

Pay Policy 2023-24



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MODEL PAY POLICY FOR SCHOOLS & ACADEMIES 2023/24

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

1. The School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document ("The Document") requires maintained schools to have a pay policy which sets out the basis on which they determine teachers' pay; the date by which they will determine the teachers' annual pay review; and the procedures for determining appeals. Schools must stay within the legal framework set out in the Document and in other relevant legislation that affects all employers, for example, legislation on equality, employment protection and data protection.
2. Academies have discretion as to how they determine pay arrangements for their staff but to date most, if not all, Somerset Academies appear to have continued to apply the provisions of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document. However, Academies may choose to retain their current arrangements rather than implement the changes contained within the 2023/24 Document. Any proposed change to terms and conditions of employment for staff working in Academies should be the subject of consultation and negotiation. Academies may wish to seek advice from HR before initiating such processes.
3. All procedures for determining pay in any establishment should be consistent with the principles of public life - objectivity, openness and accountability.
4. Over the past few years the STPCD has been developed to give individual schools Governing Bodies greater freedom and flexibility on pay. This draft model policy has been developed to identify the options open to Headteachers and Governing Bodies in determining arrangements related to pay, however it is for individual schools, academies or MATs to determine which options suit their particular circumstances. The policy covers pay arrangements for teachers who are being paid on the Unqualified, Main and Upper Pay Ranges and the pay ranges for Leading Practitioners and school Leaders. Provisions covering support staff are carried forward from previous policies in the updated version.
5. The practice of pay progression being linked to performance for teachers is now a well established principle and requirement of the STPCD and also covered by the OFSTED framework. Performance related pay does not apply to non-teaching staff. It is up to individual schools to decide how they best implement this requirement and update their pay policy to reflect this, the pay policy below provides a framework to achieve this. It is suggested that schools (and local authorities) review their pay policy alongside their appraisal policy and cross-refer where that is helpful. Both pay and appraisal policies should make clear the school's compliance with equalities legislation.
6. This model policy includes sections covering:
 - i) all teachers including those who are on the leadership scale;
 - ii) safeguarding arrangements;
 - iii) allowances and additional payments;
 - iv) arrangements for handling grievances or appeals;
 - v) support staff pay.

CONSULTATION

7. We have undertaken consultation with the Teacher unions at County level on this revised policy. Schools will need to consult with their staff over the options they choose to adopt within the model policy and the Teachers' trade unions have indicated that they would expect to be consulted via their County Branch Officers by schools proposing to adopt pay policy options which do not comply with the unions' own model pay policy. In such cases a copy of the school's proposed policy should be sent to the County teaching union officials inviting comment.
8. The NEU and NASUWT are unlikely to agree anything which does not comply with their own model policy.

As their model seeks to maintain the status quo, as far as is possible within the new STPCD framework, agreement to comply with the unions' model pay policy would limit a school's ability to determine salaries on appointment and make differentiated pay progression arrangements for staff based on performance appraisal outcomes. This may be acceptable to some schools and therefore one option for those schools would be to adopt the NEU/NASUWT joint model pay policy. Before doing so schools should fully consider the extent to which such an approach provides them with the level of flexibility they would wish to have in determining the starting salary and pay progression of individual teachers).

Alternatively, some options within the County model pay policy will enable schools, if they wish, to determine a policy approach that is broadly compliant with the unions' joint policy. Some sections of the model policy include extracts from the unions model policy which schools might wish to consider for inclusion in their own policy, *these are highlighted in blue italics*.

Schools that wish to adopt other approaches will need to undertake consultation with their staff and Teacher union representatives.

It is important that Headteachers and Governors are aware that the STPCD is very clear that a teachers pay should only increase if performance warrants it.

CONCLUSION

9. After consultation with the teachers unions at County level we have prepared a final version of the model pay policy 2023/24 for schools/academies, incorporating the requirements of the STPCD and existing provisions.
10. Schools are advised to arrange for consideration and formal adoption of these new policies in October following formal consultation within the school and, where necessary, with County wide staff representatives

DRAFT MODEL POLICY FOR TEACHERS' AND SUPPORT STAFF PAY 2023/24

The Governing Body of _____ School/Academy*
adopted this policy on _____

NOTE: *Delete throughout as appropriate.

The policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body following the completion of appraisal reviews and pay progression determinations in the Autumn Term 2024.

1. **OPENING STATEMENT**

- 1.1 The School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document ("the Document") places statutory duties and confers discretionary powers on Governing Bodies. The DfE has issued guidance with the Document. **All schools must have a pay policy covering all decisions on teachers' pay.** The policy should specify how the Governing Body intends to carry out its statutory duties for the annual review of pay of all its teachers and by what date. In addition it should specify how it will exercise its discretionary powers for the pay of support staff.
- 1.2 This policy will be applied to the pay of all staff employed to work in the school, excluding any staff whose pay is not determined by the Governing Body. The prime statutory duty of Governing Bodies as set out in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, is to "...conduct the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement at the school." This Pay Policy is intended to support that statutory duty.
- 1.3 In exercising its functions, the Governing Body will adhere to the School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013 and, in particular, the principles applicable to those in public life. The Governing Body will act with integrity, objectivity and honesty in the best interests of the school, will be open about decisions made and actions taken, and will be prepared to explain decisions and actions to interested persons.
- 1.4 Nothing in the above requires the Governing Body to disclose material relating to any employee, or anyone proposed to be employed at the school, nor to any matter which, by reason of its' nature, the Governing Body is satisfied should remain confidential.

2. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2.1 **Equal Opportunities Policy**

The Governing Body will abide by all relevant legislation and, in particular, will not unlawfully discriminate on grounds of age, disability, sex, race, religion or belief or sexual orientation or other protected characteristics and must comply with the regulations preventing less favourable treatment of employees on part-time and fixed-term contracts. The Governing Body will promote equality in all aspects of school life, particularly as regards all decisions on advertising posts, appointing, promoting and paying staff, training opportunities and staff development.

2.2 **Provision of and Means of Revising Job Descriptions**

The Headteacher will ensure that each member of staff is provided with a job description in accordance with the staffing structure agreed by the Governing Body. Job descriptions may be reviewed from time to time in consultation with the individual employee concerned in order to make reasonable changes. Job descriptions will identify key duties and areas of responsibility and will show who is responsible for what and who is responsible for whom; job descriptions will also make clear what responsibilities are common to all posts.

2.3 **Maintenance or Creation of Differentials**

Appropriate differentials will be created and maintained between posts within the school, recognising accountability and job weight, and the Governing Body's need to recruit, retain and motivate sufficient employees of the required quality at all levels.

2.4 **Access to Records**

The Headteacher will ensure reasonable access for individual members of staff to their own employment records in accordance with the LA's* agreed procedure set out in Section 21 of the Guidance for Schools Volume 1.

3. **CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

3.1 For teachers, the Governing Body will fulfil its obligations under:

- the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (hereinafter referred to as "the Document");
- the Conditions of Service for School Teachers in England and Wales (Burgundy Book);
- any collective agreements in force between the recognised Trades Unions and the Council/Academy Trust*;

Guidance: The timing of salary determination and notification will comply with section 2 paragraph 3 of the 'Document' and the Governing Body should determine a teacher's pay without undue delay.

