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Pay Policy

2023/2024

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Trustees has adopted the policy set out in this document to provide a clear framework for the management of pay and grading issues for all staff employed in the school.
- 1.2 The Trustees are committed to taking decisions in accordance with the 'key principles of public life': objectivity, openness and accountability. It recognises the requirement for a fair and transparent policy to determine the pay and grading for all staff employed in the school, which takes account of the conditions of service under which staff are employed and relevant statutory requirements.
- 1.3 The Trustees recognise its responsibilities under relevant legislation including the Equality Act 2010, the Employment Relations Act 1999, the Part –time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000, the Fixed-Term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002, and will ensure that all pay related decisions are taken equitably and fairly in compliance with statutory requirements.
- 1.4 This policy is based on a whole school approach to pay issues. Pay decisions will take account of the resources available to the school. The school staffing structure will support the school improvement plan. The Trustees will exercise its discretionary powers using fair, transparent and objective criteria in order to secure a consistent approach in school pay decisions.
- 1.5 The Trustees accept that adjustments will need to be made to take account of special circumstances, e.g. an absence on maternity or long-term sick leave. The exact adjustments will be made on a case-by-case basis (with HR advice as necessary) and will depend on the individual teacher's circumstances and the school's circumstances.
- 1.6 The Trustees recognise the requirement that all pay progression decisions for all teaching staff must be determined by the schools' Appraisal Policy. The procedures set out in this policy seek to ensure that this is achieved in a fair equitable and transparent way. The Trustees also recognises the importance of annual appraisal of performance for support staff and how this may determine pay.
- 1.7 This policy has been agreed by the Finance, Audit & Risk sub-committee of the Trustees following consultation with staff and the recognised trade unions. The (Finance, Audit & Risk sub-committee will have full authority to take decisions on behalf of the Trustees on pay matters as defined in this policy.

2. Policy Aim

In adopting this pay policy the aim is to:

- achieve excellent outcomes for all pupils
- support the recruitment and retention of a high quality teacher workforce
- complement the school's appraisal policy which is supportive and developmental and ensures teachers have the skills and support to do their job effectively
- enable the school to recognise and reward teachers appropriately for their contribution to the school
- help to ensure that decisions on pay are managed in a fair, just and transparent way
- ensure that there is no pay discrimination in decision making and that decisions are based on evidence and can be justified

See later 'Trustees obligations' in relation to monitoring the impact of this policy.

3. Job Descriptions

The CEO will ensure that each member of staff is provided with a job description in accordance with the staffing structure agreed by the Trustees. Job descriptions may be reviewed from time to time, in consultation with the individual employee concerned, in order to make reasonable changes in the light of the changing needs of the school. Job descriptions will identify key areas of responsibility. All job descriptions will be reviewed annually as part of the appraisal process.

4. Access to Records

The CEO will ensure reasonable access for individual members of staff to their own employment records and that records are stored and maintained in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

5. Appraisal

The Trustees will comply with The Education (School Teachers' Appraisal) (England) Regulations 2012 concerning the appraisal of teachers. Assessment will be based on a use of evidence as outlined in the school's appraisal policy. Although the school will establish a firm evidence base in relation to the performance of all teachers, there is a responsibility on individual teachers and appraisers to work together. Teachers should also gather any evidence that they deem is appropriate in relation to meeting the performance criteria of their objectives, so that such evidence can be taken into account at the review.

The Trustees may delegate to the **CEO** the role of moderating objectives to ensure consistency and fairness; the **CEO** may be asked by the Trustees to moderate performance assessment and initial pay recommendations to ensure consistency and fairness.

6. Trustees Obligations

6.1 The Trustees will fulfil its obligations to:

- **Teachers:** as set out in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (the Document also known as STPCD) and the Conditions of Service for School Teachers in England and Wales (commonly known as the 'Burgundy Book').
- **Support staff:** the National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Service (Green Book) or any LA pay/grading system.

6.2 The Trustees will consider advice offered by the Local Authority (LA) before making any decisions on pay discretion and will be sensitive to the impact of its decisions on our own and other schools. The Trustees will follow the advice/guidelines of the LA on any national and/or local pay and conditions agreements (e.g. single status). The reason for any departure from the advice offered by the LA will be identified objectively and clearly documented. The Trustees will ensure that all staff are made aware of the existence of this policy and have ready access to a copy of it.

