



# ALEXANDER HOSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Roots to grow, wings to fly'*

## Full Governing Board Meeting Minutes - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Governor's Day 1-3pm

### Attendance:

Deb Williams (Headteacher/DW)  
Claire Blowers (CB, co-opted governor)  
Stacey Giles (SG, parent governor)  
Sam Nunn (SN, clerk)  
Julie-Anne Webber (JAW, parent governor)  
Rob Crerar (RC, Chair)  
Katy Hillier (KH, co-opted governor)  
Jenny Narborough (JN, vice chair)  
Tara-Lou Price (TLP, SBM, co-opted governor)  
Dan Feaster (DF, Deputy Head)

### Apologies:

Tom Longstaff  
Leanne Peachey

### Absent:

Gareth Fielding

**Reminder: declare any interest that you may have in any decision prior to that decision being reached.**

Ref. (Time)	Item	Comments	Actions
1.	<b>Welcomes and apologies</b> <i>Determine if meeting is quorate (6)</i>	Apologies from TL.	
2.	<b>Declaration of Interests</b> <i>Governors to declare if they have any business interests relevant to the items on this agenda</i>	No interests declared.	
3.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> <i>To confirm as a true and accurate record</i>	Minutes agreed as being an accurate representation of the meeting.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising</b> <i>To check actions from last FGB</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>J-AW to share feedback during next FGB re: staff meeting subject leader updates.</li><li>In house catering – from P&amp;F</li></ul>	JAW feedback: JAW explained that it was interesting to hear feedback from the different subject leaders.  <b>Question- Are there going to be some curriculum changes soon?</b>	Add white paper to next FGB agenda

		<p><b>How will AHS manage these changes?</b> DW explained that the Government are due to share changes in January 2027. Schools will then have until September 2028 to implement these changes. DW said that she would like subject leaders to be involved in this with Leaf.</p> <p>Discussion around the changes with EHCPs. DW explained the changes over the next couple of years. There will still be the South Glos offer and networking within Leaf to support. National College will contain updates for governors.</p> <p>DW explained how funding will work in the future and how this will work within the budget. It is believed that EHCPs will be minimal. Children with a Any significant need will have an EHCP.</p> <p>Catering discussed in P&amp;F – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Committee Reports</b>  <i>To provide updates and ask questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching and Learning</li> <li>• Premises and Finance</li> <li>• Staffing and Welfare</li> </ul>	None.	
6.	<p><b>Head Teacher’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DfE attendance summary</li> <li>• Admissions to Reception 2026</li> </ul>	<p><b>Assessment:</b>  Assessments have taken place recently in school. Data to be shared at next T&amp;L.</p> <p><b>Attendance:</b>  DfE report to be given to a T&amp;L committee member - JN  DW explained that it shows how AHS compares to schools, vulnerable groups, areas of strength.  From September, it will be statutory that schools act on next steps given.</p> <p>Headlines:  96.2% which is close to pre-pandemic figure.</p>	