3.2 For support staff, the Governing Body will fulfil its obligations under the National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Service (Green Book) and local agreements between Somerset Council/Academy Trust and the recognised Trades Unions.

A. PROVISIONS RELATING TO TEACHING STAFF

1. INTRODUCTION

This policy sets out the framework for making decisions on teachers' pay. It has been developed to comply with current legislation and the requirements of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD) and has been consulted on with staff and/or the recognised trade unions.

- 1.1 The Governing Body/Academy Board has adopted the policy set out in this document to provide a clear framework for the management of pay and grading issues for all staff employed in the school.
- 1.2 The Governing Body/Academy Board is committed to taking decisions in accordance with the 'key principles of public life': objectivity, openness and accountability. It recognises the requirement for a fair and transparent policy to determine the pay and grading for all staff employed in the school/ academy, which takes account of the conditions of service under which staff are employed and relevant statutory requirements.
- 1.3 The Governing Body/Academy Board recognises its' responsibilities under relevant legislation including the Equality Act 2010 and will ensure that all pay related decisions are taken equitably and fairly in compliance with statutory requirements.
- 1.4 This policy is based on a whole school approach to pay issues. *Pay decisions will take account of the resources available to the school.** The school staffing structure will support the school improvement plan or equivalent. The Governing Body/Academy Board will exercise its discretionary powers using fair, transparent and objective criteria in order to secure a consistent approach in school pay decisions.

NOTE: A DECISION IS REQUIRED **This point needs comment and clarification. Teacher Unions are concerned that it implies that pay progression will be withheld if the school does not have the financial resources to permit pay progression for those teachers who have met the progression criteria (See 7.7 below). **These options were highlighted in previous versions of the model pay policy so a decision may have already been consulted on and implemented.***

The intention behind the statement is that the school will not adopt an unaffordable approach to managing pay, for example, by setting pay structures which accelerate teachers' pay progression unaffordably or unsustainably. It might, therefore, be restated as "The arrangements for managing pay will take account of the resources available to the school."

In further consultation, the Teacher Unions repeated this concern and identified two alternatives to clarify this issue:

- (i) *remove the sentence commencing "Pay decisions..." altogether; or*
- (ii) *replace it with "The arrangements for managing pay will take account of the resources available to the school."; or*
- (iii) *retain either of the above but add "Pay progression will not be withheld on the grounds of cost."*

- 1.5 The Governing Body/Academy Board recognises the requirement that all pay progression decisions for all teaching staff must be linked to annual appraisal of performance. The procedures set out in this policy seek to ensure that this is achieved in a fair equitable and transparent way. The Governing Body/Academy Board also recognises the importance of annual appraisal of performance for support staff and how this may link to pay.
- 1.6 This policy has been agreed by the Governing Body/Academy Board following consultation with staff and the recognised trade unions. Any subsequent changes will also be subject to further consultation before amendment by the Committee. The Pay Committee will have full authority to take decisions on behalf of the Governing Body/Academy Board on pay matters as defined in this policy.

2. AIMS OF THE POLICY

The Governing Body/Academy Board aims to use the pay policy to:

- maximise the quality of teaching and learning at the school/academy;
- support the recruitment and retention of a high quality teacher workforce;
- support the school/academy improvement plan or equivalent;
- link with the school's/academy's appraisal policy and provide flexibility to recognise individual employee performance through pay progression;
- enable the school/academy to recognise and reward teachers appropriately for their contribution to the school;
- help to ensure that decisions on pay are managed in a fair, just and transparent way that complies with relevant employment and equalities legislation.

The Governing Body/Academy Board will consider advice issued by the Department for Education (DfE), *the Local Authority**, recognised trade unions and professional associations and other national bodies as appropriate in ensuring compliance with relevant statutory legislation.

3. GOVERNANCE AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 3.1 Delegation to the Pay Committee: The Governing Body/Academy Board will determine the annual pay budget taking account of the recommendations of the Pay Committee, to which the Governing Body's/Academy Board's decision-making powers in respect of individual teachers' pay have been delegated in accordance with relevant provisions governing the conduct of the Governing Body's/Academy Board's business.
- 3.2 Membership of the Pay Committee: The Governing Body/Academy Board will appoint the members of the Pay Committee. No member of the Governing Body/Academy Board employed to work in the school/academy shall be a member of the Pay Committee. The Headteacher/Principal* may attend all meetings of the Pay Committee to offer advice but must withdraw during any

part of the meeting when his/her own pay (or that of any family member employed in the school/academy) is under consideration. Any person must declare any pecuniary interest that may arise and withdraw from the meeting when any matter is under consideration which may give rise to a potential conflict of interest or doubt about that person's ability to act impartially.

NOTE: * Delete throughout as appropriate.

3.3 Terms of Reference of the Pay Committee: The Terms of Reference of the Pay Committee will be determined and periodically reviewed by the Governing Body/Academy Board. The Terms of Reference will be appended to this policy ([Appendix 3](#)).

3.4 Conduct of the Pay Committee's business and decisions:

3.4.1 The report of the Pay Committee will be placed in the confidential section of the Governing Body's/Academy Board's agenda and will either be received (accepted) or referred back. Reference back may occur only if either the Pay Committee has exceeded its' powers under the policy or the budget allocation for pay has been exceeded.

3.4.2 Decisions will be communicated to each member of teaching staff, including those of the Headteacher/Principal, and other members of staff paid on the Leadership scale, in writing in accordance with Section 2 paragraph 3 of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document ("the Document"). An instruction to amend pay from the relevant date will be issued immediately after the time limit for the lodging of an appeal has passed or immediately after an appeal has been concluded.

3.4.3 As required by the Document, the salaries of all teaching staff, including those of the Headteacher/Principal, and other members of staff paid on the Leadership scale, will be reviewed annually to take effect from 1st September. All staff will receive a written statement of the determination of their pay (model pay statement in [Appendix 6](#)).

3.5 Pay Hearings and Appeals:

3.5.1 In accordance with the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document the Governing Body/Academy Board has:

- adopted a policy that sets out the basis on which it determines teachers' pay and the date by which it will determine its teachers' annual pay review; and
- in accordance with Section 29 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Employment Act 2002, established procedures for addressing teachers' grievances in relation to their pay.

3.5.2 The conduct of the appeal will be in accordance with the Governing Body's/Academy Board's appeals procedures. The decision of the Appeals Panel will be final.

3.5.3 Other issues linked to pay e.g. allegations of unlawful deductions, overpayments, underpayments are dealt with in [Appendix 4](#).

3.6. Job Roles and Responsibilities:

3.6.1 All members of staff will be provided with a job description outlining the roles and responsibilities of the post. This will also include the pay range and any additional payments or allowances covered by this policy. The job description will state the reason for any additional allowances or payments and whether this is a permanent or temporary payment.

3.6.2 Any significant changes to duties and responsibilities of a post will be subject to discussion with the member of staff with a view to reaching agreement. Where there is a significant change in duties and responsibilities of a post a new job description will be issued.

3.6.3 Where the staffing structure of the school/academy needs to be changed, resulting in broader changes to roles and responsibilities, this will be the subject of consultation with the staff involved before any changes are made and with a view to seeking to agree the changes before new job descriptions are issued.

3.7 Maintenance or Creation of Differentials

Appropriate differentials will be created and maintained between posts within the school/academy, recognising accountability and job weight, and the Governing Body's/Academy Board's need to recruit, retain and motivate sufficient employees of the required quality at all levels.

