



Teachers Pay Policy

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Statement of Intent

Shefford Lower School understands that a fair and transparent policy is needed to establish the pay structure of teaching staff at the school.

The school has developed this policy to ensure that all members of teaching staff are aware of the basis on which the school determines teachers' pay, the process for annual pay reviews and progression, and the process for addressing any grievances teachers may have concerning their pay.

This policy aims to:

- Assure the quality of teaching and learning at our school.
- Support recruitment and retention, and reward teachers appropriately.
- Ensure accountability, transparency, objectivity and equality of opportunity.

1. Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation, and statutory and advisory guidance, including, but not limited to, the following:

- The Working Time Regulations 1998
- Employment Relations Act 1999 (as amended)
- The Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000 (as amended)
- The Fixed-Term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002 (as amended)
- Equality Act 2010
- The Education (School Teachers' Appraisal) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)
- DfE 'School teachers' pay and conditions document 2025 and guidance on school teachers' pay and conditions' (STPCD)
- The School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (England) (Amendment) Order 2023
- ACAS 'Code of practice on disciplinary and grievance procedures'
- DfE 'Managing Teachers' and Leaders' Pay: Advice for maintained schools, MATs, academies and local authorities'

1.1 This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Teacher Appraisal Policy
- Teacher Capability Policy
- Equality Information and Objectives Policy
- Grievance Policy
- Disciplinary Policy and Procedure

2. Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, “**highly competent**” means an individual whose performance is not only good, but is also good enough to provide coaching and mentoring to other teachers. An individual who is highly competent will be able to give advice to other teachers, demonstrate effective teaching practice and know how to make a wider contribution to the work of the school.

For the purpose of this policy, a “**substantial**” contribution means an individual who plays a critical role in the life of the school and continuously offers significant value. An individual who makes a substantial contribution to raising pupil standards, takes advantage of opportunities for professional development and uses the outcomes of such to effectively improve pupils’ learning.

For the purpose of this policy, “**sustained**” means maintained continuously over a long period of time, e.g. over two school years.

3. Roles and responsibilities

The Governing Body will be responsible for:

- Making pay decisions at the school.
- Reviewing teacher salary on an annual basis via Pay Committee. The Pay Committee will ensure the Pay Policy is applied throughout and agree outcomes with the Full Governing Body.
- Ensuring arrangements are in place for notifying staff members of their positions on the pay range, as well as any allowances they may be eligible for.
- Ensuring that sufficient funds are available to support pay decisions.
- Determining the extent to which specific functions relating to pay determination and the appeals process will be delegated to others.
- Monitoring the outcomes of this policy and reviewing any changes as necessary.

The Headteacher will be responsible for:

- Ensuring that effective appraisal systems are in place, and that members of staff have the knowledge and skills necessary to apply these procedures fairly.
- Submitting any pay recommendations to the Governing Body for approval.
- Ensuring that the Governing Body has sufficient evidence upon which to make decisions regarding pay.
- Keeping teachers well-informed of any decisions made regarding pay progression, as well as ensuring that written records are held.
- Maintaining records or decisions and recommendations made, and evidencing that all decisions have been made fairly.
- Submitting updates to this policy to the Governing Body for approval.
- Communicating any approved changes to this policy to all teaching staff.
- Carrying out their professional responsibilities, as outlined in Appendix A.

Teachers will be responsible for:

- Engaging with their appraisal; this includes working alongside their appraiser to ensure that there is a suitable amount of evidence available in order for an annual pay review determination to be made.
- Keeping records of their objectives and reviewing them throughout the appraisal process.
- Ensuring that they share any evidence for their appraisal that they consider relevant with their appraiser.
- Appraising the performance of other teachers, if delegated to do so by the Headteacher.
- Deciding whether they wish to apply for progression to the upper pay range.
- Carrying out their professional duties, as outlined in Appendix B.

4. Key factors

As established in the DfE's 'Managing Teachers' and Leaders' Pay' guidance, for the 2024/2025 academic year, the school will no longer be required to factor in objectives and appraisal processes to lead to performance-related pay outcomes for teachers and leaders. The school will still make a pay decision following the completion of the appraisal process.

