

MINUTES OF MEETING



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

School: Ravenshead C of E Voluntary Controlled
Meeting title: Strategic Development Committee Meeting
Date and time: Tuesday 20 January 2026 at 6:00pm
Location: Virtual meeting

Membership

'A' denotes absence

Mrs S Cope
Mrs N Thomas
Mrs S Henson
Mrs S Page
Rev K Byrom
Mrs E Johnson
Mr N Brown
Mrs J Castle
Mrs S Keightley
Miss A Sutcliffe

In attendance Mr D Silcock (clerk)

SDC/01/26	Apologies for absence	Action
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There were no absences.

SDC/02/26	Declaration of interest
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There were no declarations for items on the agenda.

SDC/03/26	Election of Chair
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It was

Resolved

Mrs Henson is appointed chair.

SDC/04/26	Minutes of the last meeting
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The minutes of the SDC meeting held on 15 July 2025 having been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by Mrs. Henson.

Matters arising

Completed.

SDC/05/26	IDSr 2025
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Ofsted will conduct a pre-visit dashboard inspection. School is in the window for a visit from March 2026 but it is anticipated the new framework will delay the programme.

We have 360 pupils on roll, making us an average size school.

Against pupil categories, we are average for most areas, but well below for EAL, and higher for SEND, and EHCP.

Stability at 80% is close to average.

Attendance and behaviour are all above average. All groups are discussed in SLT meetings to break down concerns. There are no current concerns.

FSM attendance is close to average and SEND is above national.

Challenge: What supports SEND attendance? Our leads work hard on getting children into school.

Suspensions are close to average.

We have 1 child attending part time alternative provision which we monitor to ensure a good education is being delivered.
 Data Outcomes: Mrs Johnson led governors through key assessment stages for F2-Y6.
 F2: 2025 saw 75% achieve GLD compared to (CF) 67% national.
 Y1 Phonics screening was 69%, CF national 80%, due to the high level of SEND. This cohort are now included in the SIP.
 The SIP included an action plan for Y4 multiplication tables. Actions were effective and we finished above average
 Y6 EGPS were close to national. Maths was just below national but 25% of the cohort were SEND. Maths is included in the SIP.
 All other areas are on track with small variations from national.
 Summary: Y6 Maths and Writing can improve. F2 ARE, and Y4 multiplication tables are both good.
Challenge: Can we encourage volunteer readers to support the Y1 early Reading action plan? A volunteer starts next week, and we will ask for more.
 DBS checks cost £50 and lapse after 3 months without a visit.
Question: Are Y6 SEND numbers high this year? Last year we had 19, and 12 this year but including 4 x EHCP, so complex needs are higher.

SDC/06/26 School Improvement Plan 2025-26

1: Narrow attainment and achievement gaps for disadvantaged and SEND pupils. The PP gap is narrowing.
 2: Improve consistency and attainment in Maths and Writing, to include increased numbers of higher level development.
 3: Strengthen inclusive practice, personal development, and safeguarding.
Challenge: How is inclusion measured? Inclusion is relevant across all 7 Ofsted threads. We confirm, via conversations with pupils and staff.
 4: To embed and refine the curriculum and ensure it is sequenced.
 The SEF is currently being written.
Challenge: Ofsted include “working with other schools and agencies”. Do we have opportunities for collaboration? We have worked with other schools. Some have joined Academies, and some Collaborations. Our plan was to transfer to an Academy but that failed after much planning.
Challenge: We need to re-examine Academisation. The previous due diligence was robust and is still relevant.
 It was
Resolved
 School will approach Mitre for academy discussions.

SDC/07/26 New Ofsted Framework

Governors viewed the 30 minute Ofsted Framework video to prepare for our next inspection. Leadership and governance are now assessed together.
 Governors will meet on 25 March 2026 to develop the Leadership & Governance action plan.

SDC/08/26 Governor Filter Checks

Mrs Thomas and Mrs Keightley completed the checks. Some iPads were unlocked to YouTube.
 Mrs Thomas included some safeguarding checks.

SDC/09/26 Governance Action Plan

See SDC/07/26.

SDC/10/26 Governor link visits

Mrs Johnson uploaded revised (Ofsted) governor link roles to Ghub.
 When SLT meetings coincide with a governor role, governors will then be invited

to contact the key member of staff.
Mrs Henson visited for OPAL on 21.11.25, and EYFS on 3.12.25.
Mrs Thomas visited for safeguarding in December.

SDC/11/26 Date of 2026-27 meetings

MC Spring term – Tuesday 24 February 2026 at 6:00pm
SDC Spring term – Tuesday 3 March 2026 at 6:00pm
GB Spring term – Tuesday 24 March 2026 at 6:00pm

MC Summer term – Tuesday 28 April 2026 at 6:00pm
GB Summer term – Tuesday 2 June 2026 at 6:00pm
SDC Summer term – Tuesday 14 July 2026 at 6:00pm

SDC/12/26 Determination of confidentiality of business

It was

Resolved

Membership lists and HT reports and items where noted are confidential.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Signed(chair) Date