4. **PAY REVIEWS**

4.1 The Governing Body/Academy Board will ensure that each teacher's salary is reviewed annually, with effect from 1st September (and by no later than 31st October each year, except for Headteachers whose review should be undertaken no later than 31st December each year) and that all teachers are given a written statement setting out their salary and any other financial benefits to which they are entitled.

4.2 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 about the basis on which it was made.

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

PAY FOR CLASSROOM TEACHERS OTHER THAN THOSE ON LEADERSHIP SCALE OR PAID AS LEADING PRACTITIONERS:

5. **BASIC PAY DETERMINATION ON APPOINTMENT**

The Governing Body/Academy Board, or the Headteacher/Principal if delegated authority to do so, will determine the pay range for a vacancy prior to advertising it. On appointment the starting salary to be offered to the successful candidate will be determined within that range.

5.1 In making such determinations, the following range of factors may be considered, including:

- the nature of the post;
- the level of qualifications, skills and experience required;
- market conditions;
- the wider school/academy context.

NOTE: *These factors are not intended to be an exhaustive list and may not be equally relevant in relation to every appointment.*

5.2 **Either:** *The principle of pay portability will be applied in making pay determinations for all new appointees;*

Or: There is no assumption that a teacher will be paid at the same rate as they were being paid in a previous school/academy and the salary to be offered will be determined on appointment, taking into account the factors set out in 5.2 (above);

Or: The principle of pay portability will be applied in making pay determinations for all new appointees on the Teachers' Main Pay Range only and will be considered on a case by case basis in relation to the Upper Pay Range, taking into account the factors set out in 5.2 (above).

NOTE: A DECISION IS REQUIRED *on which of these options, or any other, is to be incorporated into the school's/academy's pay policy (See note 5.3 [Appendix 11](#)).*

Trade Unions wish to see the first option adopted by all schools/academies and seek consultation if it is proposed to adopt any other option.

These options were highlighted in previous versions of the model pay policy and so a decision may have already been consulted on and implemented.

6. PAY STRUCTURES

The Governing Body/Academy Board has approved the pay structures for Leadership range, Main Pay Range, Upper Pay Range, Leading Practitioner and Unqualified teachers set out in [Appendix 1](#).

NOTE: A DECISION IS REQUIRED on which of the pay structure options, or any other, is to be incorporated into the school's pay policy at [Appendix 1](#). This will need to be consistent with the decision on arrangements for pay progression based on performance at paragraph 7.7 below. (See note 6 [Appendix 11](#)). Teacher Unions have asked for consultation on any proposals to adopt pay structures other than those in Appendix 1.

7. PAY PROGRESSION BASED ON PERFORMANCE

- 7.1 In this school/academy all teachers can expect to receive regular, constructive feedback on their performance and are subject to an annual appraisal that recognises their strengths, informs plans for their future development, and helps to enhance their professional practice. The arrangements for teacher appraisal are set out in the school's/academy's Appraisal policy.
- 7.2 Decisions regarding pay progression will be made with reference to teachers' appraisal reports and the pay recommendations they contain. It will be possible for a 'no progression' determination to be made in any individual case without recourse to the capability procedure*. In the case of ECTs, whose appraisal arrangements are different, pay decisions will be made by means of the statutory induction process.

***NOTE: A 'no progression' determination should normally only be made if concerns about a teacher's performance have already been identified and raised within the Appraisal process or moved into the Capability procedure.**

Trade Unions would want the word normally removed from this statement.

- 7.3 To be fair and transparent, assessments of performance will be properly rooted in evidence. In this school/academy we will ensure fairness through the Headteacher/Principal monitoring and moderating the consistency of objectives and appraisal outcomes.
- 7.4 The evidence we will use will include the evidence identified in the school's/academy's Appraisal policy in consultation with school staff, which may include:
- Lesson observations.
 - Self-assessment.
 - Peer-review.
 - Pupil progress data.
 - Pupil attainment data.
 - Lesson planning and evaluation.
 - The 'pupil voice' where pupil comments are systematically gathered by school leaders in assessing the quality of teaching and learning.
 - Recorded information concerning the teacher's conduct, performance and attendance.

The latter may only be known to the Headteacher/Principal if it is an outcome of formal procedures. If so, the Headteacher/Principal may use the information in moderating appraisal outcomes.

NOTE: A DECISION IS REQUIRED on what to include in paragraph 7.4 and Governing Bodies should ensure it is consistent with the provisions within their Teacher Appraisal policy. The Somerset model Teacher Appraisal policy includes a duplicate paragraph. The Teacher Unions have expressed particular concerns about pupil comments being included in, and influencing, an assessment of a teacher's performance and pay progression and seek specific consultation on this point if it is to be used.

These options were highlighted in previous versions of the model pay policy and so a decision may have already been consulted on and implemented.

- 7.5 Teachers' appraisal reports will contain pay recommendations **either** from the Headteacher/Principal **or** moderated by the Headteacher/ Principal. Final decisions about whether or not to accept a pay recommendation will be made by the Pay Committee, having regard to the appraisal report and taking into account advice from the senior leadership team. The Pay Committee will consider its approach in the light of the school's/academy's budget and ensure that appropriate funding is allocated for pay progression at all levels.

NOTE: A DECISION IS REQUIRED on which option to include in this paragraph. It might be expected that it would normally be the case that pay progression recommendations should be made by the Appraiser in completing the teacher's appraisal report (and this is the view of the Trade Unions). These recommendations would be collated and moderated by the Headteacher/Principal before being considered by the Pay Committee.

However, an alternative (which would need to be consulted on) would be for pay progression recommendations to be made by the Headteacher/Principal having considered the appraisal report. This method might address concerns about consistency where appraisals are undertaken by several Appraisers (see note 7.5 at the foot of this document).

These options were highlighted in previous versions of the model pay policy and so a decision may have already been consulted on and implemented.

- 7.6 In this school/academy, judgements of individual performance for Main Pay Range, Upper Pay Range and Unqualified teachers will be made against the extent to which the teacher has had a successful appraisal review, including the extent to which they have:

- met their individual teacher appraisal objectives; and
- met or exceeded the requirements of the Teachers' Standards, incorporating:
 - their impact on pupil progress;
 - their impact on wider outcomes for pupils;

- the quality of their teaching;
- improvements in specific elements of their professional practice, such as behaviour management, lesson planning and evaluation, use of assessment, impact on effectiveness of colleagues;
- their wider contribution to the work of the school/academy.
- as UPR teachers met the UPR pay progression criteria;
- the impact of their leadership or management roles (if applicable).

7.7 Teachers will be eligible for pay progression according to their individual performance and progression will be on the basis of absolute criteria as follows:

- Main Pay Range and Unqualified Teachers will be eligible for progression by 1 point on their scale if they have met all their individual appraisal objectives (or made significant progress towards meeting longer term objectives), are assessed as meeting the relevant standards (Teachers' Standards) at a level appropriate to or exceeding the expectations for their career stage and their teaching is assessed as consistently good;
- Main Pay Range and Unqualified Teachers satisfying the above criteria and whose teaching is assessed as consistently outstanding may be eligible for progression by more than 1 point.