The school may choose to retain or disregard some or all elements of performance-related pay, whilst ensuring that the impact of excessive workload on teachers, line managers, school leaders and governing boards is minimised.

5. Working time and cover

Teachers employed on a day-to-day or other short notice period will be paid in accordance with the provisions of the STPCD on a daily basis calculated on the assumption that a full working year consists of 195 days, periods of employment for less than a day being calculated pro-rata.

Teachers employed full-time will be available to work 195 days a year, of which:

- 190 days will be spent teaching pupils and performing other duties
- 5 days will be spent performing other duties only.

The 195 days in which teachers at the school are required to work will be specified by the LA, or by the Headteacher if directed.

Teachers employed full-time will be available to perform their duties at such times and places as specified by the Headteacher for 1265 hours, which will be allocated reasonably throughout the days in the academic year on which the teacher is required to be available to for work. The amount of time a teacher spends taking their daily break or travelling to and from the school does not count towards their hours or the pro rata equivalent.

Members of the leadership group, employees on the leading practitioner pay range and unattached teachers will not operate on a time-bound contract; therefore, the working time provisions stipulated within the STPCD will not apply to these employees.

All members of teaching staff will be required to work additional hours, within reason, to enable the effective discharge of their professional duties.

In line with their professional duties, teachers are required to supervise, and so far as practicable teach, any pupils where the person timetabled to take the class is not available to do so.

Subject to the STPCD, teachers will only be required to carry out their responsibility outlined in above paragraph rarely, and only in circumstances that are not foreseeable, for example, a teacher is absent without notice. The school defines "rarely" as no more than once per term.

Part-time teachers

Part-time teachers are bound by the same conditions of employment as full-time teachers, except that the number of hours the teacher must be available for work will be that proportion of 1265 hours, which corresponds to the proportion of total remuneration the teacher is entitled to be paid.

Part-time teachers will not be required to work or attend non-pupil days, or parts of days, on days which they would not normally be expected to work. Part-time teachers may be required to carry out duties, other than teaching pupils, outside school sessions on any day on which the teacher is normally required to be available to work (whether the teacher is normally required to be available to work for the whole of that day or for only part of that day).

The total amount of time that a part-time teacher may be required to be available for duties, when expressed as a proportion of the total amount of time that the teacher would be required to be available for such work if employed in the same post on a full-time basis, will not exceed the equivalent of that proportion of total remuneration that the teacher is entitled to be paid.

All members of part-time teaching staff at the school will be provided with a written agreed statement which sets out the expectations of the school and the employee in relation to the deployment of working time.

Planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time

Teachers will be entitled to periods of PPA time as part of their 1265 hours, or pro rata equivalent to enable the discharge of the professional responsibilities of teaching and assessment. PPA time will be provided in units of not less than half an hour during the school's timetabled teaching week and will amount to not less than 10 percent of the teacher's timetabled teaching time. Teachers will not be required to carry out any other duties during their PPA time.

1. September 2025 pay uplift

Following the government's acceptance of the STRB's 4 percent pay increase across all pay scales for the 2025/2026 academic year, the school will make use of government funding in order to facilitate this pay uplift for the 2025/2026 academic year.

Some staff members will see a higher uplift to achieve a minimum starting salary.

All pay uplifts will be backdated to 1 September 2025.

6. Leadership group pay scale

Staff members within the leadership group, including Headteachers and Deputy Headteachers, will be paid within the following range:

	England (excluding the London Area) £
Minimum	51,773
Maximum	143,796

66,368 - 90,255

In accordance with section 6 of the STPCD, the Headteacher's salary will be calculated by using the number of pupils at the school (the total unit score) to determine the appropriate Headteacher group.

The school's total unit score, calculated in accordance with sections 6.1-6.5 of the STPCD, is 3245 this means that the school belongs to Headteacher pay range group 3.

The school's pay range for Headteachers is:

Group	England (excluding the London Area) £
3	66,368-90,255

The school has established a seven point pay scale range for Headteacher posts, 18 – 24.

