



The Beacon
Folkestone

Pay & Reward Policy

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Guidance Note:

This model policy has been developed by lead officers of SPS and KCC for use in all schools and academies in Kent.

The Local Authority expects that all Community and Voluntary schools will use this document as the basis for their school pay policy. Foundation Schools and Academies may also wish to consider adopting this policy.

There has been a full consultation process with all KCC recognised professional associations and Trade Unions although agreement has not been reached on all points with all of these organisations . However, because of the wide scope for discretion in many areas of pay and reward, schools/academies are strongly encouraged to ensure there is meaningful consultation with staff and representatives at a school level .

Where there are areas of the policy that require a school/academy to determine its own approach this is indicated in italics within this document. The policy also contains some additional guidance notes for consideration which a school/academy may wish to delete from the document prior to it being formally adopted by the Governing Body.

This policy has been updated to take into account changes within the 2016 STPCD and applies with effect from 1st September 2016.

Section One: Policy

1.1 Policy Statement

This policy sets out the framework for making decisions regarding the pay and reward for all staff employed at this school/academy.

The aims of this policy are to:

- Maximise the quality of teaching and learning at the school
- Support a culture of high performance for staff across the school/academy
- Ensure the priorities and targets within the School Improvement Plan are fully supported
- Support the recruitment and retention of a high quality workforce
- Enable the school/academy to recognise and reward all staff appropriately and fairly for their contribution and achievements
- Ensure all decisions on pay and reward are managed in a fair, just and transparent way

The Governing Body will undertake to:

- Reward all staff appropriately recognising their contribution to the school as individuals and as valued members of the school team
- Use the discretions and flexibility available within the various terms and conditions to recruit, reward and retain the highest quality staff according to the needs of the school
- Ensure that appropriate funding is allocated for performance pay progression for all groups of staff
- Ensure all staff are treated fairly and equitably under this policy
- Communicate this policy and related procedures to all staff ensuring that any appeal or other concerns are managed promptly, fairly and objectively
- Ensure compliance with the principles set down by the Committee on Standards in Public Life and to maintain objectivity and transparency

The Governing Body will need to consider appropriate pay relativities and differentials when conducting pay reviews and should be mindful of the public sector equality duty in this regard.

All pay and reward decisions should fairly reflect staff responsibilities, achievements and contributions throughout the school with regard to the relevant standards.

The Governing Body wishes to ensure that both promotion and development opportunities are widely available to all employees. The Governing Body will not promote staff through the grading system nor use other pay mechanisms to assist in securing an employee's improved pension entitlement on retirement.

The Governing Body will ensure that each member of staff has an up-to-date job description that accurately reflects the accountabilities of the post. In the case of Teachers job descriptions will reflect the requirements of the Teachers' Standards for England. All job descriptions will be reviewed annually as part of the school's performance appraisal process.

The Governing Body will make use of allowances, additional payments and other incentives permitted by the appropriate terms and conditions to reward all staff who undertake additional responsibilities to a good standard of performance. This should be done through agreed personal and development plans.

1.2 Scope

This Policy and Procedure applies to all Employees of The Beacon Folkestone.

1.3 Adoption Arrangements and Date

This procedure was adopted by the Governing Body of The Beacon Folkestone on 16th January 2017 and supersedes any previous Pay and Reward Policy.

This policy will be reviewed by The Beacon Folkestone every year or earlier if there is a need.

1.4 National and Local Agreements

The Governing Body will abide by the requirements of all relevant national and local agreements with particular reference to:

- School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document, including due regard to relevant guidance documents and accompanying circulars
- Conditions of Employment for School Teachers in England and Wales (the Burgundy Book)
- Kent Scheme Conditions of Service (the Blue Book) (excluding pay provisions - if the school has not adopted Kent Range)
- NJC for Local Government Services (the Green Book)

1.5 Review of School Structure

The Governing Body will review the school's staffing and salary structure and any related allowances annually but may do so at any time according to the needs of the school. The Headteacher will lead on this process and will ensure there is full and proper consultation with all staff involved and all relevant recognised unions.

The Governing Body appreciates that changes to staff structures can be unsettling for staff causing concern and stress. Therefore the Headteacher must ensure that the process is conducted sensitively and fairly and ensure effective communication and appropriate treatment of staff is maintained throughout with proper consideration for the work-life balance of all involved.

Where changes to the Staffing Structure affect teachers' pay, they will be issued with a revised salary statement together with details of safeguarding (where appropriate).

Section Two: Framework for Pay Decisions

2.1 Delegation

The Governing Body is ultimately responsible for all pay decisions affecting staff in this school.

Governors should therefore determine delegation arrangements for formal hearings within their own School by choosing one of the options below. Please note where the Headteacher is responsible for making pay decisions, the responsibility for pay recommendations must sit with another manager

The Governing Body will delegate all pay decisions with the exception of decisions relating to the pay of the Leadership team to the Headteacher, or a nominated Governor. All references in this Policy to the Pay Committee will then apply to the Headteacher or the nominated Governor

All decisions relating to the pay for members of the Leadership team, including the Headteacher will be taken by a Committee of the Governing Body. See also Appendix 1.

2.2 Terms of Reference for the Pay Committee

- To ensure the achievement of all the pay policy objectives and principles in a fair, reasonable and equitable manner
- To undertake an annual pay review for all staff and reach decisions through the application of any relevant criteria measured by the School's performance appraisal process
- To consider fully all recommendations for pay progression and any other relevant information made available
- To ensure all members of staff are informed individually of the outcome of the annual pay review in writing within ten working days of the decision being made
- To observe all statutory and contractual obligations
- To recommend to the Governing Body changes to the policy and to consult with staff and recognised unions on those proposed changes
- To seek advice from the Local Authority where appropriate
- To maintain an accurate written record of all meetings and, having due regard to confidentiality, to report its decisions to the Governing Body
- To recommend to the Governing Body the annual budget for pay and to ensure that sources of external funding for pay are accessed to maximum effect.

Membership of the Pay Committee will not be open to anyone who could benefit financially, directly or indirectly from such membership or any of the decisions of the committee.

Guidance Note:

Schools/academies will need to consider carefully the membership of the committee and appeals committee to ensure the right composition. In particular they should avoid both the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors being members of the Pay Committee as this will inhibit one of these key, senior roles being available for any pay appeals that may arise.

2.3 Annual Pay Review

The Governing Body, via the Finance Committee, will determine the budget to be set for pay, including pay progression for all staff.