6.3 The Trustees will need to consider any updated pay policy and assure themselves that appropriate arrangements for linking appraisal to pay are in place, can be applied consistently and that their pay decisions can be objectively justified.

6.4 The Trustees will ensure that it makes funds available to support pay decisions, in accordance with this pay policy (see 'Procedures') and the school's spending plan.

6.5 The Trustees will monitor the outcomes and impact of this policy on an annual basis, including trends in progression across specific groups of teachers and to assess its effect and the school's continued compliance with equalities legislation. In order to assist with the development of the Pay Policy and associated best practices, the Trustees through the CEO will ensure a transparent and informed monitoring process.

7. CEO Obligations

The CEO will:

- develop clear arrangements for linking appraisal to pay progression and consult with staff and school union representatives on the appraisal and pay policies;
- submit any updated appraisal and pay policies to the Trustees for approval;
- ensure that effective appraisal arrangements are in place and that any appraisers have the knowledge and skills to apply procedures fairly;
- submit pay recommendations to the Trustees and ensure the Trustees has sufficient information upon which to make pay decisions;
- ensure that teachers are informed about decisions reached; and that records are kept of recommendations and decisions made.

8. Teachers' Obligations

A teacher will:

- engage with appraisal; this includes working with their appraiser to ensure that there is a secure evidence base in order for an annual pay determination to be made;
- keep records of their objectives and review them throughout the appraisal process;
- share any evidence they consider relevant with their appraiser;
- take reasonable steps to ensure they have an annual review of their performance.

9. Differentials

The statutory requirement for appropriate differentials to be created and maintained between posts within the school has now been removed from the STPCD since 2014. However governing bodies should still have a consideration of recognising accountability and job weight, so as to assist in attracting and recruiting good candidates and retaining and motivating sufficient employees of the required quality at all levels. The Trustees also recognises the impact their decisions may have on other Warwickshire schools. Where it is considered that there are circumstances at the School that justifies a position which varies from the advice given by the LA, the reason for that decision will be clearly documented, including the preparation of a job and person specification for each post.

10. Advertising arrangements

Full information about vacant or promoted posts, both permanent and where practical temporary posts, will be made known to staff, in accordance with the School Appointments Procedures, in time for them to apply for posts for which their experience and qualifications are appropriate.

11. Discretionary Pay Awards

Criteria for the use of pay discretions are set out in this policy and discretionary awards of additional pay will only be made in accordance with these criteria.

12. Safeguarding (Pay Protection)

Where a pay determination leads or may lead to the start of a period of pay protection (known as safeguarding in STPCD), the Trustees will comply with the relevant provisions of the STPCD and will give the required notification as soon as possible and no later than one month after the determination.

13. Procedures

- 13.1 The Trustees will determine the annual pay budget on the recommendation of the pay committee.
- 13.2 The Trustees has delegated its pay powers to the pay committee. Any person employed to work at the school, other than the head, must withdraw from a meeting at which the pay or appraisal of any other employee of the school, is under consideration. The head must

withdraw from that part of the meeting where the subject of consideration is his or her own pay. A relevant person must withdraw where there is a conflict of interest or any doubt about his/her ability to act impartially.

- 13.3 No member of the Trustees who is employed to work in the school shall be eligible for membership of this committee.
- 13.4 The pay committee will be attended by the head in an advisory capacity. Where the pay committee has invited either a representative of the LA or the external adviser to attend and offer advice on the determination of the head's pay, that person will withdraw at the same time as the head while the committee reaches its decision. Any member of the committee required to withdraw will do so.
- 13.5 The terms of reference for the pay committee will be determined from time to time by the Trustees. See the Pay Policy Guidance Document for a full model version of the Pay Committee Terms of Reference. As a minimum the recommended considerations within the terms of reference are:
- to achieve the aims of the whole school pay policy in a fair and equal manner;
 - to apply the criteria set by the whole school pay policy in determining the pay of each member of staff at the annual review;
 - to observe all statutory and contractual obligations;
 - to minute clearly the reasons for all decisions and report the fact of these decisions to the next meeting of the full Trustees;
 - to recommend to the Trustees the annual budget needed for pay, bearing in mind the need to ensure the availability of monies to support any exercise of pay discretion;
 - to keep abreast of relevant developments and to advise the Trustees when the school's pay policy needs to be revised;
 - to work with the head in ensuring that the Trustees complies with the Appraisal Regulations 2012 (teachers).