NOTE: A DECISION IS REQUIRED *The second bullet point above should only be retained if there is an intention to make provision within the pay structure for accelerated progression (see Note 7.7). In addition an alternative option has been put forward by the NASUWT&NEU which school may wish to use, outlined below.*

These options were highlighted in previous versions of the model pay policy so a decision may have already been consulted on and implemented.

- Upper Pay Range Teachers satisfying the above criteria and the pay progression criteria for Upper Pay Range teachers will be eligible for progression by 1 point on the Upper Pay Range following two consecutive successful appraisal reviews (see 9 below and [Appendix 2](#)).

ALTERNATIVES FROM NEU/NASUWT MODEL POLICY are set out below:

Classroom teachers on the Main Pay Range

Classroom teachers will be awarded pay progression on the Main Pay Range following each successful performance management/appraisal review.

Reviews will be deemed to be successful unless significant concerns about standards of performance have been raised in writing with the teacher during the annual performance management/appraisal cycle and have not been sufficiently addressed through support provided by the school/academy by the conclusion of that process.

Classroom teachers in their induction year will be awarded pay progression on the successful completion of induction.

Classroom teachers on the Upper Pay Range

Classroom teachers will be awarded pay progression on the Upper Pay Range following two successful performance management/appraisal reviews.

Reviews will be deemed to be successful unless significant concerns about standards of performance have been raised in writing with the teacher during the annual performance management/appraisal cycle and have not been sufficiently addressed through support provided by the school/academy by the conclusion of that process.

- 7.8 Teachers will be informed of the Pay Committee’s decision within 5 working days of the meeting. Pay progression will be implemented from the 1st September following the appraisal review period.

8. MOVEMENT TO THE UPPER PAY RANGE

8.1 Applications and Evidence

Any qualified teacher who has reached the top of the Main Pay Range may apply to be paid on the Upper Pay Range. It is the responsibility of the teacher to decide whether or not they wish to apply to be paid on the Upper Pay Range. Any such application must be assessed in line with this policy.

NOTE: *A DECISION IS REQUIRED on eligibility to apply for assessment to progress to the Upper Pay Range. The STPCD allows for any Main Pay Range teacher to make an application to be paid on the Upper Pay Range. It is a matter for determination by the Governing Body/Academy Board as to whether the school’s pay policy should restrict eligibility to only those who have reached the top or any other specified point on the Main Pay Range (see [Appendix 11](#) Note 8 at the foot of this document).

These options were highlighted in previous versions of the model pay policy so a decision may have already been consulted on and implemented.

- 8.2 Applications may be made only once in each school year but may be made at any point up to the 31st October following. For example, a teacher who moves

to the top of the Main Pay Range on 1st September 2022 may apply for threshold assessment at any point between then and 31st October 2024.

- 8.3 A successful application will be implemented from 1st September following the school year in which the application is made, or backdated when the application is lodged after 1st September but prior to 31st October. For example, a teacher making a successful application between 1st September 2023 and 31st October 2024 will be placed on UPR1 on 1st September 2024.
- 8.4 If a teacher is simultaneously employed at another school(s), they may submit separate applications if they wish to apply to be paid on the Upper Pay Range in that school or schools. This school/academy will not be bound by any pay decision made by another school/academy.
- 8.5 All applications should include the results of reviews or appraisals under the 2012 Teacher Appraisal regulations, including any recommendation on pay (or, where that information is not applicable or available, a statement and summary of evidence designed to demonstrate that the applicant has met the assessment criteria). Applications should contain evidence from the two most recent consecutive appraisals which clearly demonstrate that the teacher achieved their personal objectives, was assessed as meeting the relevant standards (Teachers' Standards) and that their teaching was assessed as consistently good over the preceding two years. In addition, the application should contain evidence that the teacher meets the criteria for progression to the Upper Pay Range (see 8.6 below). Applications should be submitted in writing, citing the required evidence, to the Headteacher/Principal within the specified timescale.

8.6 The Assessment

An application from a qualified teacher will be successful where the Governing Body/Academy Board is satisfied that:

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

For the purposes of this pay policy:

- 'highly competent' means performance which is not only good but also good enough to provide coaching and mentoring to other teachers, give advice to them and demonstrate to them effective teaching practice and how to make a wider contribution to the work of the school, in order to help them meet the relevant standards and develop their teaching practice;
- 'substantial' means of real importance, validity or value to the school; 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; and

- 'sustained' means maintained continuously over at least the previous two school years.

The application will be assessed robustly, transparently and equitably, by the Headteacher/Principal, whose recommendation will be considered by the Pay Committee who will make the final determination.

8.7 Processes and procedures

The assessment will be made within 10 working days of the receipt of the application or the conclusion of the appraisal process, whichever is later. The applicant will receive a response to their application within 5 working days of the Pay Committee meeting.

The Headteacher/Principal will make a recommendation to the Pay Committee who will make the determination as to whether the application is successful. If successful, the teacher will be placed on the minimum of the Upper Pay Range.

If successful, applicants will move to the Upper Pay Range from the start of the academic year on 1st September (see 8.3 above).

If unsuccessful, feedback will be provided by the Headteacher/Principal in writing within 5 working days of the Pay Committee meeting, giving clear reasons and areas for development.

Any appeal against a decision not to move the teacher to the Upper Pay Range will be heard under the school's general appeals arrangements.

9. **PROGRESSION ON THE UPPER PAY RANGE**

- 9.1 Pay progression for teachers on the Upper Pay Range will be subject to the outcome of **two** consecutive successful appraisal reviews by reference to the Upper Pay Range progression criteria within this policy (see [Appendix 2](#)).

NOTE: A DECISION IS REQUIRED whether to restrict the frequency of pay progression on the Upper Pay Range to 2 yearly (which was common practice before flexibility was introduced and is in line with the Trade Union model policies) or allow for annual progression.

These options were highlighted in previous versions of the model pay policy and so a decision may have already been consulted on and implemented.

- 9.2 Pay progression decisions for Upper Pay Range teachers will be conducted in line with the provisions of 7.7 above. Recommendations will be included in the Appraisal Review Statement and following moderation will be submitted by the Headteacher/Principal to the Pay Committee, who will make the final determination.

- 9.3 Teachers will be informed of the Pay Committee's decision within 5 working days of the meeting. Pay progression will be implemented from 1st September following the appraisal review period.

10. **PART-TIME TEACHERS**

- 10.1 Teachers employed on an ongoing basis at the school/academy but who work less than a full working week are deemed to be part-time. The Governing Body/Academy Board will give them 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.
- 10.2 Part-time teachers will be entitled to be paid for their contractual hours pro rata to a full-time teacher and will also be entitled to PPA time, other non contact time and directed time allocated on a pro rata basis.
- 10.3 All pay decisions for part-time teachers will be consistent with the arrangements in paragraphs 5 to 9 above.

11. **SHORT NOTICE/SUPPLY TEACHERS**

- 11.1 Teachers employed on a day-to-day or other short notice basis will be paid 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.
- 11.2 Teachers who are employed to teach for the full school day will be paid at a daily rate of 1/195th of the annual pay they would receive if engaged on a regular contract. Teachers who work less than a full day will be hourly paid and will also have their salary calculated as an annual amount which will then be divided by 195 then divided again by the proportion of the full pupil day which they teach to arrive at the hourly rate.
- 11.3 Pay decisions for supply teachers will be consistent with paragraphs 5 to 9 above when the teacher is employed within the school/academy on a contract of at least a term. Pay decisions for supply teachers working less than a term will be made by the school/academy in line with paragraph 5 of this policy.
- 11.4 Where supply teachers are engaged via an agency, the school/academy will pay the rates agreed with the agency.