An annual review of pay shall be conducted for all staff by the Pay Committee in accordance with this Policy and will comply with equal opportunities, employment legislation and any instructions or guidance from relevant bodies such as the DfE. Pay will be assessed on the same basis for full and part time staff.

All decisions made by the Pay Committee will take due account of the appraisal statement and all relevant information available from an appraisal or other review of an employee's skills, abilities, performance and any other factors deemed to be relevant. This will include any recommendation made by an employee's appraiser.

All decisions regarding pay progression for teachers, including the Leadership Group should be made without undue delay.

These should be completed prior to or on 31st October for teaching staff and prior to or on 31st December for the Head Teacher.

Pay progression for all teaching staff, including the Leadership Group, is normally with effect from 1st September unless determined otherwise within the discretions of this policy.

Guidance Note:

Please note schools have discretion to determine different timescales and should consult locally for example to alter their progression cycles to reflect the academic year – i.e. Pay decisions will be made no later than end of the Summer Term and pay progression awarded with effect from 1st September each year.

For schools who have adopted Kent Range

Decisions relating to support staff eligible for salary progression under the arrangements for TCP will be made in accordance with the following timescales. Pay decisions will be made no later than 31st March and pay progression will be awarded with effect from 1st April each year.

2.4 Notification to Staff

The Chair of Governors will confirm, in writing any pay progression for the Headteacher. The Chair will also advise the school's Personnel and Payroll provider of the decisions of the Pay Committee which have been ratified by the full Governing Body, including the group number of the school and the Headteacher's Individual School Range.

The Headteacher will be responsible for notifying all other members of staff individually, including the Leadership team in writing and informing the school's Personnel provider concerning decisions regarding any pay progression for this group of staff.

Notification to all qualified teachers will be given as a formal statement each year stating their salary and how it has been arrived at, as required by the appropriate STPC Document. All other staff should be given relevant and updated information, in writing, regarding their salaries.

Reviews may take place at other times of the year to reflect any changes in circumstances or job description that lead to a change in the basis for calculating an individual's pay. A written statement will be given after any review and where applicable will give information on the basis on which it was made.

Further information/details regarding an individual's own pay can be obtained by a written request to the Headteacher.

2.5 Appeals

Any Employee may seek a review of any determination in relation to his/her pay or any other decision taken by the governing body (or a committee or individual acting with delegated authority) that affects his/her pay.

Prior to making an appeal Employees are encouraged to speak informally to their appraiser and headteacher about any concerns they have with the pay recommendation which has been made.

Should an Employee not agree with the pay decision they may make an appeal. The arrangements and process for pay appeals are set out in Appendix 4.

2.6 Absence during the Pay Review Cycle

Guidance note:

A school considering awarding partial or no pay progression for reasons of insufficient evidence due to significant absence should seek advice from their HR provider to ensure decisions are not potentially discriminatory.

Consideration will be given to adjusting the pay review process where a member of staff has had a significant period of absence during the pay cycle due to maternity leave, long term sick leave or disability related absence.

The precise nature of the adjustments will be determined on a case by case basis and following discussion with the Employee but may involve using evidence available from previous cycles, part of the cycle or adjusted objectives.

Alternatively the pay decision may be deferred, with the agreement of the employee, until the employee's return to work to enable the individual to participate fully in the pay review process.

Consideration may also be given to undertaking pay reviews prior to a planned absence and basing any pay determination on the evidence of performance available to that point.

Additionally support staff employed on Kent Scheme conditions will need to have sustained an aggregate attendance of 9 months in any one year (pro rata for term time only staff) to be eligible for a TCP assessment. Following return to work and on completion of 9 months aggregate service the TCP assessment should take place and any pay award backdated to the previous April.

Guidance note: Support Staff and TCP

Sickness – extended sickness absence interrupts the appraisal cycle but does not prevent an employee from receiving an assessment. On return from sick leave the employee needs to accrue a total of 9 months in work, including any un-assessed time before their sick leave, before receiving an assessment. For

example, someone who has absence 3 months into the review period needs to be back at work continuously for a further 6 months before an assessment of their performance can be made. The same principle applies if someone has had a number of absences due to sickness over the year – there must be a total of 9 months at work for an assessment to take place. Once the assessment is complete any pay award should be backdated to April.

Maternity – an employee on maternity leave cannot be assessed in terms of their performance during the period of absence but requires an assessment on their return, and completion of 9 months aggregated service (including time at work before and after the maternity leave) which may need to be backdated.

2.7 Equality Considerations

The school will have due regard to equality and equal pay considerations when making pay determinations.

Guidance note:

Schools are advised to refer to supplementary guidance issued by the DfE – Implementing your School's Approach to Pay:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/544807/Implementing_your_schools_approach_to_pay.pdf;

Where a teacher is away from school because of maternity leave, pay progression should not be denied solely because of her maternity. When a teacher returns to work from maternity leave, the schools are advised to give her any pay increases that she would have received, following appraisal, had she not been on maternity leave.

Schools should ensure that their pay and appraisal policies incorporate any adjustments which can reasonably be made to give a teacher who is absent for disability related reasons an equal opportunity to participate in the appraisal process. Where a teacher returns to work following a disability related absence, pay progression should not be denied solely because of their disability related absence.

Section Three: Pay and Reward for Teachers

Guidance note:

Schools are advised to refer to supplementary guidance issued by the DfE – Implementing your School's Approach to Pay:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/544807/Implementing_your_schools_approach_to_pay.pdf

The Governing Body will ensure decisions on pay and reward are consistent with the provisions of the STPCD and take due account of any supplementary guidance issued by the DfE.

3.1 Qualified Classroom Teachers (Main Scale and Upper Pay Range)

The arrangements for determining the salaries and pay progression of teachers paid on the main and upper pay range are set out below.

3.2 Basic Pay Determination on Appointment

The pay range for a vacant teaching post will be determined by the Headteacher/ Pay Committee prior to the post being advertised. The Headteacher will determine the starting salary within the range determined for the position at the point the job offer is made. In making such determinations the following factors will be taken into consideration:

- The nature and demands of the post
- The level of qualifications, skills and experience required
- Market conditions
- The wider school context including its ethos and principles.

The school will give every regard to the current salary of a teacher appointed from another school. A teacher may be paid their current salary, however there is no assumption that a teacher will be paid at the same rate as they were in their previous school.

Schools should pay particular care not to place female employees returning from maternity or career breaks for childcare purposes at a disadvantage in this regard.