When determining where within the pay scale the Headteacher will be placed, the Governing Body will consider the responsibilities of the role and any challenges specific to the role, as well as any other relevant considerations.

In the case of a newly appointed Headteacher, the Governing Body will consider whether the requirements of the post, and the extent to which the preferred candidate meets these requirements, mean that it would be appropriate for the individual to begin their post above the minimum range for the Headteacher group.

Upon selecting a pay range, the Governing Body will ensure that there is enough room for performance-related pay progression over time. The Governing Body may award a salary above the maximum pay range for the Headteacher group where it believes that the requirements of the role or individual allow for a higher-than-normal payment.

The Governing Body may determine that payments be made to the Headteacher for clearly temporary responsibilities or duties that are in addition to the post for which their salary has been determined. These responsibilities will not be taken into account when determining the Headteacher's pay range.

The total sum of the temporary payments made to the Headteacher in any academic year will not exceed 25 percent of the Headteacher's annual salary. This does not apply to the following payments:

- Any payment made to the Headteacher for residential duties
- Any recruitment and retention incentives and benefits to the extent that the payment is in respect of housing or relocation expenses which relate solely to the personal circumstances of the Headteacher

The Governing Body will only make additional payments to the Headteacher that exceed the limit in exceptional circumstances, and only after seeking external independent advice to inform a business case for the payment to be made. The Governing Body will ensure that any payment above the maximum pay range for Headteachers is not exceeded by more than 25 percent.

Where a teacher is appointed as a member of the leadership group for a fixed period, or under a fixed-term contract, they will be notified of the circumstances which will bring the fixed period, or fixed-term contract, to an end.

The Deputy Headteacher/Assistant Headteacher's pay range will not exceed the maximum pay range of the Headteacher group for the school; the pay range for the Deputy Headteacher/Assistant Headteacher will not overlap the Headteacher's pay range, unless in exceptional circumstances.

It is at the discretion of the Governing Body to review all leadership post pay determinations after 1 September.

The individual pay ranges for the Deputy Headteachers are as follows L8-L12:

Leadership pay scale	
	Salary (£)

3	£54,394
4	£55,747
5	£57,137
6	£58,569
7	£60,145
8	£61,534
9	£63,070
10	£64,691
11	£66,368
12	£67,898
13	£69,596
14	£71,330
15	£73,105
16	£75,049
17	£76,772
18	£78,702
19	£80,655
20	£82,654
21	£84,699
22	£86,803
23	£88,951
24	£91,158

7. Classroom teacher pay scale

The Governing Body will determine the pay range for a vacancy prior to advertising it, having regard to the following:

- The requirements of the role
- Any specialist experience required for the role

- The experience required to undertake the specific duties of the role
- The wider school context

The Governing Body will determine the starting salary within the given pay range to be offered to the successful candidate.

The Governing Body has established the following six point and three point pay scale range for classroom teacher posts on the main pay range and the upper pay range:

Classroom teacher pay scale	
Group	England (excluding the London Area) £
Main pay range	
Minimum	£32,916
M2	£34,823
M3	£37,101
M4	£39,556
M5	£42,057
Maximum	£45,352
Upper pay range	
Minimum	£47,472
U2	£49,232
Maximum	£51,048

The Governing Body will not restrict the pay range advertised, or pay progression available, other than the minimum of the main pay scale and the maximum of the upper pay range. When making pay determinations for new appointees, the Governing Body will award pay scale points to determine the starting salary of the teacher.

The Governing Body will adhere to the following process when awarding pay scale points for early career teachers (ECTs), teachers on the main pay range and teachers on the upper pay range:

- One point for every one year of service as a qualified teacher in a maintained school, academy or independent school
- One point for every one year of service as a qualified teacher in HE or FE, including sixth form colleges
- One point for every three years of non-teaching experience spent working in a relevant area, including time spent working in an occupation relevant to a classroom teacher's role in a school and experience with children and young people
- One point for every three years of other remunerated or unremunerated experience, including caring for children during a career break

The governing board will also ensure that ECTs are not negatively affected by the induction period's extension from one to two years. This change also does not prevent ECTs from being awarded pay progressions at the end of their first year.