12. **PAY INCREASES ARISING FROM CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT**

All teachers are paid on salary rates set by the Governing Body within the schools pay structure, in accordance with the statutory provisions of the Document as updated from time to time.

13. **LEADING PRACTITIONER TEACHER POSTS**

- 13.1 The Governing Body/Academy Board has established the pay scale for Leading Practitioner teaching posts paid on the Leading Practitioner Pay Range set out in [Appendix 1](#).

NOTE: A DECISION IS REQUIRED on the pay scale to be used for Leading Practitioner posts in the school (if any) and incorporated into this policy at Appendix 1.

These options were highlighted in previous versions of the model pay policy and so a decision may have already been consulted on and implemented.

- 13.2 Such posts may be established for teachers whose primary purpose is the modelling and leading improvement of teaching skills, where those duties fall outside the criteria for the TLR payment structure.
- 13.3 When determining the pay scales for individual Leading Practitioner posts, the Governing Body/Academy Board will do this by reference to the weight of the responsibilities of the post and bearing in mind the need to ensure pay equality where posts are equally demanding and fair pay relativities between posts of differing levels of responsibility.
- 13.4 The policy of the Governing Body/Academy Board is normally to appoint any new Leading Practitioner teacher at the bottom point of the pay range unless the factors set out in 5.2 (above) justify a higher point.
- 13.5 Pay progression decisions will be consistent with the provisions set out in paragraph 7 above.

PAY FOR TEACHERS PAID ON THE LEADERSHIP PAY SCALE

14. **LEADERSHIP POSTS (Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher(s) and Assistant Headteacher(s) posts)**

LEADERSHIP PAY STRUCTURE

The Governing Body/Academy Board has approved the pay structure for the Leadership group teachers (Headteacher, Deputy and Assistant Headteachers) as set out in [Appendix 1](#).

NOTE: A DECISION IS REQUIRED on which of the Leadership pay structure options, or any other, is to be incorporated into the school's pay policy at Appendix 1. This will need to be consistent with the decision on arrangements for pay progression based on performance at paragraph 15 below. (See [Appendix 11](#) note 6). Teacher Unions have asked for consultation on any proposals to adopt pay structures other than (i) or (ii) in [Appendix 1](#).

These options were highlighted in previous versions of the model pay policy and so a decision may have already been consulted on and implemented.

14.1 HEADTEACHER PAY

14.1.1 When Appointing a new Headteachers

When a new appointment needs to be made, the Governing Body/Academy Board will determine the pay range to be advertised and agree pay on appointment as follows:

- Stage 1 – Defining the role and determining the Headteacher group The school's Group Size will be reviewed and determined in accordance with Section 2 paragraphs 5 to 8 of the Document and the advice on p32 of the DfE guidance "Implementing your school's approach to pay" (DfE September 2018, revised in March 2019 and October 2022).
- Stage 2 – Setting the indicative pay range The Pay Committee will determine an indicative pay range in accordance with Section 2 paragraph 9 of the Document, taking account of the guidance in Section 3 paragraphs 9 to 28 of the Document and the advice on p33-35 of the DfE guidance "Implementing your school's approach to pay".
- Stage 3 – Deciding the starting salary and individual pay range The Pay Committee will decide and finalise the starting salary and the maximum point of the headteacher's individual pay range taking account of the extent to which the preferred candidate meets the requirements of the post in accordance with Section 2 paragraph 9 of the Document, taking account of the advice on p36 of the DfE guidance "Implementing your school's approach to pay".

NOTE: *The maximum of the pay range should not normally exceed the maximum of the relevant Headteacher group and **must not** exceed the maximum of the relevant Headteacher group by more than 25% other than in exceptional circumstances.*

- The reasons for the determination will be recorded at each stage.
- In accordance with Section 2 paragraph 9.2 of the Document, the new Headteacher's starting salary will leave "appropriate scope within the range to allow for performance related progress over time".

14.1.2 For Serving Headteachers

- The Pay Committee may only redetermine the pay range of a serving Headteacher, and others on the leadership scale, when the responsibilities have significantly changed in accordance with Section 2 paragraph 4 of the Document, taking account of the guidance in Section 3 paragraphs 9 of the Document.

In redetermining the pay range of a serving Headteacher the Pay Committee will proceed as set out in paragraph 14.1.1 (above).

- Appointed Governors/Directors and Headteacher will agree annual performance objectives for the Headteacher. Objectives should be

agreed as early as possible in the Autumn Term and no later than 31st December, in accordance with the arrangement set out in the school's/ academy's Appraisal Policy.

- The appointed Governors/Directors will review the performance of the Headteacher, taking into account the performance objectives agreed (or set in the absence of agreement) and the advice of any External Adviser, and determine whether there has been a sustained high quality of performance. If there has, the Appointed Governors/Directors may award up to two points in any one year, subject to the maximum of the ISR not being exceeded. Annual pay progression within the range for this post is not automatic. Guidance on performance progression in paragraph 15 below. Further guidance can be found at Section 2, paragraph 11.2 of the Document and Section 3, paragraph 27 of the Document.

The Headteacher pay range in this school is: (Insert minimum and maximum of range – specified as Leadership pay range points or as cash values).

14.1.3 Discretionary payments for serving Headteachers determined under the previous (pre 2015) versions of the STPCD

NOTE: *This paragraph only applies where a Headteacher was appointed and in receipt of discretionary additional payments awarded under the provisions of earlier versions of the Document. From 1st September 2014 these discretionary elements will be part of the pay range except where they relate to temporary additional responsibilities or duties and should be considered at Stage 2 of any salary determination or re-determination.*

Additional payments above the ISR can be made to the Headteacher as long as the Pay Committee has not previously taken such a reason or circumstance into account when determining the ISR under an earlier Document.

Areas that could be considered for additional payment are:

- the school is a school causing concern;
- without such additional payment the relevant body considers that the school would have substantial difficulty filling the vacant Headteacher post;
- without such additional payment the relevant body considers the school would have substantial difficulty retaining the existing Headteacher;
- the Headteacher is appointed as a temporary Headteacher of one or more additional schools.

In normal circumstances, the total sum of additional payments made to a Headteacher in any school year must not exceed 25% of their basic salary.

In exceptional circumstances a Headteacher can receive an additional payment which exceeds 25% of their basic salary. In this situation the Pay Committee must make a business case for the payment to the full Governing Body/Academy Board. The Governing Body/Academy Board must seek

external independent advice from an appropriate person or body who can consider the provisions of the Document and whether they have been properly applied to the Headteacher's pay before making a decision on whether it is justifiable to exceed the limit in each particular case.

There must be a clear audit trail for any advice given to the Governing Body/ Academy Board and a full and accurate record of all decisions made by the Governing Body/Academy Board and the reasoning behind the decision.

Where these payments have been made previously and are subject to review then schools may continue to make those payments at existing values until the existing payrange is re-determined under the revised STPCD.

Either: Discretionary additional payments are not awarded to the Headteacher in this school.

Or: Discretionary additional payments of £XXXX are awarded to the Headteacher in this school in respect of (state reasons for any additional payments).