Guidance note:

In most cases it would be expected that a school would want or need to offer a salary commensurate with that of a teacher's current position where the new post is of the same or broadly similar responsibility to their previous school. However where a school is considering an offer below current salary for a similar level post then the school must be mindful of the potential recruitment implications. Also where an offer is being considered that is above current salary position, any adverse impact on internal pay differentials may have consequences for the morale and retention of existing staff. Schools may wish to take advice from their personnel provider when making decisions regarding pay on appointment to ensure against discriminating against certain groups of employees – for example a teacher returning to the profession following a career break for child care or carers reasons.

The pay range for Main Pay Range appointments and criteria for pay determinations and progression are set out in Appendix 2

3.3 Recruitment and Retention Incentives and Benefits

The Governing Body may make an appropriate payment to a teacher, as considered necessary and subject to the overall limit on discretionary payments, as an incentive for the recruitment or retention of a teacher. The Governing Body will determine a policy statement that will set out the criteria for such awards.

It should be noted that Recruitment and Retention payments will not be made to a Headteacher – other than at the discretion of the Governing Body specifically for relocation costs.

The Governing Body may also award other financial assistance, support or benefits including for example travel costs, assistance with costs of care of dependents or other support where this may assist recruitment and/or retention of a teacher.

An incentive allowance, including other financial assistance, support or benefit made for the recruitment or retention of a teacher, will be reviewed after a suitable period agreed with the teacher and this will be confirmed in writing in line with the School's policy.

All awards will be in line with the provisions of the STPCD and the School will ensure that due consideration will be given to the tax implications of any such benefits.

The Governing Body will review the level of payment of such individual awards on an annual basis.

Guidance note:

The minimum and maximum of the ranges for SEN allowances and TLR 1, 2, 3 payments have been increased by 1% in line with the SPTCD recommendations from 1st September 2016.

Schools should ensure no teacher is receiving an allowance beneath these new minimum values -

Where a teacher is paid within these values – schools have discretion to determine any increase which should be applied – however a 1% increase is suggested

3.4 Special Needs Allowances

The Governing Body will make appropriate payment of special needs allowances, which will be awarded according to the criteria in the STPCD. Newly qualified teaching staff will receive a SEN allowance on entry to The Beacon. Staff will be considered for a second SEN point depending on experience and expertise and after three years service at qualified teacher status. An exception to this would be if a teacher progresses to the upper pay scale they would be entitled to the second SEN point.

SEN 1	£2085.00
SEN 2	£4116.00

SEN Allowances will be awarded within the current national range of £2085.00 – £4116.00

3.5 Teaching and Learning Responsibility Payments

Teaching and Learning Responsibility Payments (TLRs) will be awarded to posts in the attached school staffing structure in accordance with the criterion, factors and other conditions as set out in the STPCD.

The number and nature of TLRs will be determined by consideration of the school's improvement plan and associated priorities whilst ensuring the school keeps within its agreed budget.

TLR 1c	£12898.00
TLR 1b	£10259.00
TLR 1a	£7622.00
TLR 2c	£6450.00
TLR 2b	£4544.00
TLR 2a	£2640.00
TLR 3c	£2633.00
TLR 3b	£1562.00
TLR 3a	£523.00

The values of each level of TLR within the school are set out below:

Where a TLR is awarded on a temporary basis, for example to cover for maternity or sick leave, the Governing Body will ensure the reason and length of that period is clearly set out in a revised pay statement

The School may award an individual TLR3 for clearly time-limited school improvement projects, or one-off externally driven responsibilities. The Governing Body will set out in writing to the teacher the duration of the fixed term, and the amount of the award will be paid in monthly instalments. No safeguarding will apply in relation to an award of a TLR3.

3.6 Additional Payments

The Governing Body will use the discretion available to make appropriate additional payment to teachers in the following circumstances;

- a) Undertaking continuing professional development outside the school day.
- b) Activities relating to the provision of initial teacher training as part of the ordinary conduct of the school.
- c) Participation in out-of-school learning activities.
- d) Additional responsibilities and activities relating to the raising of educational standards in one or more additional schools.

The above payments will only be payable to a Headteacher for a specific, temporary or time limited activity. Any permanent responsibilities in relation to the above activities will be taken into account when determining the Headteacher's salary range.

Payments to part-time teachers will be made through the existing mechanisms of supply/additional hours' payments up to full-time.

Agreement to participate in out of school hours learning activities will be documented to set out the work expected and the rate of payment.

3.7 Pay Progression Based on Performance

In this school all teachers will receive regular, constructive feedback on their performance and are subject to annual appraisal that recognises their strengths, informs plans for their future development, and helps to enhance their professional practice. These arrangements are set out in the school's appraisal policy. The school will ensure that appraisal reviewers have undertaken appropriate training.

Guidance note:

It is good practice to ensure teachers are alerted to the possibility that their performance may not merit pay progression where the evidence would seem to indicate this potential position. This should be done within the appraisal process and at the earliest opportunity possible to ensure the teacher has the opportunity to remedy the position.

Decisions regarding pay progression will be made with reference to the teachers' appraisal reports and the key pay recommendations they contain. It will be possible for a 'no progression' determination to be made without recourse to the capability procedure.

Continued good performance as defined by an individual school's pay policy should give the teacher an expectation of progression to the top of their respective pay range.

In the case of NQTs whose appraisal arrangements are different, pay decisions will be made with reference to the requirements of the statutory induction process. NQTs have no automatic entitlement to pay progression on completion of their induction period. The evidence from induction should however inform decisions about pay progression.

To be fair and transparent, assessments of performance will be properly rooted in evidence. The Headteacher will ensure fairness by reviewing and moderating all pay decisions prior to confirmation, thus ensuring a consistent application and interpretation of criteria and evidence. Where differentiated or accelerated pay progression is awarded such decisions will be rooted in evidence and applied equitably.

Appendix 2 sets out the criteria for progression with common examples of evidence that can be used in supporting pay decisions.

- The general expectation for a teacher to progress within the main pay range is evidence of consistently good teaching and learning
- The general expectation for teachers on the upper pay range is that the evidence will demonstrate aspects of outstanding teaching and learning.

Pay reviews for teachers on the main pay range will normally be completed annually.

Performance reviews for teachers on the upper pay range will be completed annually and this may include consideration of any possible future pay implications, however pay progression on the upper pay range will normally be awarded every two years subject to the evidence meeting the criteria.

