



Plymouth CAST
Multi Academy Trust

**Full Cast Board Meeting – Wednesday 11th March 2026
in OLSP Staffroom @ 18:00**

Attendance:

Mrs C Blatchford	Headteacher	CB
Mrs L Coulter	Chair of Governors	LC
Father A Lawes	Foundation Governor	AL
Mrs J Gillespie	Vice Chair	JG
Mrs G Dyson	Foundation Governor	GD
Mr D Saw	Parent Governor	DS
Mrs C Carlin	Co-Opted Governor	CC
Mrs M Nock	Staff Governor	MN

Sarah Jackson Clerk to Governors

SJ

No.	Description	Decisions/Actions
1.	Welcome and Opening Prayer: Meeting begins at 18.04 with a welcome from LC and prayer from AL	
2.	Apologies and Confirmation of Quorum: MN joining via link as unable to attend in person. JG not arrived	Quorum confirmed.
3.	Governance Procedures: Declarations of Interest - none Approve minutes of last meeting (14th January 2026) - done Summary of o/s actions - none Chair's business - none Clerk's business - none	Minutes on HUB
4.	School Leadership: CB explains that the data drop is at the end of term, so will always be discussed in Term 1 and will need to come off future agendas.	SJ to do
5.	RE and Catholic Life: LC asks AL if he had been able to come in and do a visit? AL confirms that he did manage to come in, although he only really saw Year 3. GD asks if he enjoyed the learning walk? AL replies that he did a learning walk with KW and he is pleased that it is very clear that we are a Catholic school. Prayer space is good and the interaction with the RE story was good. In general school is doing well with the new directory, transition and learning. KW has said there is one class teacher struggling and needs support.	

WDE 13/5/26

AL questions that whilst staff are creating lessons do they actually understand what it means? Staff CPD will help with this. GD asks CB if training happens on inset days? CB replies that it does. AL asks whether the staff feel that they can ask for help? GD says that she thinks so, this school in particular really supports the staff. CB says that AL is saying that the teaching is a step up from the past curriculum and that the teachers need more experience as it is their first time teaching it and they will need more practice before they can be a greater depth. CB goes on to say that they had Dawn Potterton from the Diocese last Monday and it went well and she has no concerns.

AL asks CB how the mission statement went? CB replies that it went really well. LC asks if we have a new mission statement? CB replies that each child voted and we had 36 parent votes in and the overall winner was 'We grow together with kind hearts and curious minds' AL asks why God isn't in there? He likes the statement, but we are a Catholic school so it needs to mention God. CB says it was discussed a lot, went back and forth to parents and went to consultation with the staff. GD asks if we could add God in or say that the governors have rejected it? AL mentions that he never received anything regarding choosing the mission statement. CB replies that no results have been shared with the parents yet, so we can look at it.

AL does agree that the parish will fund books (YouCAT for kids) for the pupils to help with the teaching of RE.

6.

Inclusion: (JG in at 18.28 with apologies)

JG had a good meeting with ROS in February, but she wasn't able to check on PP with CB as she was in class teaching. SEN pupils progress is being assessed really well, making small steps but all good. TA support and resources and SENDCO hours are paid from PP funding but the £49,000 does not cover it all - school is not being funded for all the support. Thankfully EHCP monies are being backdated and there are currently 5 EHCPs pending which will then bring a total of 10 in school which is above the national average. ROS only had one day a week to work on SEN so she is hoping to get more hours to help catch up. CB mentions that ROS is also helping other SENDCOs at other schools

CC asks about FSM and JG replies that it's just PP really and there has been no change. CB says that this pays for the Family Support Worker and the Attendance Officer and also helps with the cost of the residential trips. CB also says that the outcomes for PP children are looking strong this year.

Notes to Visit on
HUB

7.

Safeguarding and Child Protection:

LC will be in on the 1st April for pupil conferencing with ROS. But she has checked that the SCR is all up to date, the alarm on the library door has been done and the recent lockdown drill took less than 3 minutes.

Notes to Visit on
HUB

8.

Health, Safety & GDPR -

MN asks with regards to contractors/visitors - how do they comply with safety standards? CB asks if she can clarify the question. MN replies, what happens if they come in and do not have a DBS? CB replies that they will then be accompanied around the school by a member of staff. MN asks how do we protect data from breaches? CB replies that all staff have done GDPR training and any breaches are recorded & reported.

Notes to Visit on
HUB

9.

Whole LCB Responsibility:

LC - re actions in the DSEF, believe all this has been covered. CB says that she does a self evaluation for school and is focusing on the

teaching of RE and making sure they are going in the right direction with the RED curriculum. LC asks CB if it is hard? CB replies that it is quite content heavy

Cast Policies (for information):

10. Plymouth CAST Finance Regulations and Policy
Plymouth CAST Finance Procedures v1.4
Plymouth CAST Medical Conditions Policy
Plymouth CAST Allegations Against Staff and Low Level Concerns Policy
Plymouth CAST Separated Parents Policy
OLSP Plymouth CAST SEND Policy

All policies on the
HUB - Governors
informed

11. **School Level Policies:**

None

12

AOB:

DS asks if there was any feedback from the Friends on the shed? CB replies that they have agreed to fund a new one and MP's husband will take the old one down, so we just have to think of how to get rid of it now.

CB informs the governors that school got 100% in their website compliance

Also the two children that left in May last year have now returned to the school

Meeting ends at 18.53 with thanks from LC

Date of next LGB: Wednesday 14th May 2026 (JG sends her apologies now)

Signed by Chair.....



Dated

13/5/26