14.1.4 (Optional) **Provision of services by the Headteacher**

The relevant body has discretion to make payments to Headteachers who provide an external service to one or more additional schools and also to any of the school's teachers whose post acquires additional responsibility as a result of the Head's activities. Payments are not automatic (See the Document Section 2, paragraphs 10 and 26.1(d) and statutory guidance in Section 3 paragraphs 65 to 68) and may include such activities as Consultant Leader or National Leader of Education. Such payments shall be subject to a protocol, as set out in [Appendix 9](#).

[NB: The pay policy should set out above the criteria by which the relevant body will determine the nature and level of such payments and the value of any discretionary payments to be attached to any other posts in the staffing structure as a result of the Head's activities.]

14.1.5 **Determination of Temporary payments for Headteachers**

In accordance with paragraph 10 of the STPCD the Governing Body may consider payments to the Headteacher for temporary additional responsibilities or duties that are in addition to the post for which the salary has been determined. Any additional payments will be fully compliant with the STPCD and consider the guidance issued in section 3 paragraph 13-23 of the document.

14.2 **DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER PAY**

14.2.1 **When Appointing Deputy and Assistant Headteachers**

When a new appointment needs to be made, the Governing Body/Academy Board will determine the pay range to be advertised and agree pay on appointment as follows:

- Stage 1 – Defining the role The Pay Committee will determine the leadership role, responsibilities and accountabilities of the post and the skills and competencies required, in accordance with Section 2 paragraphs 9 of the Document and the advice on p33 of the DfE guidance “Implementing your school’s approach to pay” (DfE September 2018 (revised March 2019 and October 2022)).
- Stage 2 – Setting the indicative pay range The Pay Committee will determine an indicative pay range in accordance with Section 2 paragraph 9 of the Document, taking account of the advice on p33-35 of the DfE guidance “Implementing your school’s approach to pay”.
- Stage 3 – Deciding the starting salary and individual pay range The Pay Committee will decide and finalise the starting salary and the maximum point of the post’s individual pay range taking account of the extent to which the preferred candidate meets the requirements of the post in accordance with Section 2 paragraph 9 of the Document and the advice on p36 of the DfE guidance “Implementing your school’s approach to pay”.

NOTE: The maximum of the pay range should overlap the Headteacher’s pay range **only** in exceptional circumstances and **must not** exceed the maximum of the Headteacher group for the school.

- The reasons for the determination will be recorded at each stage.
- In accordance with Section 2 paragraph 9.2 of the Document, the new appointee’s starting salary will leave “appropriate scope within the range to allow for performance related progress over time”.

14.2.2 For Serving Deputy and Assistant Headteachers

- The Pay Committee may only redetermine the Deputy Headteacher and/or Assistant Headteacher pay ranges in accordance with Section 2 paragraph 4 of the Document.
- In redetermining the pay range of a serving Deputy or Assistant Headteacher the Pay Committee will proceed as set out in paragraph 14.2.1 (above)
- The Governing Body/Academy Board delegates to the Headteacher the agreement or setting of annual performance objectives for Deputy and Assistant Headteachers. Objectives should be agreed as early as possible in the Autumn Term, in accordance with the arrangements set out in the school’s Appraisal Policy.
- The Headteacher will review the performance of the Deputy and Assistant Headteacher, taking into account the performance objectives agreed or set and determine whether there has been a sustained high quality of performance. The Headteacher will report to the Pay Committee as to whether there has, or has not, been a sustained high quality of performance and, if there has, the Pay Committee may award

up to two points in any one year, subject to the maximum of the range not being exceeded. Annual pay progression within the range for this post is not automatic. Guidance on performance progression is in paragraph 15 below. Further guidance can be found at Section 2, paragraph 11 and Section 3, paragraph 27 of the Document and on p37 of the DfE guidance “Implementing your school’s approach to pay”.

The Deputy and Assistant Headteacher pay ranges in this school are: (Insert minimum and maximum of range – specified as Leadership pay range points or as cash values)

Either: Discretionary additional payments are not awarded to the Deputy and Assistant Headteachers in this school.

Or: Discretionary additional payments of £XXXX are awarded to the Deputy and Assistant Headteachers in this school in respect of (state reasons for any additional payments).

NOTE: Discretionary additional payments can only be awarded when a teacher was appointed and in receipt of the payment prior to 1st September 2015. From 1st September 2015 these discretionary elements will be part of the pay range except where they relate to temporary additional responsibilities or duties and should be considered at Stage 2 of any salary determination or re-determination.

(Optional) **Where Headteachers hold additional responsibilities**

In all cases, consideration needs to be given to the remuneration of Deputy and Assistant Heads who as a result of the Headteacher’s role are taking on additional responsibilities. An increase in remuneration should only be agreed where the post accrues additional extra responsibilities as a result of the Headteacher’s enlarged role, it is not automatic.

(Optional) **Extended Services**

Where the Headteacher takes on responsibility for extended services the relevant body has discretion to take account of the additional responsibility and accountability associated with the provision of extended services on their site when determining the Deputy or Assistant Headteacher’s remuneration. An increase in remuneration should only be agreed where the post accrues extra responsibilities as a result of the Headteacher’s enlarged role, it is not automatic.

(NEU/NASUWT model policy alternatives)

- 14.1 *The pay ranges for the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher[s] and Assistant Headteacher[s] will be determined in accordance with the criteria specified in the STPCD and ensuring fair pay relativities.*

- 14.2 *The Governing Body/Academy Board has established the following pay ranges for the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher[s] and Assistant Headteacher[s]:*

Headteacher pay range:

[insert the school's 7 point range for Headteacher]

Deputy Headteacher pay range

[insert the school's 5 point range for Deputy Headteachers]

Assistant Headteacher pay range

[insert the school's 5 point range for Assistant Headteachers]

- 14.3 *Discretionary payments to the Headteacher will be determined in accordance with the provisions of the STPCD and will be reviewed annually.*
- 14.4 *The Governing Body/Academy Board will normally appoint new leadership teachers at the bottom point of the relevant pay range.*
- 14.5 *The Governing Body/Academy Board will pay teachers as Deputy or Assistant Headteachers only where the Governing Body/Academy Board is satisfied that, in the context of the teacher's duties, the role includes a significant responsibility that is not required of all classroom teachers or TLR holders, and that the role:*
- (a) is focused on teaching and learning;*
 - (b) requires the exercise of a teacher's professional skills and judgment;*
 - (c) requires the teacher to lead and manage the school through:*
 - development of teaching and learning priorities across the school;*
 - accountability for the standards of achievement and behaviour of pupils across the school;*
 - accountability for the planning and deployment of the school's resources;*
 - leading policy development and implementation across the school in accordance with statutory provisions;*
 - managing whole school operational activity;*
 - working with external bodies and agencies; and*
 - securing pupils' access to their educational entitlements.*
 - (d) has an impact on the educational progress of the school's pupils;*
 - (e) involves leading, developing and enhancing the teaching practice of the school's staff; and*
 - (f) includes line management responsibility for a significant number of people and/or the line management of other line managers.*
- 14.6 *In the case of a Deputy Headteacher post, the Governing Body/Academy Board must also be satisfied that this significant responsibility features a job weight which exceeds that expected of an Assistant Headteacher employed in the same school, including responsibility for discharging in full the responsibilities of the Headteacher in the absence of the Headteacher.*

15. LEADERSHIP PAY PROGRESSION

- 15.1 The Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher(s) and Assistant Headteacher(s) may be awarded pay progression in accordance with the provisions of the 2023 STPCD, i.e. they must demonstrate sustained high quality of performance in respect of school leadership and management and pupil progress. Assessment of performance will be through the teacher appraisal process in line with the school's/academy's Appraisal policy.
- 15.2 School leaders' salary progression will permit differentiated individual pay progression, subject to the pay structure adopted.