All teachers should be able to demonstrate evidence of appropriate pupil progress in line with national standards. Other factors, including evidence of the Teacher's Professional Standards relevant to the criteria for the range, may also be important in making sound pay decisions and this should be discussed as part of the appraisal process.

The evidence necessary for considering pay progression will usually be available through performance appraisal and other established management systems.

Guidance note:

Pay progression on the upper pay range should not necessitate a separate, formal application form or process. In circumstances where evidence is not readily available the headteacher may request that the teacher provides this.

Where a teacher has joined the school part way through an appraisal cycle, the pay decision will be based on the evidence from the teacher's time at the school. Additionally, the Headteacher may, if deemed appropriate, seek further evidence from the previous school in order to make a fair and justifiable pay decision.

All teachers' appraisals will contain a written report summarising the teacher's performance against objectives and teacher standards. This report will include a recommendation on pay progression. This recommendation will be made by the Appraiser/Headteacher/other (please specify).

Final decisions regarding the pay decision will be made by the Pay Committee/Governing Body for positions on the Leadership scale and by the Headteacher/Governor/Pay Committee for all other teachers. All decisions will have due regard to the appraisal report including the recommendation and will take into account any advice from the senior leadership team of the school.

Where possible teachers will be notified of the outcome of their pay decision before 1st September but in all cases this will be completed before 31st October each year. Where pay progression is awarded this will take effect from 1st September and may be backdated should the pay decision not have been made by this date.

The Governing Body will consider its approach in the light of the school budget and ensure that appropriate funding is allocated for pay progression at all levels.

3.8 Movement to the Upper Pay Range

Applications and Evidence for Progression to the Upper Pay Range

All qualified teachers may apply to be paid on the upper pay range and any such application will be assessed in line with this policy. It is the responsibility of the teacher to decide whether or not they wish to apply to be paid on the upper pay range.

Guidance note;

A school/academy may set some eligibility criteria for consideration of an application. For example it would be reasonable, if desired, to state that a teacher may only apply to move to the upper pay range having progressed to the maximum value of the main pay range. Alternatively a school/academy may want to enable a teacher to apply for upper pay range at any point in their employment should they feel they have the requisite evidence.

A teacher can only submit one application for progression to the upper pay range in any school year unless there are exceptional circumstances.

All applications should include the results of the two most recent reviews or appraisals, including any recommendation on pay. A teacher may enclose any additional evidence to support their application. Where information from previous reviews is either not available or applicable the teacher may submit a statement and summary of evidence designed to demonstrate that the teacher meets the assessment criteria.

Guidance note:

Schools have the discretion to set the date by which upper pay range applications must be made. It is highly advisable to ensure that the deadline provides for consideration of the evidence from the appraisal review for the cycle in which the application is submitted.

In The Beacon the deadline for submitting an application to be considered for progression to the upper payrange is 1st October in the following school year

If a teacher is simultaneously employed at another school or schools they may submit separate applications if they wish to be paid on the upper pay range in that employment. This school will not be bound by any pay decision made by another school.

The Governing Body, via the Pay Committee, will accept the Headteacher's assessment of eligible teachers against the national standards to enable them to move on to the upper pay range subject to prevailing national regulations.

Teachers who have had a break in service or a significant period of absence from work may submit additional evidence from a previous period if this is relevant to the assessment.

All applications must be submitted to the Headteacher using the school's Upper Pay range application form.

The Assessment

An application from a qualified teacher will be successful where the Headteacher is satisfied that:

- a) The teacher is highly competent in all elements of the professional standards; and
- b) The teacher's achievements and contribution to the school are substantial and sustained.

For the purposes of this policy the following terms are defined:

- **Highly competent:** consistently good teaching and learning with some evidence of outstanding practice in a key area of the professional standards, evidence of being able to give advice and mentoring to

others on effective teaching practice and how to make a wider contribution to the work of the school in order to help others meet the professional standards and develop their teaching practice.

- **Substantial:** of real importance, validity and value to the school; evidence the teacher plays a critical role in the life of the school; provides a role model for teaching and learning; makes a distinctive contribution to the raising of pupil standards; takes advantage of appropriate opportunities for professional development and uses the outcomes effectively to improve pupils' learning.
- **Sustained:** means sustained over the review period, normally two years or a significant part thereof.

Processes and procedures

The application will be assessed against the above criteria and the teacher will be informed by the Headteacher in writing, within 15 working days following receipt of application/following the deadline for receipt of the application.

Where progression to the upper pay range is awarded, this will take effect from the following 1st September (for applications made before 31st August) or backdated to 1st September (for applications made after 31st August but before 31st October)

In normal circumstances the teacher will move to the minimum salary of the upper pay range however there may be circumstances where it is considered appropriate to move the teacher to a higher value within the range. This decision will be made by the Headteacher/Pay committee/Governing Body and will be based on the following considerations:

- The nature and impact of the responsibilities undertaken by the teacher
- The level of qualifications, skills and experience demonstrated by the teacher
- The level of performance against the standards demonstrated by the teacher

However all decisions will be reviewed before confirmation to ensure the award is fair, consistent and fulfils the employers' legal duties with regard to equal opportunity and equal pay for equal value etc.

If unsuccessful, the teacher will receive feedback by line manager/subject leader/Head of department/Headteacher/Head of School and this will be given as soon as possible but no later than 15 working days of confirmation of the decision.

A teacher may appeal against a decision not to move the applicant to the upper pay range and this will be held in accordance with the school's procedures for hearing pay appeals.

The pay range for Upper Pay Range appointments and criteria for pay determinations and progression are set out in Appendix 2

3.9 Part Time Teachers

Teachers employed on an ongoing basis at the school but who work less than a full working week are deemed to be part-time. The Governing Body will ensure the teacher is issued with a written statement detailing their working time obligations and the standard mechanism used to determine their pay, subject to the provisions of the statutory pay and working time arrangements and by comparison with the school's timetabled teaching week for a full time teacher in an equivalent post.

3.10 Leading Practitioner Posts

The Governing Body will determine the need for a Leading Practitioner position in the school. Consideration will be given as to whether any current Advanced Skills Teachers in post within the school have the necessary skills and experience for such a role.

In the event a Leading Practitioner post is established this will be set out in the staffing structure of the school and appointment will be made in accordance with the school's recruitment procedure.

The pay range for Leading Practitioner appointments and criteria for pay determinations and progression are set out in Appendix 2.

