confidential items to note. • Equality Act considered throughout the meeting.			
AC/36/2526	Date and time of next Academy Committee meeting • Monday 29th June 2026 at 5.15pm in the library. • Trustee, Margaret Blore, will be in attendance. Close: 17.47			

Signed: *Sharon Wilson* (approved by Chair for circulation)

Date: 21.05.26

Signed: *Tom Reid* (approved by Principal for circulation)

Date: 20.05.26

Approved by LAC: 29.06.26