

BEECROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of meeting held on **Wednesday 15 July 2026 at 3.00pm**

PRESENT	Pat Gradys (Chair)	June Turner (Headteacher)
	Joanne Hazelgrave	Sarah Lord
	Steve Harris	Steven Campbell

IN ATTENDANCE: Wendy Rowan (Clerk – Governor Support Service)
Stephanie Carter (Key Stage 1 Leader)
Emma Stuart (Foundation Stage Leader)

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

ACTION

1.01 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from John Liversedge, Sue Rushton, Nicola Mitchell, Qari Qasim, Natasha Clough, Farah Hussain.

2.00 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

2.01 The Chair noted there were no terms of office ending before February 2027
2.02 The Chair confirmed there were no vacancies on the board

3.00 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

3.01 There were no new declarations of interest to report.

4.00 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

4.01 A report had been circulated by the HT prior to the meeting, the following was noted.

- Reception was full for September 2027.
- Even though there was a fall in birth rates, the school would be full by September 2027.
- Attendance was high at 97.5%, following the hard work of the school following up absences.
- The SATs results had not yet been received they were expected the following day.
- Persistence absence had reduced from 5% 24/25 to 3.07% for 25/26. This was showing the impact of the hard work, which has taken place between the school, pupils, and parents.
- The Financial Health of the school was in surplus for the 30th year running. The forecast contingency was £348,910; the afterschool club has a surplus of £180,170 and Nursery has a surplus of £155,480. The HT has been working with new Heads across the district which has created a £7,000 income, which was very rewarding.
- Staffing, three members of staff were leaving including a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant was retiring and there were

maternity leavers and returners. An Art Teacher has been appointed.

- Class Organisation for 2026/27 has been confirmed as documented in the report. No leaders had out of class time as they were teaching for most of the week.
- There has been no use of supply staff.
- The HT thanked the governors for their support during SATs week. week, a governor commented that the process had been calm and the pupils had responded positively.
- Moderation took place for Year 6 writing on 25 June 2026. Results were excellent at 40%; national average was 16%. 97 % of pupils were at the expected level. Just one child who was not making the expected level who has Special Educational Needs but has made significant personal progress.

4.02 The Chair congratulated the school in its achievements

4.03 The HT summarised the highlights of the school year, which included.

- Viking Thunder Musical: Drama Club and Key Stage 2 singing
- Key stage 1 and Reception Nativity
- Residentials Year 5 and 6 Castleton
- PE events
- Bikeability Year 6
- Harvest festival and donations to St George's Crypt
- Instrumental teaching: Y4-6 learning to play a musical instrument.
- Trips and Visits
- £900 donations from parents – library books bought and donation plates inside.
- Summer Fair
- Pupil Voice groups.

4.04 **Q** Can we have an update on where we are with nursery?

A There were only 18-19 for September. To improve this consideration needs to be given to looking at a complete change from a sessional nursery model to full day provision operating from 8am -5.30pm.

Some informal verbal feedback had been obtained which would support this change.

There was information on the current vacancies on the website, which now has a separate section dedicated to nursery, to help increase pupil numbers.

The school already offers wrap around until 5.30pm across the school and was full

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5.00 EVIDENCE OF GOVERNOR MONITORING OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

5.01 The school improvement plan priorities were to maintain the schools Ofsted report as outstanding or exceptional under the revised framework.

The following governors' visits had been undertaken.

Sarah Lord had undertaken a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) visit.

The Chair had undertaken a Safeguarding visit.

Sue Rushton had undertaken a PE monitoring visit.

John Liversedge had undertaken a visit with School Council

Joanne Hazlegrave had undertaken a visit to Early Years Foundation Stage

The HT reported that the ongoing challenge remained maintaining the school's high standard and continuing to build on its success.

6.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

6.01 **Resolved:**

- That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 November were agreed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

7.00 REVIEW ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

7.01 **Governor Monitoring Visits** Sarah Lord had undertaken a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) visit, and the Chair had undertaken a Safeguarding visit. Sue Rushton was booked to undertake a PE monitoring visit next half term. John Liversedge would undertake a visit with School Council and Joanne Hazlegrave to EYFS before the next meeting of the full governing board.
(minute 17.03: 12 Nov 25, minute 8.01: 25 Mar 26)

Action completed

8.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.01

Resources committee statutory requirements	Yes/No
The budget has been approved including the price of school meals	Yes
Health and safety policy has been approved	Yes
Charging and remissions policy has been approved	Yes
Mid-year reviews for teachers (and support staff) had been completed	Yes, for teachers

8.02	Pupil support committee statutory requirements	Yes/No
	The annual safeguarding self-assessment has been completed	Yes
	School meets equalities requirements	Yes
	A school uniform policy has been approved.	No
	There was a five-point statement about uniforms on the website.	Yes

8.03	Teaching and learning committee statutory requirements	Yes/No
	School will be providing an annual report to parents.	No
	School curriculum booklet was on the website which provides a detailed overview of all areas	Yes

9.00 **REPORT OF BUDGET APPROVAL FOR 2026-2027**

9.01 The Resources Committee had previously approved the surplus budget for 2026/27.

10.00 **SAFEGUARDING UPDATE AND APPROVE THE ARM**

10.01 The Section 175 Annual Review and Monitoring return (ARM) was completed on time with input and monitoring from the Chair.

The HT reported that the school regularly went the extra mile to support vulnerable students.

Steven Campbell undertook a web filtering review in June to check that inappropriate online searches were blocked.

11.00 **POLICY APPROVAL**

11.01 **Already approved and still in date**

- **Staff Disciplinary Policy**
- **Staff grievance policy**
- **Staff code of conduct**
- **Whistleblowing Policy**

Not yet approved

- **Teacher Pay Policy 2025-2026**

The governing board was not quorate to approve the Teacher Pay Policy. The HT confirmed there were no substantive changes to the policy. Approval would be sought at the September meeting.

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12.00 **EVALUATION OF GOVERNING BOARD EFFECTIVENESS**

12.01 The HT summarised that

- An annual statement would be released
- All governors were fulfilling their statutory duties well
- The governing body was constructive and challenges well without causing rifts within the school.
- The governors provided strategic oversight and monitoring.
- The governors were a huge strength to the school.
- The governors provide a diverse view from outside the school.

The HT took the opportunity to thank the governing body for their support, which she values.

13.00 GOVERNOR DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

13.01 There were two new governors on the board, Nicola Mitchell and Natasha Clough, both were keen to be active members of the governing board.

14.00 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

14.01 The Chair had no additional business except to express a thank you to all the staff and governors for their hard work this year and to wish them all the best for a good summer.

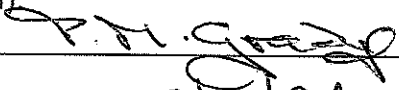
15.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

15.01 There was no other urgent business to report.

16.00 SET MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

16.01 Meeting dates for 2026/27
All Wednesdays at 3pm
07 October 26
25 November 26
24 March 27
16 June 27

The Chair closed the meeting at 3.43pm.

Signed (Chair):	
Date:	7/10/26