3.11 Supply Teachers

Teachers who work on a day-to-day or other short notice basis will have their pay determined in line with the statutory pay arrangements in the same way as other teachers. Teachers paid on a daily basis will have their salary assessed as an annual amount, divided by 195 and multiplied by the number of days worked.

Teachers who work less than a full day will be hourly paid and will also have their salary calculated as an annual amount.

Any teacher engaged on a supply basis, where eligible will have their performance pay progression awarded on a proportionate basis in the same way as other teachers in the school who have been absent for a significant part of the pay period (see paragraph 2.6)

3.12 Unqualified Teachers

Pay on Appointment

The Headteacher will determine where a newly appointed unqualified teacher will enter the range for unqualified teachers, having regard to any qualifications or experience s/he may have, which they consider to be of value.

The Headteacher may consider making an appropriate additional allowance where there are sound and justifiable grounds for so doing.

Whilst regard will be given to the current salary of a teacher appointed from another school there is no assumption that a teacher will be paid at the same rate as they were in their previous school.

Pay Progression

In order to progress up the unqualified teacher range, unqualified teachers will need to show evidence of a successful appraisal with evidence of appropriate teaching and learning outcomes in line with national standards. The unqualified teacher will also need to evidence that they are studying towards their qualified teacher status.

Pay progression on the unqualified teacher range will be clearly attributable to the performance of the individual teacher. The pay committee will be able to objectively justify its decisions.

Appendix 2 sets out the criteria for progression with common examples of evidence that can be used in supporting pay decisions.

Where possible teachers will be notified of the outcome of their pay decision before 1st September but in all cases this will be completed before 31st October each year. Where pay progression is awarded this will take effect from 1st September and may be backdated should the pay decision not have been made by this date.

Section Four: Pay and Reward for Support Staff

4.1 Basic Pay Determination on Appointment

For schools who have adopted Kent Range:

Support staff will be paid in accordance with the Kent Range pay framework or

For Foundation and Aided Schools who have not adopted Kent Range:

Support staff will be paid in accordance with a locally agreed pay framework

The Governing Body recognises the value of job evaluation as a means of assessing the grade of a job in a fair and consistent way. This enables the school to fulfil its legislative and other employer obligations for equal pay for equal value as well as the need for a 'felt fair' grading structure.

The Governing Body will therefore use any benchmark job descriptions supplied by the school's Personnel Services provider and where appropriate the Hay Job evaluation scheme or other evaluation scheme recommended by its Personnel Provider in establishing or reviewing the grade for a job.

However, the Governing Body will operate within the NJC pay and conditions of service of Local Government Service for any staff who are employed under these terms and conditions.

In this event, manual staff on NJC conditions will be paid a single point within the national grade and honoraria payments will be considered to reward exceptional performance.

4.2 Pay Progression and Additional Awards

For schools who have adopted Kent Range:

The Governing Body will ensure that suitable arrangements are in place to assess the total contribution of all support staff and will use this assessment to determine annual pay decisions in accordance with Kent Range.

Appendix 3 of this policy sets out the criteria for progression with common examples of evidence that can be used in supporting pay decisions for support staff.

In usual circumstances the necessary evidence for pay progression will be available through the performance appraisal and other established management systems. In certain circumstances where evidence is not readily available the headteacher may request that the staff member provides this.

The school will also make appropriate use of any merit award or other reward system, both cash and non-cash, developed by KCC to recognise the performance and contribution of support staff in a positive and flexible way. The school will ensure that any such decision is in accordance with the schemes' provisions.

4.3 Additional Considerations for the grading of support staff posts

Where a member of staff achieves a work-related qualification (for example as a HLTA) that entitles him/her to be paid at a higher grade for those duties, the school will endeavour where possible to engage the employee in the higher graded duties for the duration of their working hours in school rather than use a split contract arrangement.

Where a member of support staff holds two or more contracts at differing grades, for example HLTA and Teaching Assistant, the school may consider paying the higher grade for all work undertaken if it can be reasonably held that the employee would be using their higher level skills consistently in all their roles.

4.4 Payments for Additional Hours

The Governing Body will make appropriate payments to Support Staff undertaking additional hours, for example attending INSET and Out of School Learning Activities, in accordance with the relevant scheme of terms and conditions

4.5 Cash Awards (Support Staff Only)

A cash award may be considered to reward specific performance over and above what is normally expected. Simply meeting targets or competent performance within the job would not attract an award.

Upon completion of a special task or project requiring exceptional performance by a project team or individual over and above normal expectations

To recognise effective handling of additional duties which have not been recognised by other means, such as under an 'acting up' or other arrangement.

Cash awards are made as 'one-off' payments between £100 and £500. They are pensionable and are subject to normal payroll deductions such as tax and National Insurance. Payment should be as close to the time of achievement as possible. Individuals may receive more than one payment but the combined total cannot normally exceed £500 in one year. Exceptionally, the Governing body can approve awards to an individual higher than £500 in a financial year

Section Five: Leadership Group Pay

Guidance Note:

The provisions outlined below apply to individuals appointed to leadership posts on or after 1st September 2014, or whose responsibilities significantly change after this date.

The Governing Body will ensure decisions on pay and reward are consistent with the provisions of the STPCD and take due account of any supplementary guidance issued by the DfE.

The Leadership pay range is set out in Appendix 2.

5.1 Pay Determination Prior to Appointment

The Governing Body will confirm the membership of the school's Leadership team and determine the pay ranges applicable for each post.

The pay range for a vacant leadership post will be determined by the Governing Body / Pay Committee prior to the post being advertised.

5.2 Headteacher Pay Determination

The Governing Body will review the Headteacher group whenever it proposes to appoint a new headteacher.

The indicative group size for a school will be determined in accordance with the provisions set out in the STPCD. The Governing Body will identify a pay range within the group size to which the Headteacher will be appointed.

In determining the pay range for a headteacher the Governing Body / Pay Committee may take into consideration:

- The specific requirements of the post
- The school context and challenge
- The complexity of the post
- The requirement to recruit and retain appropriate candidates
- Affordability and comparable salary benchmarking data

The pay range for a Headteacher will not usually exceed the group size for the school. However the Governing Body / Pay Committee may determine a range up to 25% greater in value than the maximum group size for the school should the circumstances warrant.

In determining the pay range and the salary on appointment the Governing Body / Pay Committee will ensure that there is appropriate scope within the range to allow for performance related progression over time.

5.3 Pay Determination for Other Members of the Leadership Group

The Governing Body will identify a pay range for Deputy and Assistant Headteacher taking into consideration the respective level of responsibilities and appropriate internal differentials.