School leaders and Governing Bodies of local authority maintained schools are reminded that decisions on teachers pay progression must be related to performance appraisals and cannot be made based on funding considerations alone.

- 13.6 The report of the pay committee will be placed in the confidential section of the Trustees's agenda and will either be received or referred back. Reference back may occur only if the pay committee has exceeded its powers under the policy.

14. Annual determination of pay

- 14.1 All teaching staff salaries, including those of the head, deputy head(s) and assistant head(s) will be reviewed annually to take effect from 1 September. The Trustees will endeavour to complete teachers' annual pay reviews by 31 October and the CEO's annual pay review by 31 December. They will, however, complete the process without undue delay. ***See the Pay Policy Guidance Document for a model pro forma to assist in recording pay decision outcomes.***

15. Notification of pay determination

Decisions will be communicated to each member of staff by the head in writing in accordance with paragraph 3.4 of the STPCD and will set out the reasons why decisions have been taken. Decisions on the pay of the head will be communicated by the pay committee, in writing, in accordance with paragraph 3.4 of the STPCD. An instruction to amend pay from the relevant date will be issued immediately after the time limit for the lodging of an appeal has passed, or immediately after an appeal has been concluded.

16. Appeals procedure

The Trustees has an appeals procedure in relation to pay in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.1(b) of the STPCD. Appeals against pay decisions should be made in writing and addressed to the Pay Committee of the Trustees. Upon receipt a panel of governors will convene a meeting to consider the appeal. Employees have the right to be represented by a recognised trade union or colleague. A written invitation and a minimum of ten working days notice will be given. The decision of the panel will be confirmed in writing. There is no further right of appeal. **Further guidance on the appeals process is contained in the Pay Policy Guidance Document.**

17. Headteacher Pay

17.1 Pay on appointment

For new appointments the Trustees will determine the pay range to be advertised and agree pay on appointment, taking account of the full role of the CEO in accordance with paragraph 9 of STPCD <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-teachers-pay-and-conditions> and the following link to the DfE guidance (also covered in the Pay Policy Guidance document:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reviewing-and-revising-school-teachers-pay>

- the pay committee will determine the school's Headteacher group and the head's Individual pay range in accordance with STPCD paragraphs, 6 (mainstream school), paragraphs 7, (special school), 8 and 9;
- if the Headteacher takes on permanent accountability for one or more additional schools, the pay committee will set a pay range in accordance with the provisions of STPCD paragraphs 6.6 or 7.9.
- whilst no longer a statutory requirement, in setting pay on appointment the pay committee will also take consideration of any other permanent payments made to staff within the school between posts of differing responsibility and accountability;
- the pay committee will consider exercising its discretion under STPCD paragraph 9.2 to 9.4 in determining the headteachers pay range, in order to secure the appointment of its preferred candidate.
- the pay committee will consider exercising its discretion to award a discretionary payment under STPCD paragraph 10 where the Trustees consider the school would have difficulty recruiting to the vacant Headteacher post;
- The pay committee will consider using its discretion, in wholly exceptional circumstances, to exceed the 25% limit on discretionary payments, as set out in STPCD paragraph 10.2. However, before agreeing to do so, it will seek the agreement of the Trustees which in turn will seek external independent advice before providing such agreement.

18. Serving Headteacher

18.1 The Trustees will determine the salary of a serving Headteacher in accordance with paragraph 6 (mainstream school), paragraph 7 (special school), 8 and 9 of the STPCD.

- the pay committee will review the Headteacher's pay in accordance with paragraph 11 of the STPCD and award one or more performance points (no longer a limit of two) where there has been a sustained high quality of performance having regard to the results of the most recent appraisal carried out in accordance with the Appraisal Regulations 2012 and any

recommendation on pay progression in the Headteacher's most recent appraisal report.

