



## MINUTES OF THE FEDERATION TRUST MEETING

Thursday 6 February 2025, 8.15am  
The Gallery

### Present

Andrew Holt (Chair), Lindsey Madeley-Harland, Alex Mould, Clive Norgaard Morton, Mark Tinkler (Vice Chair), Stuart Williams (Executive Principal).

### In Attendance

Kelly Jackson (Head of Catmose Primary), Oliver Teasel (Head of Harington School), Chris Wilson (Chief Finance Officer), Sheryl Wilson (Governance Professional).

#### 1. Welcome introductions and apologies for absence

Andrew Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Guy Magrath and Rob Guthrie.

#### 2. Declarations of Personal Interest and Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of personal or pecuniary interest.

#### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 December 2024 & minutes from the Audit and Risk Scrutiny Committee meeting, topic risk register and fire

The minutes were signed to be a true and accurate record.

#### 4. Matters arising from previous minutes

The Operations Director is looking at alternative quotes to make a pathway from the Barleythorpe Road.

It is intended to commission an architect by the end of the year for Harington School's expansion and marketing material to be created.

#### 5. Principal's update

Last term was a full and busy one which included the wonderful Christmas Concert at All Saints' Church and sporting success in gymnastics and basketball. Students also had the opportunity of taking part in the Rotary Young Chef and music competitions. Year 11 students experienced a wonderful art trip to London and staff thoroughly enjoyed the annual wreath making.

Staff and students are encouraged to use the three words that represent the College ethos: Prepare, Respect and Contribute.

The recent Inspection Data Summary Report had been released which is one of the best with results in a very strong position.

Question: Are students in the Designated Special Provision included in the figures?

They are included in the attainment measures but not in the progress measures as this cohort did not take SATs at primary school due to covid. DSP students did exceptionally well and won many awards at the Presentation Evening.

#### 6. Head of Harington School update

Oliver Teasel reported that Year 13 students are currently doing mock exams. 344 students have applied to join Harington School in August 2025, this is already above the final number received in 2024. So far, 7 offers have been received for students applying to Oxbridge and vet courses. For students applying for medicine, these offers are not yet available.

Attendance is currently at 94% which includes students attending work experience or university open days. Trustees suggested that it would be useful to delineate sickness and unauthorised absences vs. students attending work experience or open days.

#### 7. Head of Catmose Primary update

Christmas at the primary school was once again very busy, but enjoyable. The choir visited residential homes and the traditional Christmas nativity was a joy for everyone. Pupils were invited to attend school in their scout and guide uniforms on Remembrance Day and last term a talent show was held with school councillors judging performances.

Attendance at the primary is 97%.

Kelly Jackson advised that the predicted good level of development (GLD) data is looking strong from the assessments completed in school. Schools are also required to carry out a baseline assessment within the first 6 weeks of pupils starting in reception. This is an activity-based assessment of pupils' starting points in language, communication and literacy and mathematics and the data will only be used at the end of Year 6 to form the school-level progress measure.

The phonics data was also looking strong, screening with Year 1 had just been completed, with the actual test taking place in June. She expected the results to be stronger, with pupils who do not pass having another chance in Year 2. With regards to preparation for Year 6 SATs, intervention work is currently taking place with pupils.

#### 8. Planning application for a phone mast

A planning application has been submitted to Rutland County Council by Cornerstone for a phone mast to be put on the Federation site. On the basis that the company have not fully consulted with trustees and they have no agreement with the Federation as the landlord an objection will be submitted to the council. Additionally, there are concerns that this could impede future growth.

## 9. Policies

The below policies were shared with trustees prior to the meeting with details of the amends.

- Federation Non-Examination Assessment Policy
- Federation Cycle to Work Scheme
- Federation Trips and Visits
- Federation Charging and Remissions
- Federation Complaints Policy
- Federation Technical Qualifications and Apprenticeships

The policies were ratified. The Complaints Policy will also be checked by the Federation's solicitors and if there are further amends, the policy will be an agenda item at the next Trust meeting.

## 10.AOB

There was no further business.

### Date of Next Meeting

Trust meeting - Thursday 27 March 2025, 8.15am