The maximum of the Deputy or Assistant Headteachers' pay range will not exceed the maximum of the Headteacher range and will only overlap the Headteacher's pay range in exceptional circumstances.

In determining the pay range the Governing Body / Pay Committee will ensure that there is appropriate scope within the range to allow for performance related progression over time.

5.4 Pay Progression

Pay reviews for Leadership posts will normally be undertaken by the Pay Committee. The Headteacher may advise the Pay Committee regarding the pay progression for other members of the Leadership team

The Pay Committee will consider annually whether to award pay progression to members of the leadership group who have completed a year of employment since the previous pay determination.

Pay reviews will take place as soon as possible after the 1st September but no later than 31st December. In the event of pay progression being awarded this will take effect from 1st September.

Pay decisions will be clearly attributable to the performance of the individual. In making a determination the pay committee will have regards to:

- The individual's performance as evidenced in the appraisal process
- The pay recommendation contained within the appraisal report

Sustained high quality performance should give the individual an expectation of progression up the pay range.

The general expectation for pay progression is as follows:

- Towards the bottom of the pay range – evidence of consistently good leadership practice
- Towards the top of the pay range – increasingly significant evidence of outstanding leadership practice with all other practice being consistently good.

Guidance note:

Schools may wish to use the Ofsted grade descriptors as set out in the Ofsted School Inspection Handbook 2015 for evidence in determining pay progression for the Headteacher as well as other members of the leadership team.

The Pay Committee may determine how much pay progression should be awarded in recognition of performance.

Pay determinations will be rooted in evidence and the decisions and supporting evidence will be documented.

The Pay Committee may request information from the performance appraisal review process as well as evidence of performance in other relevant areas to inform its decision. The Pay Committee is entitled to seek the advice of other relevant professionals regarding the pay progression of the Headteacher.

Appendix 2 sets out more specific criteria for pay progression with examples of evidence that can be used in supporting pay decisions.

5.5 Redetermination of Leadership Pay Ranges

The Governing Body / Pay Committee may re-determine leadership pay ranges at any time should it be considered necessary to reflect a significant change in the permanent responsibilities of the post.

It will be for the governing body to determine in the light of a school's particular circumstances and context the extent to which any change should be regarded as 'significant'. In doing so, the governing body will want to pay particular attention to the extent to which the change creates new levels of accountability and responsibility for the leadership group member or members

5.6 Temporary Payments to Leadership Teachers

Guidance note:

It is an expectation of the Local Authority that Headteachers and leadership teams will work collaboratively and in partnership with other schools in the locality.

Consideration should be given to both the appropriate payment due to the individual in respect of any additional responsibilities and any payment which may be due to the school to cover the release of the individual.

It should be noted that any additional payments made to a leadership teacher should be via the usual payroll arrangements and not on an invoiced basis. All income received as remuneration for support provided by a school is for the purpose of the school and must therefore be paid directly to the school. No member of staff, employed by one maintained school can receive direct payments for work undertaken or expenses from another maintained school.

A memorandum of understanding between the schools involved may also be considered.

Schools may wish to seek guidance from their personnel provider on appropriate secondment / acting up arrangements

In accordance with the provisions of the STPCD, where a leadership teacher is temporarily seconded to a leadership post in another school which is causing concern the Governing Body / Pay Committee may make a lump sum payment in recognition of this additional responsibility. Any provisions regarding additional payments should be confirmed in writing at the commencement of the arrangement.

Arrangements for making payments in respect of leadership teachers who 'act up' or take on additional temporary responsibilities will be in accordance with the provisions of the STPCD.

5.7 Discretionary Payments to the Headteacher

It should be noted that any discretionary payment made to the headteacher should be included within the maximum 25% additional salary payment payable under section 5.2.

Section Six: Pay and Reward Issues for all School Staff

6.1 Non Cash Awards

The school will consider the application of non-cash and other types of benefits to reward staff appropriately for their contributions to the school, as provided by KCC policy and/or national terms and conditions.

Generally such awards can be decided by the Headteacher. However decisions involving a significant budget implication should be referred to the Finance Committee.

The School will ensure that all non-cash awards are properly recorded in line with the requirements of Inland Revenue regulations.

6.2 Salary Safeguarding

In circumstances where a teachers' salary is reduced through no fault of his/her own, including the removal of a TLR, SEN or the reduction of a TLR value, salary safeguarding will be paid in accordance with the provisions of the STPCD. This will be on a cash sum basis for a period of up to three years in accordance with the STPCD. TLR 3 payments are exempt from any safeguarding arrangement.

The Governing Body will notify the teacher of the details of any such safeguarding at the earliest opportunity and in any event within one month of the decision being made.

In these circumstances the Headteacher may assign the teacher to undertake such reasonable duties to the value of the cash sum safeguarded taking due account of the teacher's skills and experience. If such duties are reasonably assigned and the teacher declines to undertake them then the teacher will be issued with one month's notice to terminate the salary safeguarding.

For all other staff, the school will follow the relevant terms and conditions of employment for the safeguarding or protection of an employee's salary where it is reduced through no fault of the employee.

6.3 Acting Allowances

The school will follow the terms of the STPCD for a teacher and the Kent Scheme for support staff in circumstances where a member of staff acts up to a more senior position. The salary and the period of the acting arrangement with any specific conditions will be confirmed in writing.

Guidance note:

It would be normal for the salary offered for acting up to be the minimum point of the relevant range however, this will need to be discussed and agreed with the person concerned. Schools not using Kent Scheme will need to determine their own arrangements for this.

Section Seven: Policy Review

The Governing Body will monitor the implementation, outcomes and impact of this policy annually in consultation with staff and recognised unions.

In particular the Governing Body will monitor the position with regard to employees with protected characteristics and part time staff to ensure that pay progression opportunities are equitable.

Staff will be informed of any changes made to this policy at the earliest practicable opportunity.

Appendix 1: Procedure for Reaching Pay Decisions

Guidance Note:

Please consider which of the two options (A or B) below describes the arrangements for pay decisions in your school and delete the other section.

All initial pay decisions of employees in this school with the exception of Leadership Group members will be made by the Headteacher/or nominated Governor (please delete and insert name if Governor).

Pay decisions for all Leadership Group members, including Headteacher will be made by a Committee of Governors.. The committee will consider the appraisal statement and any recommendations made.