- the pay committee may determine the head's pay range, within the group range for the school, as at 1 September or at any time if they consider it is necessary under STPCD (paragraph 9, of section 3 guidance);
- if the Headteacher takes on temporary accountability for one or more additional schools, the pay committee will consider awarding a discretionary payment under STPCD paragraphs 10.
- the pay committee will consider the use of discretionary payments, as per the provisions of STPCD paragraphs 10.1 to 10.4.
- The pay committee will consider using its discretion, in wholly exceptional circumstances, to exceed the 25% limit on discretionary payments, as set out in STPCD paragraph 10.4. However, before agreeing to do so, it will seek the agreement of the Trustees which in turn will seek external independent advice before providing such agreement.

19. Deputy/Assistant Headteachers

19.1 Pay on appointment

The Trustees will, when a new appointment needs to be made, determine the pay range to be advertised and agree pay on appointment as follows:

- the pay committee will determine a pay range in accordance with paragraph 9.2 to 9.4 of the STPCD, taking account of the role of the deputy/assistant Headteachers set out at paragraph 48.1 and 48.2 of the STPCD;
- the pay committee will record its reasons for the determination of the deputy/assistant head pay range.
- the pay committee will exercise its discretion under paragraph 27 of STPCD where there are recruitment issues.

19.2 Serving deputy/assistant Headteachers

- the pay committee will review pay in accordance with STPCD paragraphs 11.1 to 11.2 and award one or more points (no longer a limit of two) where there has been sustained high quality of performance having regard to the results of the recent appraisal, and to any recommendation on pay progression recorded in the deputy/assistant head's most recent appraisal report;
- the pay committee will review and, if necessary, re-determine the deputy/assistant head pay range where there has been a significant change in the responsibilities of the serving deputy/assistant Headteachers (STPCD paragraph 9.2 and paragraph 10 of Section 3 guidance);
- the pay committee may determine the deputy head pay range at any time but should have regard to the effects on recruitment and retention where pay differentials are not maintained.

19.3 Acting Allowances

Acting allowances are payable to teachers who are assigned and carry out the duties of head, deputy head or assistant head in accordance with paragraph 23 of the STPCD. The pay committee will, within a four week period of the commencement of acting duties, determine whether or not the acting postholder will be paid an allowance. In the event of a planned and prolonged absence, an acting allowance will be agreed in advance and paid from the first day of absence.

Any teacher who carries out the duties of head, deputy head, or assistant head, for a period of four weeks or more, will be paid at an appropriate point of the head's, deputy head or assistant head range, as determined by the pay committee. Payment will be backdated to the commencement of the duties.

20. Classroom Teachers

20.1 Pay on appointment

The Trustees will determine the starting salary of a vacant classroom teacher post on the main pay range or upper pay range, (see Pay Policy Guidance Document 3.1) having regard to:

- the requirements of the post;
- any specialist knowledge required for the post;
- the experience required to undertake the specific duties of the post;
- the wider school context.

The Trustees will, if necessary, use its discretion to award a recruitment incentive benefit to secure the candidate of its choice, but in any event the Trustees will address the issue of pay portability in the appointment.

20.2 Pay determinations for existing main pay range teachers

The pay committee will use the reference points from the Main Scale Teacher pay range that is current at the point of the pay determination.

Appraisal objectives will become more challenging as the teacher progresses up the main pay range.

20.2.1 To move up the main pay range, one annual increment point at a time, teachers will need to have met their Appraisal objectives (taking into account the whole role performance) and be competent in all elements of the Teachers' Standards. *See Pay Policy guidance document for further information and definitions on pay progression. Where performance has not satisfied the required standards as the result of a formal capability procedure or whilst a teacher is being supported under 8.4 of the Appraisal Policy, The pay committee has discretion to restore a withheld point at the conclusion of these procedures where satisfactory performance has been demonstrated.*

20.2.2 Judgments will be properly rooted in evidence. As a teacher moves up the main pay range, there should be evidence of improvement, for example in:

- an increasing positive impact on pupil progress
- an increasing impact on wider outcomes for pupils
- improvements in specific elements of practice identified to the teacher, e.g. behaviour management or lesson planning
- an increasing contribution to the work of the school
- an increasing impact on the effectiveness of staff and colleagues

20.2.3 Subject to moderation by the Headteacher / Pay Committee, classroom teachers will be awarded pay progression on the Main Pay Range following each successful performance management/appraisal review. Reviews will be deemed to be successful unless specific concerns about standards of performance have been raised in writing with the teacher during the annual performance management/appraisal cycle and these concerns have not been sufficiently addressed by the teacher through support provided by the school by the conclusion of that process. The Government's expectation is that good classroom teachers should expect to progress to the maximum of the main pay range in five years.