When determining the starting salary for a classroom teacher who has previously worked in a maintained school, academy or independent school, the Governing Body will:

- Pay the teacher on the main pay range or upper pay range at a scale point which at least maintains the teacher's previous pay entitlement.
- Award any pay progression that they would have received if they had remained at their previous post.

The Governing Body will pay a teacher on the upper range if:

- The teacher is employed in the school as a 'post-threshold teacher', defined as such in accordance with the definition outlined in the STPCD's 'Annex 2'.
- The teacher applied to be paid on the upper pay range in accordance with section 15 of this policy and their application was successful.
- The teacher was employed as a member of the leadership group in the school on or after September 2000, and has secured the position for one year or more.

NB. The teacher will not be paid on the pay range for leading practitioners or as a member of the leadership group.

NB. The above criteria are only applicable without any break in the teacher's continuity of employment.

The Governing Body may pay a teacher on the upper range if:

- The teacher is defined as a post-threshold teacher, but was not employed as such at the school, or was employed as such before a break in the continuity of their employment.
- The teacher applied to another educational setting to be paid on the upper pay range and their application was successful.
- The teacher has formerly been paid on the pay range for leading practitioners as outlined in the leading practitioner pay scale section of this policy.
- In the case of an unattached teacher, the teacher previously applied to be paid on the upper pay range and that application was successful.

8. Leading practitioner pay scale

The Governing Body may appoint a teacher as a leading practitioner if it is deemed that the primary purpose of the teacher's role is to model and lead the improvement of teaching skills.

The Governing Body has established the following 18 point pay scale range for leading practitioner posts:

Group	England (excluding the London Area) £
1 (min)	£52,026
18 (max)	£79,092

The Governing Body will consider the weight of the responsibilities of the post when determining the pay scale for a leading practitioner. All newly appointed leading practitioners will be subject to the minimum of the pay range.

The Governing Body will ensure that there is enough room for pay progression in relation to performance over time for any individual entitled to the leading practitioner pay range.

9. Unqualified teacher pay scale

Where a staff member is a graduate teacher or is on the employment-based teacher training scheme, the Governing Body will determine whether the teacher is to be paid and be eligible for allowances as a qualified teacher or unqualified teacher.

The Governing Body has established the following six point pay scale for unqualified teacher posts:

Group	England (excluding the London Area) £
1 (min)	£22,601
2	£25,193
3	£27,785
4	£30,071
5	£32,667
6 (max)	£35,259

A member of staff on the unqualified teacher pay scale will be notified of their position on the pay range and any allowances they may be eligible for.

The Governing Body may determine that an additional allowance is appropriate for unqualified teachers, where the individual has:

- Taken on a sustained additional responsibility which is focussed on teaching and learning, and requires the use of the teacher's professional skills and/or judgement.
- Qualifications or experience which adds significant value to the role being undertaken.

An individual who works as an unqualified teacher, gains QTS and continues to work as a qualified teacher at the school will be transferred to a salary within the main pay range once they have obtained QTS.

The Governing Body will pay the qualified teacher a lump sum which is the difference (if any) between the remuneration the teacher was paid as an unqualified teacher and the salary (not including any allowances) the teacher would have been paid as a qualified teacher, from the date QTS was obtained to the date the lump sum is paid. The qualified teacher will also be entitled to any allowance payable under this policy that the Governing Body deems appropriate.

10. Part-time and short-notice teachers

Part-time teachers, i.e. those who work on an ongoing basis but for less than a full working week, will receive pay in accordance with the school's timetabled teaching week for a full-time teacher in an equivalent post.

Teachers employed on a day-to-day basis, or by other short notice, such as supply teachers, will be paid on a daily rate equal to the pay of the individual who usually undertakes that role, but also in relation to any additional hours the teacher may agree to work from time to time at the request of the Headteacher.

The salary and any allowances, except for TLR 3 payments, of part-time teachers will be determined in accordance with the pro rata principle. This means that the proportion of total remuneration corresponds to the number of hours that the teacher is employed in that capacity during the school's timetabled teaching week.

