



# Trustee Board update

## February 2020

We think it is important that you know and understand as much as possible about our work as a Trustee Board. This summary is published to give you an overview of the things that we are considering at our meetings and what our current priorities are.

Summary of our main agenda items:		Insight into our current priorities:	
<b>Finance</b>	The current financial position is excellent. The result of the latest funding allocation is due shortly; thereafter the medium to long term financial strategy will be reviewed.	<b>Head Teacher recruitment:</b> Unfortunately the selection panel were not able to make an appointment and the current arrangements will remain in place. It is proposed to advertise internally for an Acting Deputy Head Teacher on a fixed term appointment until such time as a new Head Teacher has been appointed. Thanks has been extended to the students and staff who participated in elements of the recruitment process, together with the external members of the panel.	
<b>Teaching and Learning outcomes</b>	Updates on the current T&L outcomes and were provided with reassurance on small areas where current performance is below the required standards. Overall T & L is line with previous years where the Blue Coat School has been judged amongst the highest % of outcomes nationally	<b>Trust Board membership:</b> - The recent parental ballot resulted in two new members joining the Board (upon completion of standard statutory checks and induction). The Board has agreed to co-opt two members of the school workforce to serve as trustees for an initial period of 12 months (there is no longer any requirement for the workforce to be represented on the Board and indeed our decision runs contrary to current advice). Further membership of the Members Board are currently being considered by that body.	
<b>Staffing</b>	The Director of Resources provided an update on staffing.	<b>Coronavirus:</b> - The Head Teacher will continue to follow advice from the DfE and PHE. The SLT has already begun to put in place contingency plans. Staff and Parents are updated regularly on the current situation.	
<b>Policy Updates</b>	In line with our agreed process, a number of policies which have been revised and amended, were agreed.	<b>Code of Conduct:</b> In line with expected practice, Trust Board members agreed to a Code of Conduct for their membership of the Trust which mirrors the advice of the DfE and the NGA. All trustees will sign the Code to indicate their willingness to comply with the conditions it sets out.	
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