20.2.4 In the case of early career teachers (ECTs), whose appraisal arrangements are different, pay decisions will be made by means of the statutory induction process set out in the Education (Induction Arrangements for Schools Teachers) Regulations 2012 as amended. On successful completion of their first induction year (i.e. no concerns about standards and performance raised in writing and assuming support sufficiently addressed by the school to the conclusion of that first induction year), ECTs will be entitled to receive pay progression.

The extension of the induction period from one to two years does not prevent a school from awarding pay progression to ECTs at the end of the first year.

20.2.5 Further information, including sources of evidence is contained in the school's appraisal policy and the Pay Policy Guidance Document.

20.2.6 The pay committee will be advised by the Headteachers/CEO in making all such decisions. Any increase (i.e. no movement, one point, more than one point) will be clearly attributable to the overall performance of the teacher in question. In determining overall performance reasonable consideration should be given to whether factors are within the teacher's control. The pay committee will be able to justify its decisions.

20.2.7 An unsuccessful performance award (pay progression) will not necessarily mean a teacher is in formal capability proceedings; a teacher may just have not satisfied their overall objectives to a sufficient standard. Where a teacher is in formal capability proceedings, the Appraisal process ceases and an annual performance award cannot be awarded.

Any qualified teacher can apply to be paid on the Upper Pay Range. If a teacher is simultaneously employed at another school(s), they may submit separate applications if they wish to apply to be paid on the Upper Pay Range in that school(s). This school will not be bound by any pay decision made by another school.

All applications must include the results of appraisals under the Appraisal Regulations 2012, including any recommendation on pay. Where such information is not applicable or available, a written statement and summary of evidence designed to demonstrate that the applicant has met the assessment criteria must be submitted by the applicant.

In order for the assessment to be robust and transparent, it will be an evidence-based process only. Teachers therefore should ensure that they build a mainly paper evidence base to support their application. Those teachers who are not subject to the Appraisal Regulations 2012, or who have been absent, through sickness, disability or maternity, may cite written evidence from a 3-year period before the date of application, from this school and other schools, in support of their application. Further advice should be sought from your HR provider.

21.1 Process:

The school may determine its own application process and teachers will be made aware of this. One application may be submitted annually. The closing date for applications is normally TBC each year; however, exceptions will be made in particular circumstances, e.g. those teachers who are on maternity leave or who are currently on sick leave. The process for applications is:

- Complete the school's application form;
- Submit the application form and supporting evidence to the Headteacher by the cut-off date of TBC
- The appraiser will assess the application, which will include a recommendation to the pay committee of the relevant body;
- The application, evidence and recommendation will be passed to the Headteacher for moderation purposes, if the Headteacher is not the appraiser;
- The pay committee will make the final decision, advised by the Headteacher;
- Teachers will receive written notification of the outcome of their application by TBC. Where the application is unsuccessful, the written notification will include the areas where it was felt that the teacher's performance did not satisfy the relevant criteria set out in this policy (see 'Assessment' below).
- If requested, oral feedback which will be provided by the appraiser. Oral feedback will be given within 10 school working days of the date of notification of the outcome of the application. Feedback will be given in a positive and encouraging environment and will include advice and support on areas for improvement in order to meet the relevant criteria.
- Successful applicants will move to the minimum of the Upper Pay Range on 1 September of the following year.
- Unsuccessful applicants can appeal the decision. The appeals process is set out at the back of this pay policy.

21.2 Assessment:

The teacher will be required to meet the criteria set out in paragraph 15.2 of the STPCD, namely that:

- **the teacher is highly competent in all elements of the relevant standards; and**
- **the teacher's achievements and contribution to the school are substantial and sustained.**

In this school, this means:

“highly competent”: the teacher's performance is assessed as having excellent depth and breadth of knowledge, skill and understanding of the Teachers' Standards in the particular role they are fulfilling and the context in which they are working.

