



**Alma Park Primary School**  
**Extraordinary Full Governing Body Meeting**  
**4:30p.m. Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
**Achievement Partnership Success**  
**Minutes**

**Present:**

Richard Williams

Monika Neall

Kate Hickman

David Cooke

Afshan Ahmed

Tina Kirwin-McGinley

Sam Howell

Khadija Kalsoom [joined the meeting at 4.40pm]

Hannah McHugh

Collaboration with another governing body.

The meeting was called as a single item meeting to discuss the collaboration with another governing body. The chair explained that in matters of grievance or disciplinary cases a governing body may sometimes not have enough capacity to fully follow the process, in particular if a case should go to appeal. If two governing bodies enter into an agreement to work together, the governing bodies can then call on each other if required.

***Q: A governor asked how this would work when current commitments are already very high.***

The chair drew attention to the phrase in the agreement that says members of the panel will be agreed on a case by case basis taking into account experience and availability. No governor will be pushed into taking on extra work that they are unable to commit to. It will be entirely voluntary.

***Q: A governor asked about how conflicts of interest will be managed. For example if a member of the governing body knows a teacher at the other school.***

Each case would need to be looked at individually and governors will be expected to declare any conflicts of interest in the same way as we do for our own governing body. This will likely mean that another governor would be approached to take part in the process.

Governors were concerned about the scope of the agreement, in particular in relation to the complaints section.

**Action: MN to clarify this with the other Head Teacher / Chair of Governors.**

**Governors agreed to the collaboration regulations and agreed to partner with Higher Openshaw Community School for 1 term, with a view to looking at the agreement again in September if both schools wish to renew the agreement.**