		<p>DW explained that some schools are struggling to reach pre-pandemic attendance levels.</p> <p><b>Strengths:</b>  Tuesday mornings % is higher than other schools. Year 2 and 5 have strong attendance.  SEN attendance: 91% - some children need hospital visits etc...but this is lower than AHS would like. Two children are on part time timetables which impacts this data.  DW stated that AHS are working with professionals from South Glos to support a child with their attendance.  FSM attendance – 89.9%  Both children on part time timetables are included within this.  Discussion around reasons for this attendance figure.</p> <p>Numbebrs on roll: 208  One child has left year 5.  One new child has joined year 1.  Another child is due to join year 1.  Reception child due to leave the area soon.</p> <p><b>Preferences for admissions:</b>  Admission number: 30  34 first choice places received.  DW stated that the reception class will be full from September.  One child will stay in reception from the current reception cohort so there will be 29 places on offer.</p> <p>AHS currently has four places in year 1, one place in both year 5 and 2.</p> <p>Logs are being kept for bullying, racist incidents - SG and DW to meet for monitoring purposes.</p> <p><b>ELSA:</b>  One trained ELSA. One due to finish and complete soon.</p>	<p>SG and DW to meet for monitoring logs.</p>
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		<p><b>Demographics:</b>  51% boys  R, Yr 2 – have a high proportion of boys.  Yr 1 and 4 – there are fewer boys.</p> <p>Minority ethnic background – lower than national. AHS 10.6% and National 38.4%  EAL – National 23% AHS 1.9%</p> <p>Homegrown:  R 100%  Year 1 – 92%  Year 2 – 96.6%  Year 3 – 93.8%  Year 4 – 93.3%  Year 5 – 65.5%  Year 6 – 84.4%</p> <p>SEN:  AHS 16% National 18.3%  Highest % is in year 5 and 6.  R comes out low but AHS don't put children on the SEN register quickly. This may change as this cohort move through the school.</p> <p>EHCP:  Highest in year 1 and 4.  Some year groups are higher than national.  None in year 2 and 3.</p> <p><b>Question: What is the SEN – all percentage?</b> This includes SEN support and ECHP.</p> <p>FSM:  Below national.  Statutory year groups - 2 and 6 - have no PP this year.  Summer born – year 1, 4 and 6 have a higher proportion of summer born children.</p> <p>Health and Safety:  TLP leads on this.  TL is Health and Safety governor.  Statutory requirement to have a Risk Register. This has now been drafted on the Leaf template.</p>	<p>Member of P&amp;F to review and share at next meeting.</p>
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		<p>PP: One extra child in year 1.</p> <p>SDP: DW has added new priorities for 2026.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Launch and embed new preschool.</li> <li>2. Engage with the Leasf Trust to support a smooth transition to the trust.</li> <li>3. Accelerate incremental gains in transcription in writing and arithmetic in maths.</li> </ol> <p>AHS would like arithmetic scores to be higher in KS2 SATs to ensure children reach the EXS.</p> <p><b>Question – which year groups have SATs?</b> DW explained the process for year 2 and 6. There is a Year 1 phonics screener. Year 4 have the MTC - % of children that have got 25/25 is reported.</p> <p>Discussion around the use of TTRS and the importance of knowing times tables. Discussion around access arrangements for the MTC.</p> <p>Mathletics changes: Discussion around the changes to the website.</p> <p>Staffing: Two TAs to be trained as HLTAs in September. £1500 cost for the school. There will be cost saving benefits compared to supply.</p>	
7.	<b>Update on Pupil Premium and Disadvantaged Pupils.</b>	<p>Update from DF. DF shared percentages and information for the PP children. There are more boys but this is still lower than national average. Homegrown – 64.3% 50% of PP on SEN register. Attendance: HB checks termly. DF explained the attendance figures to governors as well as progress data for these children.</p>	

		<p>Children are still working below age related expectations but are making progress.</p> <p>DF discussed clubs offered for PP children. KS1 children have not joined. Positive outlook for KS2 as all of these children have joined. KS1 offer may need to change.</p>	
8.	<b>Leaf Update</b>	<p>SN had to leave. SG took on minute taking.</p> <p>RN chased up. Should hear by the end of April. The financial deficit shouldn't impact the conversion.</p>	
9.	<b>Nursery Application Update</b>	<p>Application approved.</p> <p>Details going into the newsletter this week. DW to talk to WOOSC. Policies need to be in place prior to offering places.</p>	DW to talk to WOOSC.
10.	<b>School Based Nursery Working Party</b>	<p>Nursery working group meeting Wed 22nd April at 2.15pm.</p> <p>DF, RC, SG, DW, KH, JN, TLP, DB</p>	
11.	<b>Monitoring</b> <i>To update the board on any monitoring activities</i>	None	
12.	<b>Future Planning for School</b>	Leaf update as above.	
13.	<b>Documentation/Policy Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching and Learning Policy.</li> <li>• Health, Safety and Wellbeing policy</li> <li>• PSHE policy</li> </ul>	<p>Teaching and learning policy update to come from DF July FGB</p> <p>H&amp;S policy - refer to P&amp;F</p> <p>PSHE - no update yet</p>	Teaching and learning policy update to come from DF July FGB

14.	<b>Governor Admin</b> •	RC - GDPR and prevent training CB – Prevent training	RC - GDPR and prevent training CB – Prevent training
15.	<b>GDPR</b> <i>Update given if required</i>	Covered in P&F	
16.	<b>AOB</b> •	Anaphylaxis training for all staff required from September 2026 onwards. New regulation announced.	
17.	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	Change of date: 14th May 6-8pm instead of 21st May	

<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Signed:</b>	