“substantial”: the teacher's achievements and contribution to the school are significant, not just in raising standards of teaching and learning in their own classroom, or with their own groups of children, but also in making a significant wider contribution to school improvement, which impacts on pupil progress and the effectiveness of staff and colleagues.

“sustained”: the teacher must have had two consecutive successful appraisal reports in this school and have met their objectives during this period (see exceptions in the introduction to this section). They will have been expected to have shown that their teaching expertise has grown over the relevant period and consistently meets and exceeds the standards required.

22. Upper Pay Range Pay determinations

The pay committee will determine that one point be awarded to a teacher on the upper pay spine whose achievements and contribution to the school, throughout the relevant period have been substantial and sustained.

. In making such a determination the pay committee will take into account:

- the criteria set out in paragraph 15.2 of the STPCD;
- the evidence base, which should show in this school that the teacher has had two consecutive successful appraisal reviews and has made good progress towards objectives;
- evidence that the teacher has maintained the criteria set out in paragraph 15.2, namely that the teacher is highly competent in all elements of the relevant standards; and that the teacher's achievements and contribution to the school are substantial and sustained. The meaning of these criteria is set out in the section of this policy entitled, “Applications to be paid on the Upper Pay Range”.

22.1 Pay progression on the Upper Pay Range will be clearly attributable to the overall performance of the individual teacher. In determining overall performance reasonable consideration should be given to whether factors are within the teacher's control. The pay committee will be able to objectively justify its decisions.

22.2 Where it is clear that the evidence shows the teacher continues to maintain the criteria set out above, and has met their objectives, the teacher will move to the second point on the Upper Pay Range; or if already on the mid-point, will move to the top of the Upper Pay Range.

22.3 Subject to moderation of the Headteacher / Pay Committee, classroom teachers will be awarded pay progression on the Upper Pay Range following two consecutive successful performance management/appraisal reviews. Reviews will be deemed to be successful unless specific concerns about standards of performance have been raised in writing with the teacher during the annual performance management/appraisal cycle and these concerns have not been sufficiently addressed by the teacher through support provided by the school by the conclusion of that process.

22.4 Further information, including sources of evidence is contained within the school's appraisal policy.

22.5 The pay committee will be advised by the Headteacher in making all such decisions.

23. Leading Practitioner Posts (Governing Bodies may wish to insert the statement – 'Pay Policy Section 23 not applicable for this academic year')

The Trustees will take account of paragraph 49.1 of the STPCD when determining the role of leading practitioner in this school. Additional duties will be set out in the job description of the leading practitioner and will include:

- a leadership role in developing, implementing and evaluating policies and practices in the school that contribute to school improvement;
- the improvement of teaching within school *and within the wider school community*
- improving the effectiveness of staff and colleagues

23.1 Pay on appointment

The pay committee will determine a pay range of TBC from minimum to maximum for each leading practitioner post in accordance with paragraph 16 of the STPCD.

23.2 Pay determinations with effect from 1 September 2023

The CEO will agree appraisal objectives for the leading practitioner.

The pay committee shall have regard to the results of the leading practitioner's appraisal, including the pay recommendation, when exercising any discretion in relation to their pay, in accordance with paragraph 19 of the STPCD.

23.2.1 The pay committee will take account of other evidence. The evidence should show the leading practitioner:

- has met their objectives;
- is an exemplar of teaching skills, which should impact significantly on pupil progress, within school and within the wider school community, if relevant;
- has made a substantial impact on the effectiveness of staff and colleagues, including any specific elements of practice that have been highlighted as in need of improvement;
- is highly competent in all aspects of the Teachers' Standards;
- has shown strong leadership in developing, implementing and evaluating policies and practice in their workplace that contribute to school improvement.

23.2.2 The pay committee will determine pay progression such that the amount is clearly attributable to the performance of the leading practitioner. The pay committee will be able to objectively justify its decision.

23.2.3 Subject to moderation of the CEO / Pay Committee, Leading Practitioner teachers will be awarded pay progression on their pay scales following each successful performance management/appraisal review. Reviews will be deemed to be successful unless specific concerns about standards of performance have been raised in writing with the teacher during the annual performance management/appraisal cycle and have not been sufficiently addressed by the teacher through support provided by the school by the conclusion of that process.

The pay committee will be advised by the CEO in making all such decisions.