NOTE: *Governing Bodies will need to determine the Leadership pay structure to be adopted. See paragraph 14 above. This might reflect the current 43 point Leadership range or may be based on school-specific pay ranges within the appropriate group ranges – examples are shown in [Appendix 1](#).*

ALLOWANCES

16. TEACHING AND LEARNING RESPONSIBILITY (TLR) ALLOWANCES

- 16.1 The Pay Committee may award a TLR 1 or 2 to a classroom teacher in accordance with section 2 paragraphs 20 and section 3 paragraphs 47-54 of the Document. These payments will be for clearly defined and sustained additional responsibility in the context of the school staffing structure for the purpose of ensuring the continued delivery of high quality teaching and learning. All job descriptions will be regularly reviewed and will make clear, if applicable, the responsibility or package of responsibilities for which a TLR 1 or 2 is awarded, taking into account the criteria set out in Section 2 paragraph 20 of the Document.

In determining the school's/academy's management structure, the Governing Body/Academy Board should consider posts with management responsibility within a permanent structure. Schools may wish to award TLR payments for such posts or decide to have no posts with TLR payments and instead to concentrate leadership and management responsibilities in their, possibly extended, leadership group.

Consideration might also be given to the possibility of creating Leading Practitioner posts. (See Section 2 paragraph 16 and Section 3 paragraphs 33-37 of the Document).

- 16.2 The Pay Committee may award a TLR 3 to a classroom teacher in accordance with section 2 paragraphs 20 and section 3 paragraphs 53-54 of the Document. These payments will be for clearly time-limited school improvement projects or one-off externally driven responsibilities.
- 16.3 The Pay Policy will need to state the level and volume of TLRs which the school will pay and the number of posts which will attract any such payments.

17. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES:

- 17.1 The school will award Special Needs Allowances to qualified classroom teachers according to the SEN guidance detailed in [Appendix 5](#). The Governing Body/Academy Board should therefore determine a teacher's eligibility for an SEN allowance against the statutory criteria in paragraph 21 of Section 2 of the Document and determine the value of the allowance they will receive. The Allowance will be no less than £2,539 and no more than £5,009.

The Governing Body confirms the SEN Allowances paid are:

Xx at £xxx

Xx at £xxx

OTHER TEACHERS' PAY MATTERS

18. RESIDENTIAL DUTIES (RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS ONLY)

The Pay Committee will take into account agreements reached in the National Joint Council for Teachers in Residential Establishments in determining payments for residential duties.

19. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES (CPD)

- 19.1 The Pay Committee will:

POLICY OPTION - A DECISION REQUIRED

Either: will not exercise the discretion under Section 2 paragraph 26.1(a) of the Document. The Pay Committee will periodically review this provision of the Policy.

Or: will pay for CPD.

- 19.2 Salary payments will be determined by calculating:

POLICY OPTION - A DECISION REQUIRED

Either: on a daily basis at 1/195ths of the teacher's actual salary.

Or: a daily rate of 1/195th based on point 6 of the Main Pay Range.

Guidance: Statutory guidance is provided in Section 3 paragraph 60 of the Document. The two formulae set out above were agreed between the teacher unions and the National Employers' Organisation for School Teachers.

20. INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING (ITT) ACTIVITIES

- 20.1 The Pay Committee:

POLICY OPTION - A DECISION REQUIRED

Either: will not exercise its discretion under Section 2 paragraph 26.1(b) of the Document, since teachers with significant involvement in ITT receive pay recognition through Teaching and Learning Responsibility Payments.

Or: will pay for ITT activities, applying the same formula as that used for CPD payments. Such payments will be funded from monies provided for the purpose of ITT.

Guidance: Statutory guidance is provided in Section 3 paragraphs 61 to 64 of the Document. The LA advises that, in general, this discretion should not be used unless sufficient funding specifically for ITT is available.

21. PAYMENT FOR OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS LEARNING ACTIVITIES

21.1 The Pay Committee:

POLICY OPTION- A DECISION REQUIRED

Either: will not exercise its discretion under Section 2 paragraph 26.1 (c) of the Document.

Or: will pay for out of school hours learning activities where approved by the Headteacher or Governors/Directors, applying the same formula as that used for CPD payments.

Or: will determine a pay rate for out of school activities.

Guidance: Statutory guidance is provided in Section 3 paragraph 69 of the Document.

NOTE: Decisions in relation to all of the above may have been made already, since they applied to changes in previous versions of the model pay policy.

22. RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS

22.1 The Pay Committee:

POLICY OPTION - A DECISION REQUIRED

Either: will not exercise its discretion under Section 2 paragraph 27 of the Document but will periodically review this provision of the policy.

Or: will consider exercising its powers under Section 2 paragraph 27 of the Document, according to the following policy:-

Recruitment and Retention Policy

1. In accordance with Paragraph 27 of the Document, the Governing Body/ Academy Board is able to pay **recruitment** incentives and benefits for a period to be specified by the Pay Committee from the date of appointment. It is also able to pay **retention** incentives and benefits for a period to be specified by the Pay Committee. In either case the incentives or benefits will

be subject to regular review and may be ended or extended by the Pay Committee at its discretion.

2. In deciding whether and when to pay such incentives and benefits the Governing Body/Academy Board recognises:-
 - (a) a commitment to ensure that employees receive equal pay for work of equal value; and
 - (b) that the payment of these incentives and benefits is a way of tackling recruitment and retention problems by temporarily increasing the total pay, or other benefits, awarded to a teacher for specified periods without altering the duties and responsibilities assigned to the teacher's post or its grading.

(It is recommended that each school's pay policy should contain a statement as to how and when this discretion will be used. A suggested statement is set out below which includes alternative criteria to be applied to the exercise of the discretion).

3. The Governing Body/Academy Board will apply these criteria to the payment of recruitment and retention incentives and benefits:-
 - 3.1 Incentives and benefits awarded will be determined by the Pay Committee and will take account of both the importance of the need to recruit and retain a teacher in relation to their duties and responsibilities, the available budget and the need to maintain, as far as possible, the principle of equal pay.
 - 3.2 The award of recruitment and retention incentives and benefits may be paid to all teachers (**or** those in shortage subjects as defined by the Headteacher). This excludes Headteachers, Deputy Headteachers and Assistant Headteachers who may not be awarded recruitment and retention payments other than those re-imbursing of reasonably incurred housing or relocation costs. Recruitment and retention considerations must be taken into account when determining the pay range of these senior leaders.
 - 3.3 Recruitment incentives and benefits will be paid after one (**or two**) advertisement(s) has failed to produce a suitable candidate for appointment **or** evidence from previous recent advertisements has demonstrated a poor response in both terms of quantity and quality of candidates for appointment.
 - 3.4 Retention incentives and benefits will be awarded where there is evidence of high staff turnover within the previous twelve months.
 - 3.5 A retention incentive or benefit may be awarded where the Headteacher is satisfied that unless such a payment is made, the services of a key member of staff will be lost. "Key" in this context is a teacher:-
 - (a) whose duties and responsibilities over the next one to three years are particularly important to the successful delivery of a crucial aspect of the School Improvement Plan relating directly to teaching and learning; and
 - (b) who would be difficult to replace in the current recruitment market.

