Leverhulme
Church of England and Community Trust

STANDARDS AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members:	**A White (Chair), S Oyen, Vacancy and P Roach (CEO)**
Clerk:	E Stoddard (Clerk to the Trust)
Quorum:	Two members of the committee
Meetings:	Committee to meet at least once per term
Date agreed:	Summer term 2026
Review date:	Summer term 2027

1. Constitution

1.1 The Leverhulme Academy Trust Director's has resolved to establish a Standards Committee to advise the Trust on matters relating to the Trust's curriculum, quality of teaching and learning, behaviour, and welfare and outcomes for students.

1.2 The Committee is responsible to the Trust.

2. Authority

2.1 The Committee will undertake an annual review of its performance and of these Terms of Reference, and recommend any changes needed to the Trust for approval.

2.2 The Committee is authorised to investigate any activity within its Terms of Reference or specifically delegated to it by the Trust. It is authorised to request any information it requires from any employee of the Trust and all employees are directed to co-operate with any request made by the Committee.

2.3 The Committee is authorised to obtain any outside legal or independent professional advice it considers necessary.

3. Main Duties

3.1 To monitor and advise the Trust each term on the following:

3.1.1 Outcomes and achievement for all of the Trust's academies
3.1.2 Teaching and Learning
3.1.3 Behaviour and welfare
3.1.4 Leadership
3.1.5 School improvement plan and self-evaluation
3.1.6 Any issues arising from LGC

3.2 To monitor and advise the trust on:

3.2.1 SEND and inclusion
3.2.2 Partnership and community working
3.2.3 Admissions
3.2.4 Curriculum

4. Terms of Reference

4.1 The Committee may use exception reporting in relation to receive performance information to fulfil its detailed responsibilities.

Detailed Responsibilities

4.2 In the context of the mission statement determined by the Members and the trust, the Committee shall consider and advise the Trust on the following specific matters:

4.3 **Curriculum**

4.3.1 The Academies statutory requirements in relation to the curriculum offer and other curriculum issues such as spiritual, moral social and cultural learning.

4.3.2 Staffing requirement to fulfil the curriculum and the academies objectives.

4.4 **Outcomes and Standards**

4.4.1 To monitor and review the achievement of strategic objectives, in particular the overview of performance against quantitative and qualitative benchmarks for key indicators/outcomes and the Ofsted framework, providing challenge and recommending remedial actions where required in line with the Academy Improvement Plan.

4.4.2 To monitor the provision and outcomes for SEND and disadvantaged students.

4.5 **Teaching and Learning**

4.5.1 To receive reports on the effectiveness of teaching and learning on the outcomes for students. To review the quality of impact of professional development and ensure there are sustainable leadership plans.

4.6 **Quality Assurance**

4.6.1 To receive progress reports on the implementation of post-Ofsted action plans and any other formal evaluation reports related to the quality and achievement of learning across the Trust to further inform and develop the Trust's quality improvement plans and strategies.

4.6.2 To review outcomes, identifying significant changes in performance, emerging trends and risks in relation to future performance of each Academy.

4.7 **Behaviour and welfare**

4.7.1 To have an overview of standards of behaviour within each academy including fixed term and permanent exclusions.

4.7.2 To have an overview of student attendance compared to national benchmarks.

4.7.3 To ensure each academy is compliant with providing the appropriate provision for LAC students.

4.8 Policies

4.8.1 To advise on and recommend for adoption by the Trust and approve as relevant all policies relating to the curriculum, outcomes, teaching & learning, behaviour & welfare and any other policies requested by the Trust.

5. Administration

5.1 The Standards Committee will meet at least once per term. The Chair or any two members may call a meeting.

5.2 The Standards Committee will consist of a minimum of three members of the trust. Additionally, up to two external co-opted members with particular expertise may also be appointed who are not members of the trust.

5.3 The Chair of the Standards Committee will be appointed by the Standards Committee at their autumn term meeting for a two-year term of office. The CEO may not act as Chair to the Committee. If the Chair is absent from a meeting, the members shall choose another member, who is also a member of the trust, to act as Chair for that meeting.

5.4 The Standards Committee will be quorate if two members are present.

5.5 Other members of the Trust's staff may be invited to attend but will have no voting rights.

5.6 Administrative support will be provided by the Clerk to the trust.

5.7 Agendas will be agreed in advance by the Chair of the Standards Committee (based on, but not limited to, a pre-agreed annual schedule of activity) and papers will be circulated to members and attendees at least 5 working days in advance of the meeting.

5.8 Minutes of meetings will be taken and submitted to the next scheduled meeting of the trust once approved in draft by the Chair of the Committee.

5.9 The Standards Committee will review these terms of reference and self- assess its performance against these terms of reference on an annual basis.

5.10 The members of the Committee shall hold office from the date of their appointment until the resignation or their omission from membership of the Committee on subsequent consideration by the trust (whichever shall first happen).