

**THE HAILEYBURY ACADEMY TRUST**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

**Scope of responsibility**

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that The Haileybury Academy Trust has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However, such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between The Haileybury Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

**Governance**

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met four times during the year. The Board met fewer than six times during the year. The Board is satisfied that through the use of sub-committees it maintains effective oversight of funds. Details of such sub-committees are noted below.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of a possible</b>
Dr L Pugsley	2	4
Mr M Collier	2	4
Mr S Campbell	3	4
Mr I Richardson	3	4
Mr R Matcham, Chair of Trustees	4	4
Mr J Giesen	3	4
Mr N Taylor	2	4
Mr T Little	0	0
Mr S Boyden	0	0
Mr D Kilgallon	3	4
Mrs E Pope	4	4
Mrs U Mahaka	0	0
Mr S Westley	4	4
Mrs R Rissen	2	4
Mr R Whitaker	3	4

**Review of year**

Haileybury Academy Trust has a very good range of governance expertise – Governors have a wide range of skills, both from education and non-education sectors. Recently appointed Trustees, for example have finance, business, social care and safeguarding, multi-academy trust and higher education backgrounds and expertise. Governance includes a number of colleagues who work for the sponsor, Haileybury.

**Governance reviews**

The last governance review took place in 2016-17 which focused on Governor support and challenge, strategic intent and risk. An internal governance review will take place this academic year. Governance was described as “highly effective” by Ofsted in May 2018. Strategic governance development will flow from this review process.