11. Unattached teachers

An 'unattached teacher' is a teacher who is employed by the LA in a central capacity.

The remuneration of an unattached teacher will be determined by the relevant body, having regard to the relevant provisions of the STPCD, this policy and the teacher's post within the school's staffing structure.

Where the remuneration of an unattached teacher is determined in accordance with the provisions applicable to a member of the leadership group, the teacher's conditions of employment that relate to professional duties and working time will be agreed between the teacher and the relevant body.

12. Applicable pay range

Where a teacher is employed under a contract that normally requires work in the London area, but who is temporarily required to work elsewhere, they will continue to be paid in accordance with the pay range applicable to the teacher's normal area of employment.

Where a teacher moves out of either the inner, outer or fringe area of London, they will continue to be paid on the range they were on, so long as the teacher continues to be employed as a teacher in a post in which the salary is paid by the same authority.

If a teacher was being paid on a London area pay range on the 31 August they will continue to be paid on that range unless otherwise dictated within the provisions of the STPCD, so long as the teacher remains in the post held on that date.

13. Pay reviews

The Governing Body will review each teacher's salary on an annual basis, with effect from 1 September, each academic year. The Governing Body will conduct pay reviews at other times during the academic year to reflect any changes in circumstances or job description which, in turn, reflect the teacher's pay entitlements.

The Governing Body will conduct a pay review when a teacher joins the school or moves to the upper pay range. All individual pay progression decisions will account for any uplift applied within the STPCD. Any recommendations in pay will be made in writing as part of teachers' annual appraisals.

The Governing Body will provide each teacher with a written statement no later than one month after any review, outlining:

- Any payments and financial benefits awarded to the teacher, as well as the period for which they are awarded.
- Any safeguarding financial entitlements.
- The nature of any fixed-term contract.
- In the case of a leadership group or leading practitioner teacher, the basis and criteria on which remuneration has been determined.
- The criteria for a pay review to be undertaken.
- Information on where this policy is located.
- The appeals procedure in relation to pay grievances.

Where a pay determination leads to, or may lead to, the start of a period of safeguarding, the Governing Body will give the required notification as soon as possible, and no later than one month after the date of a pay determination.

Under no circumstances will reductions in pay be backdated.

14. Pay progression

The governing board will consider annually whether or not to increase the salary of teachers who have completed a year of employment since the previous annual pay determination and, if so, to what salary within the relevant pay ranges.

A written pay recommendation will be provided for every teacher and the governing board will have regard to this recommendation in making its decision. Pay progression will be awarded unless a teacher is in capability proceedings.

For ECTs, the governing board will determine pay recommendations by means of the statutory induction process. The governing board will also ensure that ECTs are not negatively affected by the extension of the induction period from one to two years. This change does not prevent a school from awarding pay progression to ECTs at the end of the first year.

15. Application to be paid on the upper pay range

All qualified teachers are entitled to apply to be paid on the upper pay range. Teachers can apply to be paid on the upper pay range whilst on any spinal point within the main pay range.

Applications for the upper pay range will only be made once a year using the Upper Pay Range Application Form. This form will be submitted to the teacher's appraiser at their performance appraisal meeting.

Evidence will be used to decide whether the teacher can be moved to the upper pay range.

Teachers simultaneously employed at an additional school can submit more than one application; however, the school is not bound by any pay progression made at an additional school.

To move a teacher to the upper pay range, the Governing Body will be satisfied that both of the following criteria have been met, in accordance with the STPCD:

- The teacher is highly competent in all elements of the relevant standards
- The teacher's achievements and contributions to the school are substantial and sustained

The Governing Body will be satisfied that the teacher has met the expectations for progression to the upper pay range if the Upper Pay Range Progression Criteria has been met successfully during two consecutive performance appraisals.

The appraiser of the teacher, in conjunction with the Headteacher, will make the initial decision as to whether the individual's application is successful. The Governing Body will make the final determination as to whether the individual's application is successful.

Teachers will receive written notification of whether their application has been successful or not within 10 working days of the Pay Committee having met.