24. Unqualified Teachers

24.1 Pay on appointment

The pay committee will pay any unqualified teacher in accordance with paragraph 17.1 of the STPCD. The pay committee will determine where a newly appointed unqualified teacher will enter the scale, having regard to any qualifications or experience s/he may have, which they consider to be of value. The pay committee will consider whether it wishes to pay an additional allowance, in accordance with paragraph 22.1 of the STPCD.

24.2 Pay determinations effective from 1 September 2023

In order to progress up the unqualified teacher range, unqualified teachers will need to show that they have met their objectives.

24.2.1 Judgments will be properly rooted in evidence. As unqualified teachers move up the scale, this evidence should show:

- an improvement in teaching skills
- an increasingly positive impact on pupil progress
- an increasing impact on wider outcomes for pupils
- improvements in specific elements of practice identified to the teacher
- an increasing contribution to the work of the school
- an increasing impact on the effectiveness of staff and colleagues

24.2.2 Subject to moderation of the Headteacher / Pay Committee, Unqualified classroom teachers will be awarded pay progression on their pay scale following each successful performance management/appraisal review. Reviews will be deemed to be successful unless specific concerns about standards of performance have been raised in writing with the teacher during the annual performance management/appraisal cycle and these concerns have not been sufficiently addressed by the teacher through support provided by the school by the conclusion of that process.

24.2.3 The pay committee will be advised by the Headteacher in making all such decisions. Pay progression on the unqualified teacher range will be clearly attributable to the performance of the individual teacher. The pay committee will be able to objectively justify its decisions. Where performance has not satisfied the required standards as the result of a formal capability procedure or whilst a teacher is being supported under 8.4 of the Appraisal Policy, the pay committee has discretion to restore a withheld point at the conclusion of these procedures where satisfactory performance has been demonstrated.

25. Teaching and Learning Responsibility Payments

The pay committee may award a TLR to a classroom teacher in accordance with paragraph 20 of the STPCD and paragraphs 47 to 54 of the section 3 guidance. TLR 1 or 2 will be for clearly defined and sustained additional responsibility in the context of the schools staffing structure for the purpose of ensuring the continued delivery of high quality teaching and learning. All job descriptions will be regularly reviewed and will make clear, if applicable, the responsibility or package of responsibilities for which a TLR is awarded, taking into account the criterion and factors set out at paragraph 20.

The pay committee may award a TLR3 of between £639 to £3,169 for clearly time-limited school improvement projects, or one-off externally driven responsibilities or where teachers are undertaking planning, preparation, coordination of, or delivery of tutoring to provide catch-up support to pupils on learning lost to the pandemic, and where tutoring work is taking place outside of normal directed hours but during the school day as set out in paragraph 20.3 of the STPCD. The Trustees will set out in writing the criteria for the award, the duration of the fixed term, and the amount of the award will be paid in monthly instalments. Consecutive TLR3s for the same responsibility should not be awarded unless that responsibility relates to tutoring to deliver catch-up support to pupils on learning lost during the pandemic as set out above. No safeguarding will apply in relation to an award of a TLR3.

26. Special Needs Allowance

The pay committee will award an SEN spot value allowance on a range of between £2,539 and £5,009 to any classroom teacher who meets the criteria as set out in paragraph 21 of the STPCD.

When deciding on the amount of the allowance to be paid, the Trustees will take into account the structure of the school's SEN provision, whether any mandatory qualifications are required for the post, the qualifications or expertise of the teacher relevant to the post; and the relative demands of the post (paragraph 21.3 of the STPCD). The Trustees will also establish differential values in relation to SEN roles in the school in order to reflect significant differences in the nature and challenge of the work entailed so that the different payment levels can be objectively justified. The Trustees will take account of paragraphs 55 to 59 of the section 3 guidance.

27. Support Staff

The pay committee notes its powers to determine the pay of support staff in accordance with paragraph 17 and 29 of the School Staffing (England) Regulations 2009 and Chapter 7 of the associated guidance. The pay committee will determine the pay grade of support staff on appointment in accordance with the scale of grades, currently applicable in relation to employment with the LA, which the pay committee consider appropriate for the post. In reaching its determination, the pay committee will consider the advice of the LA, but will not consider itself bound by that advice. The appeals process is set out in section 16 of this Policy and further detail can be found in the Pay Policy Guidance Document.

