SCHOOL NUMBER 13010

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
GOVERNOR SERVICES

WALVERDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE HELD AT THE

SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr F Khaliq (Chair for the meeting)
Miss S Agar
Mr M Stone
Mrs H Ahmed (Headteacher)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs A Bird (Clerk to Governors)

PART A

ACTION

S26.12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mrs R Bridges, Mr R Bashir and Mr M Osman.

S26.13 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

S26.14 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2026

It was RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the last meeting be accepted and signed by the Chair as a correct record on behalf of the Committee at the next meeting to be held in school.

S26.15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Mr M Stone arrived at the meeting.

S26.16 UPDATE ON SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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Governors had received a copy of the updated school improvement plan (SIP).

The Headteacher advised that there had not been a lot of change since the full governing body meeting. The school had introduced new schemes of work for French and computing updates. Pupil progress meetings had taken place. The Headteacher advised that monitoring lesson visits had taken place and trends were coming out. Lesson structure and behaviour for learning was really good.

The Headteacher advised that learning walks would feed into the SIP. Professional development during the term had focused on the SEF, the Ofsted Framework, diversity and equality, and ADHD training.

It was agreed that in the autumn term a session on Ofsted would be held for governors. The school had got better at using external support. The Headteacher advised that pupils had benefited from a wide range of enrichment activities. Pupils in Years 2 and 3 had attended a two-night residential visit to Caldwell, while KS1 and KS2 movie nights were held with support from staff and the School Council. Health visits had taken place in the Nursery, with both the nurse and dentist working with pupils. Bikeability training was completed for Year 5, and a group of girls were attending dance sessions this term.

The school continued morning/after school clubs with Mr Afzal. Assemblies had focused on school values and British values, alongside developing organisation and resilience, further strengthening pupils' personal development and their understanding of the wider world. Next steps were being looked at this term. The Headteacher advised that the report gave a brief overview.

The SIP would be looked at in the full governing body meeting.

Q - Quite a lot of next steps will they be done?
A - Purple Mash was easy to check and embed in lessons there has been a lot done. We are reviewing staff meeting time. Positive playtimes needed to have more work.

Q - What will impact this next year?
A – We have been dripping Ofsted in and discussed with subject leads.

The Headteacher advised they would be ready and were due to be inspected next year so would look at it in the first half of

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the autumn term.

S26.17 REVIEW OF PUPIL PERFORMANCE DATA

Governors received the schools pupil performance data. Governors noted from the demographics that 97.4% of the school had an ethnic background. Education and Health Care Plans (EHCP's) had risen considerably. There were nine pupils in Reception with an EHCP. The school needed to look at SEND support this half term as they would not be below national. The Headteacher advised that SEND pupils with an additional language such as those from Eastern Europe could mask signs of SEN. The Headteacher advised that pupil premium had also gone up.

The school was working on persistent absence (PA) and getting parental contracts for attendance in place. The Headteacher advised that there were high needs SEND in Reception who were part-time as their needs were so high, but this affected the attendance percentage.

Governors received achievement data analysis and noted the commentary in the report. The Headteacher advised that it was difficult for the school when they had supply staff and this had affected Y4. In Y1 some children had been identified as needing intensive support for phonics which Mrs Bridges was looking at. Mr. Donan had been doing work on the multiplication table check. There was a focus on Y2 with reading and ensuring therapies were in place.

The Headteacher advised that the group analysis figures were interesting as they showed how children catch up from a low baseline to a positive point. The Headteacher advised that if they saw Nursery children could see how they come on. The Headteacher advised that for the EYFS data there were two versions so they could separate groups out. The Headteacher advised that for Reception they targeted children who they needed for 'Good Level of Development' (GLD). The Headteacher advised they were making sure they didn't miss interventions. The Headteacher advised they were really low baseline scores for Nursery and the tended to be stronger on number.

S26.18 REPORTS FROM NOMINATED GOVERNORS

There were no reports from nominated governors.

S26.19 TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

Lesson visits had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

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S26.20 CURRICULUM UPDATE

Governors noted the curriculum information contained in the school improvement plan.

S26.21 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Governors noted the legislative changes contained in the written report circulated by the Headteacher.

S26.22 SCHOOL PROSPECTUS AND HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

The Headteacher advised that this was in the process of being updated.

The Home-school Agreement was circulated to governors and noted.

The Headteacher advised they had signed up to a free breakfast club but this needed to be revisited.

S26.23 PHWB AND BEHAVIOUR LEADERS

Governors had received a written report from Mrs Gough on behaviour in the school.

Mrs Gough had done some walk-throughs looking at behaviour. It had been identified that welfare staff needed training. The school was changing some things in line with the new Ofsted framework.

Training was taking place around the reasonable use of force. The school had re-Introduced a 'top table' at lunchtimes. The number of children for nurture had increased. The Headteacher advised that it could be up-and-down depending on what was happening. Governors were advised that different people were doing different things depending on what was needed.

Safeguarding issues had increased significantly. Governors were advised the school had five designated safeguarding leads (DSL's) in place and they all pulled together to support each other.

S26.24 CONFIDENTIALITY

There were no items deemed as confidential.

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S26.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting would be agreed at the full Governing Body meeting to be held on Wednesday 17 June 2026 at 6.00 pm.

CLOSING REMARKS

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and continued support and duly closed the meeting at 7.09 pm.

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