If unsuccessful, teachers will receive feedback from their appraiser by 30th November, outlining the reasons for the decision, as well as future aims and objectives based on the unsuccessful criteria.

If successful, applicants will be moved to the upper pay range from the first day that they receive this entitlement.

The Governing Body will decide where on the upper pay range an applicant will be placed, in accordance with the individual's performance. Teachers may be placed at different points on the upper pay range with consideration to:

- The nature of the post and the responsibilities required.
- The level of qualifications, skills and experience of the individual teacher.

16. TLR payments

From 1st September 2025, the school may calculate the value of any existing or new TLR1 or TLR2 payment based on the proportion of the TLR responsibility that a teacher is undertaking, i.e. the proportion of the full-time equivalent responsibility.

From 1st September 2026, the school will calculate all existing and new TLR1 and TLR2 payments on this basis. This will ensure that the level of payment reflects the proportion of responsibilities undertaken, rather than being automatically linked to a teacher's contracted hours.

In practice:

- Part-time teachers will be eligible to receive up to the full TLR1 or TLR2 payment where they undertake the full range of responsibilities associated with the allowance, even though their salary and other allowances are determined pro-rata.
- Full-time teachers will receive a proportion of the TLR1 or TLR2 payment where they undertake only a proportion of the responsibilities associated with the allowance.

The school will agree the appropriate level of allowance and the associated responsibilities with each teacher individually. For part-time teachers, the school will ensure that responsibilities can be undertaken within their contracted hours.

During the 2025/26 academic year, the school will consider the impact of this change on teachers in receipt of a TLR1 or TLR2 so that it is fully prepared to implement the requirements from 1st September 2026.

The Governing Body will consider awarding qualified classroom teachers with a TLR payment if they undertake sustained additional responsibility for ensuring high-quality teaching and learning.

The Governing Body has established the following scale point pay scale ranges for TLR2 and TLR3 payments. There are no TLR1 posts within the school's staffing structure.

TLR pay scale	
Group	Payment (£)
TLR2	
1 (min)	£3,527
2	£5615
3	£8,611
TLR3	

1 (min)	£702
2	£3,478

The Governing Body will consider awarding a fixed-term TLR3 payment to a qualified classroom teacher for clearly time-limited school improvement projects, or one-off externally driven responsibilities. The Governing Body will establish the time frame of any fixed-term payment before the payment is made. The payment will be provided monthly for the duration of the specified fixed term.

Teachers are unable to hold a TLR1 payment and a TLR2 payment at the same time; however, they can hold a TLR3 payment with either a TLR1 or TLR2 payment.

To be awarded a TLR3 payment, the Governing Body will be satisfied that the teacher's additional responsibilities are not required of all other classroom teachers and that they:

- Are focussed on teaching and learning.
- Require the use of the teacher's professional skills and judgement.
- Require the teacher to lead and manage pupil development across the curriculum.
- Have an impact on the educational progress of pupils other than those who are in the teacher's assigned classes.

TLR3s may also be awarded where teachers are undertaking planning, preparation, coordination of, or delivery of tutoring to provide catch-up support to pupils on lost learning due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and where that tutoring work is taking place outside of normal directed hours but during the school day.

To be awarded a TLR1 or TLR2 payment, the Governing Body will be satisfied that the teacher meets all the criteria outlined above, as well as responsibilities which:

- Require the teacher to lead, manage and develop a subject or curriculum area.
- Involve leading, developing and improving the teaching practice of other teachers.

Before awarding a TLR1 payment, the Governing Body will also be satisfied that the teacher's additional responsibility includes acting as a line manager for a significant number of staff.

17. SEND allowance

The Governing Body has established the following four point pay scale range for SEND allowances:

SEND pay scale	
Group	Payment (£)
1 (min)	£2,787
2	£3,690
3	£4,593
4 (max)	£5,497

The Governing Body will award SEND allowances to all classroom teachers who:

- Are successful for any teaching post which requires a mandatory SEND qualification.
- Work in a special school
- Are required to teach pupils in one or more designated special classes.

