



**Aston Community
Education Trust**

Curriculum & Standards Committee Terms of Reference

DATE: July 2025

APPROVED BY: Name

REVIEW DATE: July 2026

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE: to be confirmed at Meeting 1



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PURPOSE & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Curriculum and Standards Committee advises the Board of Trustees on matters relating to the Trust's curriculum, quality of education and standards.

The committee will monitor, evaluate and report on:

Curriculum matters

1. The broad educational needs of the pupils attending the trust's academies.
2. The curriculum principles which apply to all academies in the trust.
3. How curriculum principles are being implemented by academies in the trust and their impact on all pupils.
4. Curriculum and quality of education issues for all academies in the trust.
5. Curriculum enrichment throughout the trust.
6. Other curriculum issues such as spiritual, moral, social and cultural learning.

Pupil achievement

7. Pupil achievement and standards throughout the trust, including specific groups: those with special educational needs and disability (SEND), disadvantaged, looked after children and pupils with English as an additional language.
8. The quality of teaching and learning throughout the trust, including performance and future performance trends and risks in relation to each academy.
9. Teaching capacity throughout the trust including the impact of continuing professional development on pupil achievement and standards.
10. How collaboration between academies in the trust and more widely is raising pupil achievement and wider outcomes.

Wider outcomes

11. The trust-wide approach towards ensuring all pupils are given the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to manage their lives now and in the future.
12. The trust-wide approach to improving pupils' health, wellbeing and physical literacy.
13. The trust-wide approach to building the cultural capital of pupils.
14. The trust-wide approach to promoting British values and providing pupils with a global outlook.
15. The trust-wide approach to providing pupils with effective careers education.
16. Issues related to pupil discipline such as levels of exclusions across the trust.
17. Current and emerging patterns, trends and risks relating to attendance and behaviour for all academies in the trust.
18. Current and emerging patterns, trends and risks relating to pupil wellbeing for all academies in the trust.
19. Engaging pupils, parents and the wider community in promoting and improving educational performance and wider outcomes for all pupils throughout the trust.
20. Evaluation of academy effectiveness and self-evaluation linked to the current Ofsted framework.

POLICIES AND COMPLIANCE

The committee will review and ratify the following ACET policies

- Attendance & Punctuality, EYFS, Uniform, Exams, Behaviour and Rewards (senior), Exams



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<p>MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>The Curriculum and Standards Committee will consist of no fewer than four Trustees. Members of the committee are appointed annually.</p> <p>The Curriculum & Standards Committee is responsible to the Board.</p> <p>The Committee’s Terms of Reference are adopted by the Board and may only be amended with the approval of the Board.</p> <p>The Chair and Vice Chair of the committee will be elected annually by the Committee. If the Chair is absent from a meeting, the vice chair shall act as chair for the purpose of the meeting. Members of the Executive Team may be in attendance and shall attend meetings as and when required by the Chair.</p>
<p>QUORUM</p>	<p>Article 117. States: Subject to Article 119, the quorum for a meeting of the Trustees, and any vote on any matter thereat, shall be any three Trustees, or where greater, any one third (rounded up to a whole number) of the total number of Trustees holding office at the date of the meeting, who are in each case present at the meeting and entitled to vote on the matters to be resolved.</p>
<p>MEETINGS</p>	<p>The Governance Leader shall be the Clerk to the Committee.</p> <p>The agenda for meetings will be agreed in advance by the Chair of the committee and papers will be circulated to members and attendees at least 5 working days in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes of meetings will be taken and will be submitted in the next scheduled meeting of the Board, once approved in draft by the Chair.</p> <p>The committee will meet at least once per term. The Chair or any two members may call an additional meeting.</p> <p>All meetings will have a hybrid function</p>