In the event of the long term absence of the Headteacher/nominated Governor then the Governing Body will appoint a suitable person to act in this capacity for the duration of the absence.

All pay decisions must be properly rooted in evidence which must have been shared with the employee promptly at the time when the information became available.

The employee must be informed of a date when a decision is to be made and given the opportunity to submit any additional evidence to be considered.

The Executive Headteacher may defer confirmation of the decision if further information is required. In this event the decision must be made at the earliest opportunity following this information being made available.

All pay decisions will be recorded with reasons and this will be properly retained. The Headteacher/nominated Governor may inform the employee verbally of the decision but in any event the decision will be confirmed in writing within 10 working days of the decision being made, with details of the arrangements for any appeal. The employee may request a meeting to discuss the decision informally. This will not preclude the employee from exercising their right to appeal.

Appendix 2: Criteria and Awards for Performance Based Progression for Teachers

Guidance note:

Schools may adopt their own approaches to pay providing they are consistent with the requirement to base pay decisions upon evidence of performance .

Schools may also adopt whichever pay framework is appropriate to the needs of school so long as the pay range values are compliant with those set out in the STPCD. Many schools have opted to retain a points based pay framework but this is not mandatory.

This policy suggests an approach that uses reference points to give an indicator of the salary progression a teacher can normally expect to be awarded for meeting the expected criteria.

Schools may use a different approach if this better reflects their values, culture and ethos but the structure adopted must provide a clear and attributable link between the pay and performance of a teacher.

September 2017 Pay Award:

With effect from September 2017 the following changes have been applied to the national pay frameworks set out within the STPCD:

- A 1% increase to the statutory minima and maxima of all pay ranges in the national pay framework, including allowances

There is no nationally determined prescribed cost of living award for teachers.

A 1% increase has been applied to the reference points in this document to reflect the updated pay ranges.

Any teacher currently paid the minimum of the range should move to the new minimum value.

Any teacher paid the maximum of the pay ranges in the national pay framework may move to the new maximum subject to evidence of meeting the criteria for pay progression set out in the school's pay policy.

A 1% increase is also suggested for all allowances currently in payment.

Where Schools have not adopted a reference point approach - they should determine locally in accordance with their pay policy how to take account of the uplift to the national framework when making individual pay progression decisions for teachers paid above the minimum values of their respective pay ranges.

For further guidance please refer to the Dfe's supplementary guidance: Implementing your School's Approach to Pay.

i. Main Pay Range:

Minimum Pay Value	1	£25,714.00
	2	£27,600.00
	3	£29,664.00
	4	£31,778.00
	5	£34,100.00
Maximum Pay Value	6	£36,961.00

Criteria for Pay Progression

Teachers must be able to demonstrate sound evidence of consistently good teaching and learning. There will be good evidence across the professional standards including a clear and positive impact of CPD on practice. Pupil progress will be at least in line with national standards.

Schools may specify further details of relevant criteria for e.g.

- An increasing positive impact on pupil progress
- An increasing impact on wider outcomes for pupils
- Improvement in specific elements of practice identified to the teacher
- An increasing contribution to the work of the school
- For teachers with line management responsibilities – an increasing impact on the effectiveness of staff and colleagues

Examples of Evidence

Schools may set out examples of the range of evidence which will be considered

- Assessment against the relevant standards
- Performance objectives
- Classroom observation
- Other evidence.

Where the evidence confirms performance has met this criteria then the teacher would normally expect to progress to the next reference point.

ii. Upper Pay Range:

Minimum Pay Value	1	£38,690.00
	2	£40,124.00
Maximum Pay Value	3	£41,604.00

Criteria for Pay Progression

In order to progress within the upper pay range a teacher will need to demonstrate evidence that they have continued to meet the criteria for moving onto the upper pay range and they have further developed their practice with a greater depth and breadth of evidence against the professional standards.

Schools may specify further details of relevant criteria for progression e.g. evidence of a greater impact across the work of the school.

Examples of Evidence

Schools may set out examples of the range of evidence which will be considered

- Assessment against the relevant standards
- Performance objectives
- Classroom observation
- Other evidence

iii. Unqualified Range:

Minimum Pay Value	1	£18,169.00
	2	£20,282.00
	3	£22,394.00
	4	£24,507.00
	5	£26,622.00
Maximum Pay Value	6	£28,735.00

Criteria for Pay Progression

Progression on the unqualified teacher range requires the unqualified teacher to evidence that they are studying towards their qualified teacher status and will be expected to evidence performance commensurate with their salary. Expectations of performance for unqualified teachers will mirror those for qualified teachers on the same salary

Where an unqualified teacher is in receipt of an additional allowance that takes their salary above the maximum value of the main pay range (MPR) then the performance expectation will be in line with that expected for teachers on the upper pay range (UPR)

Schools may specify further details of relevant criteria for progression e.g.

- An improvement in teaching skills
- An increasing positive impact on pupil progress
- An increasing impact on wider outcomes for pupils
- Improvements in specific elements of practice identified to the teacher
- An increasing contribution to the work of the school

Examples of Evidence

Schools may set out examples of the range of evidence which will be considered

- Assessment against the relevant standards
- Performance objectives
- Classroom observation
- Other evidence

iv. Leading Practitioner Range:

There is currently no provision for a Leading Practitioner position within the school/academy staffing structure however the Governing Body will keep this under review and will determine and communicate the role requirement, salary range and criteria for performance pay progression in good time prior to any recruitment to the post.

v. Leadership Pay Range:

Minimum Pay Value	£42,195.00
<i>School should specify a range within the minimum and maximum values and may use discretionary reference pay points within the chosen pay range</i>	Please specify the values of any discretionary reference points here
Maximum Pay Value	£114,060.00

School Group Size:	Group 8	£81,94 - £117,197
Headteacher Range:	L32 – L38	£90,379 - £104,687
Head of Education	L19 – L23	£65,735 - £72,497
Deputy Headteacher Range:	L16 – L20	£61,166 - £67,364
Assistant Headteacher Range:	L13 – L17	£56,721 - £62,570

Criteria for Pay Progression:

Positive, sustained and increasing impact on

- Strategic development of the School
- Whole school standards and achievement
- Short to mid- term evidence of school improvement
- Management and development of staff
- Development of external and internal relationships

- Management of resources and budgets
- **Individual contributions as well as team based assessments**

Those on the leadership spine play a critical role in the life of the school. They inspire confidence in those around them and work with others to create a shared strategic vision which motivates pupils and staff. They take the lead in enhancing standards of teaching and learning and value enthusiasm and innovation in others. They have the confidence and ability to make management and organisational decisions and ensure equity, access and entitlement to learning.

