MINUTES:

BOARD: Local Academy Committee meeting of

SCHOOL: Lindley Junior School

DATE: 6th July 2026

TIME: 4.30 pm

VENUE: Lindley Junior School

ATTENDED: Treena Boothby (TB)
Matthew Bottom (MB)
Catherine Green – Assistant Headteacher
Sharon Farr – Chair
Helen Hall (HH)
Claire Heath – Deputy Headteacher
Emma McKenna – Headteacher
Protima Mithal (PM)
Laura Saville (LS)
Geoff Trueman (GT)
Gill Waddington (GW

APOLOGIES: N/A

ATTENDING: Stacey Fountain - Judicium Clerk

The Code of Conduct for Governors requires governors to be honest and open with regard to conflicts of interest (either real or perceived). Governors must not use their position for personal gain in business, political or social relationships. Therefore, a governor who has, or may be perceived to have, such a personal interest in a particular matter under consideration should declare that interest, withdraw from all discussions relating to it and take no part in any vote on such matter.

Items marked * are those in which a majority of Governors may have an interest because of some shared attribute. When considering these items, Governors should aim to achieve a balanced view, paying particular attention to the sources of information and advice, and remind themselves of their duties as governors and to act in the public interest.

Item	
1	**Welcome, and Introductions:** The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm Those present were welcomed by the Chair.
2 2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4	**Procedural items:** **Apologies for absence –** Apologies for absence as recorded were accepted by the Governors. **Confirmation of Quorum –** The meeting was confirmed as quorate. **Declarations of interest for this Meeting –** No pecuniary or personal interests were advised for any agenda item for this meeting. **Confidentiality Statement –** All matters discussed during the meeting are confidential until the Minutes have been approved. Any items recorded in the Confidential Part II Minutes remain confidential after the Part II Minutes have been approved.
3	**Any Other Business –** No additional business was confirmed.

4	**Minutes -** The Minutes of the previous meeting on 20th May 2026 were approved and will be signed by the Chair.
5	**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

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10.2	All outstanding governors to complete Prevent training and send the certificate to the Headteacher**.**	Outstanding Governors	Completed

6	**Correspondence –** No correspondence was shared with the governors.
7	**Headteacher's Report –** The Headteacher's report was shared in advance of the meeting.
7.1	The Headteacher noted that pupil numbers have decreased minimally since the last LAC meeting. The school has over 50 registered EAL students across the school. The Headteacher knows this is higher, as some parents have not registered their children as EAL. The school is talking to these families to ensure that the school's register is correct,
7.2	The LA has asked the school to accept a child via the fair access panel. The school has reviewed the documentation provided and arranged to meet with the family and introduce the child to the school.
7.3	The school has received 3 Year 2 appeals. 1 have been successful and granted a place for the next academic year.
7.4	Attendance is currently at 96.15%. Families have taken term-time holidays and been issued with fines accordingly. 28 children are persistently absent (PA). This has reduced throughout the year. The school have incentives across the school to encourage attendance and will go to children's homes to collect children and bring them into school.
7.5	There is currently an ongoing food consultation, which will become compulsory from September 2027.
7.6	There are currently 25 children at the school with an EHCP. From September 2026, additional children with EHCP's are expected to join the school.
7.7	New staff members have settled into the school well, and teacher absences have reduced this academic year.
7.8	The MAT has issued an allergy policy which the school has adopted due to Benedict's Law becoming compulsory from September 2026.
7.9	Events taking place at the school were shared with governors.
7.10	The School Development Plan Objectives are currently under review for the new academic year.
7.11	**Q –** It has been announced that there is a delay in releasing the SATs results. How will this impact the children and the school? **A –** There will be no direct impact on the school or pupils other than frustration and potential distress and/or prolonged anxiety.
7.12	**Q –** Would the school's finances benefit from fundraising help, considering the closure of the school lottery and the recent Ping regarding insufficient parental input on recent school trips?

	A - The closure of the school lottery is twofold; numbers were dwindling because people had more pressing things to spend their money on. The paperwork and returns required considerable effort for the return to school financially, which was negligible in relation to what was donated. The contributions towards trips and visitors vary quite dramatically by year group; we have to be careful about what we use any fundraising for, as much like the PTFA, it has to be for the benefit of all pupils rather than individuals. Pupils in receipt of PP funding have their trips and visits subsidised already, and we offer payment plans; it is not these pupils' parents who fail to contribute to the costs. With reminders, we have now received approx. another 33% of those contributions from parents. The biggest and 'easiest' fundraiser for the school is the disco and any performances, shows and concerts which we run. These often raise between £500 and several £1000s of pounds.
7.13	Standardised data was shared with governors during the meeting, and gaps between groups of children were explained to the governors. The data includes reading, writing and math.
7.14	**Q –** How can further improvements be made to the data in future years? **A –** Next academic year, the school is looking to provide additional support to greater depth children, including working in small groups to stretch and develop them further,
7.15	It was noted that multiplication checks have taken place in year 4, and data was shared with governors.
7.16	The Headteacher noted that in 2022, 15% of children achieved full marks compared to 47% in 2026.
7.17	Governors praised the school for the achievements made in all areas.
8 8.1	**Premises –** During the summer holidays, work on some of the toilets is being completed. Other toilets will be completed during future school holidays. Capital grants have been received and will be used towards the work.
8.2	New outdoor cabins are being purchased, and these will be used for SEN children. The den is being redecorated during the summer holidays.
8.3	Outdoor space – CG is visiting local schools to look at their outdoor space. The school is currently split into 2 playgrounds for years 3 and 4 and years 5 and 6. The school is looking to create zoning areas across both playgrounds so that the children can access all areas for different activities. The activities being considered include dens, reading areas, a scooter track, and a run-around zone. Plans will be shared with governors once available.
8.4	Year 6 external doors are being replaced during the summer holidays.
9 9.1	**Governor matters** **Link Reports –** 1 governor has completed a visit and will submit their report.
9.2	**Governor Training -** The Headteacher noted that there is training available on the NGA website for governors.
10 10.1	**Safeguarding & Health & Safety** 4 serious incidents have occurred in school since the last FGB meeting.

10.2 10.3	The Headteacher provided governors with safeguarding referrals currently being made. The school has been using CPOMs since May 2026 for safeguarding concerns. The Headteacher provided an overview of incidents that have taken place at the school.
11	**Finance –** May 2026 budget report was shared in advance of the meeting. 26/27 and 27/28 budget plans have been submitted to the DfE.
12	**Policies –** No policies required approval during this meeting.
13	**Questions for Trust Board** The CEO shared the governance strategic preparation guide in advance of the meeting.
14	**Any Other Urgent Business (AOB) –** No additional business was discussed.
	The meeting was closed by the Chair at 5.48 pm.

Actions arising from the Minutes of the FGB meeting held on 6th July 2026

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	N/A		

Outstanding items – No outstanding items

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