



## MINUTES OF THE FEDERATION TRUST MEETING

Thursday 16 May 2024, 8.15am  
Harington School

### Present

Andrew Cross, Rob Guthrie, Andrew Holt (Chair), Alex Mould, Clive Norgaard Morton, Martyn Rhowbotham, Mark Tinkler, Stuart Williams (Executive Principal).

### In Attendance

Oliver Teasel (Head of Harington School), Chris Wilson (Chief Finance Officer), Sheryl Wilson (Governance Professional).

#### 1. Welcome introductions and apologies for absence

Andrew Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Guy Magrath, Lindsey Madeley-Harland and Kelly Jackson.

#### 2. Declarations of Personal Interest and Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of personal or pecuniary interest.

#### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 February 2024 and Minutes from the Audit and Scrutiny Risk Assessment Committee held on Thursday 21 March 2024, topic budget setting

The minutes were signed to be a true and accurate record.

#### 4. Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters from the previous minutes.

#### 5. Governance Professional

Due to work commitments, Lindsey Madeley-Harland had been unable to attend Trust meetings during this academic year. Trustees agreed that it is still beneficial for Lindsey to be a trustee and would therefore assess the situation in a year's time, if there is still some difficulty with work commitments and attending.

An expression of interest to join the Catmose Local Governing Body had been received from Peter Onslow. It was unanimously agreed that Peter's skills and experience would be beneficial and he will be appointed by the Trust subject to the necessary checks to the Catmose College Local Governing Body.

A chart will be put together by the clerk detailing the male/female ratio of governors for each of the local governing bodies.

## 6. Principal's Update

Stuart Williams shared a letter from Ofsted's Chief Inspector praising the College's recent Ofsted inspection and subsequent judgement of Outstanding in all categories, with no areas for improvement.

### Head of School Catmose Primary Update

Year 6 pupils are currently doing SATs. A primary school governor had visited the school and was very complimentary about the SATs process. There are 209 children on roll and 30 children will join in September. Teaching is in a good place and behaviour is very good with few incidents. Pupil attendance has remained strong and there is a whole range of opportunities for pupils at the school. Part of the transformation plan next year will be a focus on the higher ability pupils.

### Head of School Harington Update

Oliver Teasel reported that Year 13 are now on study leave and they had a lovely afternoon tea party prior to exam leave starting. 330 applications have been received to join in September, which is 30 above previous years. Head students have recently been appointed for next year and they will take a lead in areas of the transformation plan. Rob Kerley has been appointed as an additional Deputy Head of School.

## 7. Catmose Sports Centre Closure

The local authority have recently made the decision to close Catmose Sports Centre. Stuart Williams outlined the history of the sports centre. (A separate paper will be put together for the purpose of the forthcoming scrutiny panel).

Stuart Williams was given delegated approval by trustees to negotiate a dilapidation fee with the local authority in order to consider release of the lease back to the Trust. He will report back progress at the scrutiny meeting for further discussions. Details of current costings of the sports centre will be presented at the scrutiny panel meeting. Trustees unanimously agreed that the Trust's core business is education, however, consideration will be given to the use of the sports hall for community use.

### Date of next meeting

Trust meeting – Thursday 4 July 2024, 8.15am

Members' annual meeting – Thursday 4 July 2024, 3pm