The Governing Body will consider the following factors when awarding SEND allowances and deciding how much will be paid:

- Whether any mandatory qualifications are required for the role
- The qualifications and expertise of the teacher selected for the role
- The responsibilities and demands of the role

The Governing Body will award SEND allowances each month to teachers on the same day that they receive their payments for their responsibilities as a classroom teacher each month.

Teachers will be notified in writing of the amount of SEND allowance they will receive 10 days before the first payment is made, and no later than one month before the first payment is due.

18. Acting allowances

The Governing Body will decide whether to award allowances to any teacher who is required to act as Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher for a period more than four weeks.

If the teacher is to be awarded an acting allowance, the payment will be backdated to the day on which they assumed the additional responsibilities.

The teacher will receive an acting allowance which is equal to that of the individual who usually undertakes that role.

If the Governing Body decides to not award an acting allowance, but the teacher continues to be assigned to carry out the duties of a Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher/Assistant Headteacher (and has not been appointed as an acting Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher/Assistant Headteacher), the board may at any time after that decision make a further determination as to whether an acting allowance must be paid.

19. Additional payments

The Governing Body may decide to award additional payments to teachers in respect of:

- CPD outside of the school day.
- Activities relating to the provision of ITT which contribute to the conduct of the school.
- Participation in an out-of-school hours learning activity which was previously agreed between the teacher and Headteacher.
- Additional responsibilities and activities which relate to raising educational standards.

Additional payments in respect of the above will be worked out at an hourly or daily rate with reference to the teacher's position on their relevant pay scale range. All agreements and additional payments to be made will be documented.

The Governing Body may decide to make payments to teachers, as it deems necessary, as an incentive for the recruitment of new teachers and the retention of existing teachers. The Governing Body will ensure that the amount of retention and recruitment payments teachers will receive is clear, as well as the duration of the payment and the review date after which they may be withdrawn.

Recruitment and retention payments will not be awarded other than as a reimbursement of reasonably incurred housing or relocation costs. All other recruitment and retention considerations in relation to the Headteacher or

Deputy Headteacher/Assistant Headteacher – including non-monetary benefits – will be taken into account when determining their pay range.

Where the Governing Body awarded a recruitment or retention benefit to the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher under a previous version of the STPCD, subject to review, it is able to continue making the payment at its existing value until such time as the respective pay range is determined under the current STPCD.

Any payment to teachers for residential duties will be determined by the Governing Body.

The Governing Body may award additional payments to the Headteacher for any temporary responsibilities which are in addition to their usual duties and the post for which their pay has been determined.

Additional payments to the Headteacher will not exceed the Headteacher's annual salary or the maximum of Headteacher group 3 by 25 percent, except where the Governing Body deems there to be exceptional circumstances. The Governing Body will obtain external independent advice and create a business case where it believes that the Headteacher's salary should be increased by above 25 percent.

Where a teacher is temporarily seconded to a post as Headteacher in a school causing concern that is not the teacher's normal place of work, and the Governing Body of that school considers that the teacher merits additional payment to reflect sustained high quality of performance throughout the secondment, the Governing Body will pay the teacher a lump sum accordingly. This payment will not exceed 25 percent above the maximum of the Headteacher group for the school to which the teacher is seconded.

20. Safeguarding arrangements

All entitlements to safeguarding allowances will be made in accordance with sections 32-40 of the STPCD. The safeguarding provisions outlined in this section, and Part 5 of the STPCD, only apply when:

- A teacher loses their post as a result of the discontinuance of, or a prescribed alteration to, a school, or as the result of the closure or the reorganisation of a school, and takes up a new post on or after 1 January 2006, and is employed by the same authority or at a school maintained by the same authority.
- The relevant body determines that, because of a change to the school's pay policy or staffing structure, the duties for which the teacher was awarded a TLR1, TLR2 or unqualified teacher's allowance no longer include the responsibility for which the respective allowance was awarded, include a different responsibility, or the responsibility merits an allowance of a lower annual value.
- The relevant body decides to reduce the number of members of the leadership group or teachers paid on the range for leading practitioners.
- The relevant body decides to lower a pay range applicable to a member of the leadership group or a teacher on the pay range for leading practitioners.