Examples of Evidence

Schools should set out examples of the range of evidence which will be considered

- Assessment against relevant standards – including Ofsted grade descriptors.
- Performance objectives
- Classroom observation (where relevant)
- SIP / SEF
- CPD
- Other evidence

Appendix 3: Criteria and Awards for performance based progression for support staff

This school has adopted Kent Range Pay Scales

This school will award pay progression in accordance with the percentage increase determined by the local authority

Where schools have adopted a pay scheme other than Kent Range – details should be specified here.

Criteria for Pay Progression

Schools may specify further details of relevant criteria for progression within each rating

- Performance Improvement Required
- Achieved the Required Standards
- Performance above the Required Standard
- Outstanding Performance

Examples of Evidence

Schools may set out examples of the range of evidence which will be considered

- Performance objectives
- Lesson observations (where relevant).
- Other evidence.

Appendix 4: Procedure for Considering Pay Appeals

The Pay Appeals Committee

Setting up an Appeal Hearing

The school will appoint a committee of at least three governors not previously involved in the pay decision (and in any event the same number or more than the Pay Committee) to consider any pay appeal lodged by a member of staff that is in accordance with the following requirements.

Governors who may have a pecuniary interest or a conflict of interest or who have had prior involvement in the pay decision cannot be appointed to this committee or participate in any related monitoring process.

Within 10 working days of receipt of the written confirmation of the Pay Committee's decision an employee, who is dissatisfied with the decision, may register a formal appeal in writing to the clerk to the Governing Body.

The allowable grounds for appeal are that the person or committee by whom the pay decision was made -

- Incorrectly applied any provision of the relevant national or local terms and conditions of service;
- Failed to have proper regard for any applicable statutory guidance;
- Failed to take proper account of relevant evidence;
- Took account of irrelevant or inaccurate evidence;
- Was biased;
- Otherwise unlawfully discriminated against the employee.
- Mitigating factors presented by the employee

Prior to an appeal hearing the employee may also request an informal meeting with their Appraiser / Headteacher (or governors pay committee) to discuss the decision and the reasons in more detail. In the case of the Headteacher being dissatisfied regarding his/her pay decision then an informal meeting with the Chair of the Committee should be arranged.

Upon receipt of the appeal notice the Clerk will convene an appropriate Appeals Committee within 20 working days of receipt of the appeal being registered. Appeal hearings will be held at a reasonable time during the working day with proper consideration of the work-life balance of all involved.

The Chair of the Pay Committee should discuss the position with the Headteacher before establishing the person who will be the school's presenting officer to the Appeal Committee.

The employee must submit to the Chair of the Appeal Committee any documentation in support of their appeal together with a summary of their case at least five clear working days prior to the Appeal Hearing.

If the school's presenting officer intends to rely on any evidence other than that considered at the Pay Committee's meeting then this must be submitted at least five clear working days in advance.

The Appeal Committee may decide to accept additional evidence at any time if it is deemed in the interests of a fair and transparent decision.

The employee is entitled to be represented at the Appeal Hearing by a workplace colleague or trade union/professional association representative. A postponement of up to 5 working days may be requested to allow the employees trade union or workplace colleague of choice to attend .

The Appeal Hearing

At the Appeal Hearing the Chair of the Committee should introduce the meeting and the persons participating. The Chair should ask the employee to confirm the reasons for the appeal and establish that all parties are adequately prepared.

The Chair should remind the parties that the purpose is to reach a reasonable and objective decision in an atmosphere that is professional and conducive to good employee relations within the school.

The employee, or representative should then be invited to set out his or her case and may support this with documentary evidence or witness evidence where this has been submitted as required above.

At an appropriate point the Chair will invite the school's representative to question or challenge any of the evidence presented. Members of the Committee will then have the opportunity to ask any questions.

The school's presenting officer will then be invited to set out the school's case and may also rely on documentary or witness evidence where this has been submitted as required above.

The employee or his/her representative may then question or challenge the school's evidence at an appropriate point as determined by the Chair. Members of the Committee may then ask any questions.

To conclude both parties will be invited, if they wish, to make final summary statements with the employee allowed the final say.

The Committee will then adjourn to consider the evidence presented.

The Committee should endeavour to reach a decision that day and to communicate this directly to the parties. However, where this is not possible because the Committee wishes to deliberate further or seek further information then the parties should be informed that the decision will be communicated in writing at the earliest opportunity.

In the event that there is an adjournment to enable the committee to consider professional advice on a particular matter then upon resumption all parties will be informed of the nature of the advice and the decision reached.

As an alternative to either upholding or dismissing an appeal the Committee is entitled to refer the matter for reassessment by the Headteacher or the initial Pay Committee. For example the Committee might wish the Headteacher to reconsider the position in the light of new information or to seek the advice of an additional independent advisor.

Communicating the Decision

All decisions of the Appeals Committee must be confirmed in writing, within ten working days of the decision being made with a summary of the reasons and this will be the final stage in the Pay Appeal process. There will be no further stage in the appeal process.

UPDATE SCHEDULE

Version	Reviewed	Reason for Update	Next Review Date	Governor agreement
1	Jan 2016	Transfer	Jan 2017	To be reviewed Jan 17.
2	Jan 17	Annual update	Jan 18	FGB Jan 18
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5	Oct 20	Annual Update	Oct 21	

The Beacon Equality Statement

The Beacon Folkestone is committed to ensuring equality of opportunity to all pupils, staff and visitors. Our Core Values are at the forefront of everything we do and we ensure all at The Beacon are treated equally regardless of age, disability, race, colour, ethnicity, nationality, religious belief, gender, gender identity, transgender, sexual orientation or marital status.

The Beacon strives to be an all-inclusive environment where we respect and encourage individual differences. We are always looking for opportunities to champion equality through the broadening of knowledge and experiences of everyone across our community and this includes the staff and clients of those using the services of our multi-agency support hub.

Our aims are to ensure there are equal opportunities for pupils, staff, their families and the wider community, regardless of their disability. This forms an integral part of our School Improvement Plan.

The aims for 2020-2023 are to build and improve schemes to help challenge and bring down barriers for disabled children and young people, establishing a recognised and integral role within the community. This will include broadening the range and depth of positive experiences of life both inside and outside the school and embedding ourselves within our communities (local, county, national and international levels):