27.1 Grading

An appropriate salary grade will be allocated to all support staff posts at the school. Due regard shall be taken of any advice from the LA on grading matters. A job description and person specification shall be prepared for each post. This will either be based upon a generic job descriptor written by the LA or, where the post is considered to be unique, the post shall be submitted to the LA for an evaluation exercise to be completed. Before filling vacancies of existing posts, where duties and responsibilities have altered, the grade of that post shall be reviewed in line with LA guidance.

Existing posts will be reviewed where there is a significant change in the duties and responsibilities attached to that post or where a serious grading anomaly with a substantially similar post is alleged to exist. If appropriate, advice will be sought from the LA.

Responsibility for the grading of support staff posts is delegated to the CFO/ Pay and Audit Committee.

27.2 Starting salary for new appointments

Appointments will normally be made at the first point of the appropriate nationally agreed scale. However, where the qualifications and experience of the successful applicant merits consideration of a higher entry point, this will be examined and, if appropriate, a higher starting salary may be paid.

27.3 Accelerated increments

The Trustees believes that all staff should progress by normal incremental credit to the maximum of their salary grade (where applicable.) Discretionary provision for accelerated increments will only be used on the grounds of special merit or ability, e.g. where specific qualifications or additional skills are acquired and utilised which will have a significant effect on an individual's ability to perform within the job currently held.

27.4 Temporary additional duties

The Trustees will follow the practice of the LA with respect to the allocation of higher salary payments where the duties of a more highly graded post are undertaken in whole or in part as a result of staff absence, a recruitment gap or a short-term project.

27.5 Honoraria payments

The Trustees will follow the practice of the LA with respect to the use and

application of honoraria payments for NJC (green book) staff.

28. Part-Time Employees

Teachers: The Trustees will apply the provisions of the STPCD in relation to part-time teachers' pay and working time, in accordance with paragraphs 39 to 44 and 79-86 of the section 3 guidance.

All staff: The head and Trustees must ensure that all part-time employees are treated no less favourably than a full-time comparator.

29. Teachers Employed On A Short Notice Basis

Such teachers will be paid in accordance with Part 6, paragraph 42 of the STPCD.

30. Additional Payments

In accordance with paragraph 26 of the STPCD, the relevant body may make payments as they see fit to a teacher, including a CEO in respect of:

- continuing professional development undertaken outside the school day;
- activities relating to the provision of initial teacher training as part of the ordinary conduct of the school;
- participation in out-of-school hours learning activity agreed between the teacher and the CEO or, in the case of the CEO, between the CEO and the relevant body;
- additional responsibilities and activities due to, or in respect of, the provisions of services by the CEO relating to the raising of educational standards to one or more additional schools.

The pay committee will make additional payments to teachers in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 26 of the STPCD where advised by the head.

Payment will be calculated on a daily basis at 1/195th of the teacher's actual salary for the Academic Year 2023/24.

31. Recruitment and Retention Incentive Benefits

The Trustees can award lump sum payments, periodic payments, or provide other financial assistance, support or benefits for a recruitment or retention incentive (paragraph 27.2 of the STPCD).

The pay committee will consider exercising its powers where they consider it is appropriate to do so in order to recruit or retain relevant staff. It will make clear at the outset, in writing, the expected duration of any such incentive or benefit, and the review date after which they may be withdrawn.

The Trustees will, nevertheless, conduct an annual formal review of all such awards.

In relation to a Headteacher, any 'additional payments' under this section will form part of the 25% limit on the use of all discretions, unless the Trustees choose to use the 'wholly exceptional circumstances' discretion. The Trustees will not award a recruitment or retention payment under paragraph 27.2 if they have already made an award under paragraph 11.1 or have taken such reason (recruitment or retention) into account when determining the heads' individual pay range.

A salary advance scheme for a house rental deposit may be one of a number of tools that schools may wish to consider using to support recruitment and retention.

The Trust will use R&R awards for any member of staff that works for the Trust where considered appropriate.

32. Salary Sacrifice Arrangements

Where the employer operates a salary sacrifice arrangement, a teacher may participate in any arrangement and his gross salary shall be reduced accordingly, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 28 of the STPCD.