Where a safeguarded sum is payable, the relevant body will notify the teacher in writing within one month of making the decision that a sum is payable. The teacher will be notified of the following information:

- The reason for the decision
- The date on which the decision will take effect (if known)
- The value of the teacher's pre-safeguarding salary
- The value of any allowances the teacher was entitled to before the circumstances in the above list took effect
- The amount of the safeguarded sum or enough information to reasonably determine the maximum amount of the safeguarded sum
- The date the safeguarding period will end, or the circumstance which will result in payment of the safeguarded sum ending
- The location of a copy of the school's staffing structure and Teachers' Pay Policy

The length of period the safeguarded sum will be paid for will be in accordance section 32 and 33 of the STPCD.

Where the total of a safeguarded sum exceeds £500, the relevant body will review the teacher's assigned duties and allocate additional duties to the teacher which are considered appropriate and proportionate with the safeguarded sum. The teacher will carry out these additional duties for as long as they continue to be paid the safeguarded sum which exceeds £500.

Where a teacher refuses to carry out such additional duties, they will not be paid the safeguarded sum and they will be notified of this decision at least one month before the payments cease.

During the safeguarding period, where a teacher receiving a safeguarded sum in respect of the loss or reduction to an allowance becomes entitled to an allowance or an increased allowance, the safeguarded sum will be reduced by the amount of the allowance, or the increase therein, for as long as the teacher is entitled to the new/increased allowance.

Where a safeguarded sum is payable due to the circumstances outlined above, the safeguarded sum will be discontinued whilst the teacher occupies a post as a member of the leadership group, or carries out the duties of a teacher paid on the pay range for leading practitioners in the absence of that teacher, for as long as the teacher occupies the post or carries out the duties in question.

The safeguarded sum will be reduced by the value of any subsequent TLR or SEND allowance awarded to the teacher, for as long as the teacher is entitled to the TLR or SEND allowance, in the following circumstance: a teacher loses their post as a result of the discontinuance of, or a prescribed alteration to, a school, or as the result of the closure or the reorganisation of a school, and takes up a new post on or after 1 January 2006, and is employed by the same authority or at a school maintained by the same authority.

21. Salary sacrifice arrangements

Staff may enter into salary sacrifice arrangements, whereby they sacrifice part of their gross salary in return for the school's agreement to provide a benefit-in-kind (exempt from income tax), under any of the following schemes:

- Childcare vouchers (only for employees who are currently in the scheme)

Participation in a salary sacrifice arrangement has no effect on the determination of any safeguarded sum to which the staff member is entitled under the STPCD.

22. Appeals procedure

Procedures for addressing grievances will be in accordance with the ACAS Code of Practice.

Grievances regarding pay matters will be dealt with in accordance with the school's appeals procedure. The school strives to resolve all potential grievance issues informally.

Teachers have the right to raise formal appeals against pay determinations if they feel a pay determination has been unfairly made. Teachers who are dissatisfied with their pay recommendation will first have an informal meeting with their appraiser or Headteacher to discuss the reasons for their dissatisfaction.

If the teacher believes the pay determination to be incorrect following their informal meeting, they may make a representation to the pay committee by submitting a formal written statement.

The teacher will be given the opportunity to make representations, provide evidence, ask questions and bring witnesses forward during their meeting with the pay committee. The pay committee will make a final decision and will notify the teacher in writing of the final pay determination.

If the teacher does not agree with the final pay determination, they may appeal the decision to the appeals panel made up of Governors. The teacher and their appraiser or the Headteacher will have the opportunity to present

evidence and witnesses, and question each other regarding the determination. The appeals panel will notify the teacher in writing of the appeals decision and the reasons for this decision. This decision is final and the teacher will not be able to question the determination any further.

23. Monitoring and review

The Governing Body will review this policy on an annual basis, ensuring that all processes and values are up-to-date and guarantee the equality of teachers in all instances.

Any changes made to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff. The next scheduled review date for this policy is September 2026.

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