

Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust

Standards & Safeguarding Committee

Terms of Reference 2026 to 2027

1 Membership

- 1.1 A minimum of four Directors appointed by the Executive Board

2 Strategic Purpose

- 2.1 Delegated by the Executive Board to oversee Standards and the Intent, Implementation and Impact of the Curriculum
- 2.2 Delegated by the Executive Board to oversee Safeguarding arrangements
- 2.3 To monitor the overall standards performance of the Trust and its Academies and hold senior officers and LGBs to account
- 2.4 To monitor whether safeguarding arrangements are effective and the extent to which all pupils attend school regularly

3 Attendance

- 3.1 Appointed Directors' attendance is expected and shall be monitored and published on the Trust website
- 3.2 The appointed Committee Clerk is required to attend
- 3.3 The Chief Executive Officer and Strategic Leads are required to attend
- 3.4 Heads are invited to attend at the discretion of the Committee
- 3.5 Other staff, Directors and LGB Governors may be invited to attend at the discretion of the Committee

4 Chair

- 4.1 The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected annually at the first meeting in the Academic year from among the Directors on the Committee
- 4.2 The Chair of the Executive Board may not chair this Committee

5 Quorum

- 5.1 A minimum of four Directors
- 5.2 If there is not a quorum, a meeting may not proceed except in exceptional circumstances
- 5.3 A meeting which proceeds without a quorum may not approve any matters. In exceptional circumstances approval may be secured following a meeting by email vote of all members of the Committee

6 Meetings

- 6.1 The Committee will meet as needed but not less than once each term

7 Responsibilities

7.1 Standards

- (a) To receive a termly update on progress and attainment in relation to the current any DfE Key Performance Indicator included in the Ofsted IDSR
- (b) To direct the CEO as appropriate where concerns are raised relating to Standards
- (c) To broker internal and external school-to-school support as necessary to facilitate excellent Catholic Education across all the academies within the Trust
- (d) To ensure that there are effective processes in place for monitoring the quality assurance of teaching & learning
- (e) To review Local Authority QA reports, School Improvement Reports and reports from Ofsted
- (f) To receive termly information on the number of pupils with SEND and their areas of need
- (g) To ensure each school within the Trust follows the National Curriculum and Diocesan approved Schemes of Work for RE and RSE.
- (h) To monitor progress being made by schools requiring Tier 3 “targeted support” or Tier 4 “intense support”.

7.2 Safeguarding

- (a) To monitor attendance and persistent absence across the Academies
- (b) To review the overall pattern of suspensions and exclusions across the Academies
- (c) To review the number of incidents where pupils have been physically restrained and check there is an appropriate number of staff who have received the appropriate training
- (d) To review the level of incidents relating to bullying, discriminatory behavior and peer-on-peer abuse
- (e) To monitor the level of incidents where
- (f) To review pupils attending school on a part-time basis and those who are dual registered
- (g) To review findings from external Safeguarding Audits and instruct the CEO on action to be taken where safeguarding practice in the academies is falling short of the standards expected