- 3.6 The extension of recruitment or retention incentives and benefits will be considered where a review of the circumstances which led to the award of the payment in the first place shows that they remain unchanged in importance or have increased in importance. The continuing payment will not be for more than one year without a further review as to whether these circumstances remain or have increased in importance. Where the school currently pays a recruitment or retention incentive or benefit awarded to a Headteacher, deputy headteacher or assistant headteacher under a previous Document, subject to review, it may continue to make that payment at its existing value until such time as the respective pay range is determined under this Document.
- 3.7 Rates of incentives and benefits will be reviewed annually with the intention of increasing them in line with general increases in teachers' pay **or** they will be at a fixed rate throughout their duration.

Guidance: The employer and the employee will be liable for National Insurance contributions and pension contributions (if a member of the Scheme) and the employee will be liable for income tax in respect of incentives and benefits awarded.

23. SALARY SAFEGUARDING

All decisions concerning the application of Salary Safeguarding for teachers will be subject to the relevant detailed provisions within Part 5 of the Document.

B. PROVISIONS RELATING TO SUPPORT STAFF PAY

1. INTRODUCTION

The Governing Body's/Academy Board's power to determine the salaries of support staff is set out in Regulations 17 and 29 of the School Staffing (England) Regulations 2009 and associated "Staffing and Employment Advice for Schools" (DfE 2021).

Regulation 17 (3) requires Governing Bodies of community, voluntary controlled and community special schools to pay in accordance with pay grades determined by the LA. Regulation 17 (6) requires Governing Bodies to consider advice from the Local Authority in relation to matters relating to grading and remuneration of support staff.

Regulation 29 allows Governing Bodies of foundation, voluntary aided and foundation special schools to employ support staff on such terms as they think fit. In Somerset LA maintained schools, the written Statement of Particulars setting out terms and conditions of employment specifies that the contract is subject to relevant National Conditions of Service as supplemented by local agreements.

This means that unless the Governing Body of a foundation or voluntary aided school has reached its own local agreement through a collective bargaining process with its staff and the recognised trades unions (UNISON, GMB and Unite), the Council's local agreements will continue to apply to their support staff's contracts of employment.

Academies may determine pay and grading arrangements for their support staff through local agreement with the recognised Trade Unions.

2. DETERMINATION OF GRADING AND PAY FOR SUPPORT STAFF

The Pay Committee will determine the pay grade of support staff in accordance with the scale of grades currently applicable in relation to employment with the LA/Academy Trust, which the Pay Committee consider appropriate for the post. In Community, Voluntary Controlled and Community Special Schools in reaching its determination, the Pay Committee will consider the advice of the LA.

Grading and Pay decisions will be taken in accordance with the relevant provisions of paragraphs 1 to 5 of the section on Teachers Pay (above). Appeal procedures are set out in paragraph 3.5 above.

The Pay Committee will apply the policy recommended by the LA/Academy Trust for determining the starting salaries of support staff (as set out in [Appendix 7](#)).

The Pay Committee will apply the principles and policies recommended by the LA/Academy Trust for the award of additional contractual and honoraria payments (as set out in [Appendix 8](#)).

C. FURTHER GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARY FOR UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Deductions of pay for unpaid leave of absence and unauthorised absence will be subject to the provisions set out in [Appendix 10](#).

2. MONITORING THE IMPACT OF THE POLICY

The Governing Body/Academy Board will monitor the outcomes and impact of this policy on a regular basis (*insert the frequency, e.g. yearly/biennially*), including trends in progression across specific groups of teachers to assess its effect and the school's continued compliance with equalities legislation.

PAY SCALES

Teachers Pay Scales 23/24

Grade	Pt	Annual
MPR (TMS)	1	£30,000
	2	£31,737
	3	£33,814
	4	£36,051
	5	£38,330
	6	£41,333

UPR (UPS)	1	£43,266
	2	£44,870
	3	£46,525

UTR (UQ)	1	£20,598
	2	£22,961
	3	£25,323
	4	£27,406
	5	£29,772
	6	£32,134

Leading Practitioner	Min	£47,417
	Max	£72,085

Leadership Excludes Headteachers

Pt	Annual
L1	£47,185
L2	£48,366
L3	£49,574
L4	£50,807
L5	£52,074
L6	£53,380
L7	£54,816
L8	£56,082
L9	£57,482
L10	£58,959
L11	£60,488
L12	£61,882

TLR 1	A	£9,272
	B	£11,409
	C	£13,545
	D	£15,690

TLR 2	A	£3,214
	B	£5,348
	C	£7,487
	D	£7,847

TLR 3	Minimum	£639
	Maximum	£3,169

SPN	1	£2,539
	2	£5,009

HT Groups	Pts
Group 1	6 to 18
Group 2	8 to 21
Group 3	11 to 24
Group 4	14 to 27
Group 5	18 to 31
Group 6	21 to 35
Group 7	24 to 39
Group 8	28 to 43

Leadership Headteachers Only

	Pt	Annual
Group 1	L6	£53,380
	L7	£54,816
	L8	£56,082
	L9	£57,482
	L10	£58,959
	L11	£60,488
	L12	£61,882
	L13	£63,430
	L14	£65,010
	L15	£66,628

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L14	£65,010
L15	£66,628
L16	£68,400
L17	£69,970
L18	£71,019
L19	£73,509
L20	£75,331
L21	£76,430
L22	£79,112
L23	£81,070
L24	£82,258
L25	£85,146
L26	£87,253
L27	£88,530
L28	£91,633
L29	£93,902
L30	£96,239
L31	£97,639
L32	£101,067
L33	£103,578
L34	£106,138
L35	£107,700
L36	£111,470
L37	£114,240
L38	£117,067
L39	£118,732
L40	£122,912
L41	£125,983
L42	£129,140
L43	£131,056

Group 2

L16	£68,400
L17	£69,970
L18	£71,019
L8	£56,082
L9	£57,482
L10	£58,959
L11	£60,488
L12	£61,882
L13	£63,430
L14	£65,010
L15	£66,628
L16	£68,400
L17	£69,970
L18	£71,019
L19	£73,509
L20	£75,331
L21	£76,430

Group 3

L11	£60,488
L12	£61,882
L13	£63,430
L14	£65,010
L15	£66,628
L16	£68,400
L17	£69,970
L18	£71,019
L19	£73,509
L20	£75,331
L21	£76,430
L22	£79,112
L23	£81,070
L24	£82,258

Group 4

L14	£65,010
L15	£66,628
L16	£68,400
L17	£69,970
L18	£71,019
L19	£73,509
L20	£75,331
L21	£76,430
L22	£79,112
L23	£81,070
L24	£82,258

L25	£85,146
L26	£87,253
L27	£88,530

Group 5

L18	£71,019
L19	£73,509
L20	£75,331
L21	£76,430
L22	£79,112
L23	£81,070
L24	£82,258
L25	£85,146
L26	£87,253
L27	£88,530
L28	£91,633
L29	£93,902
L30	£96,239
L31	£97,639

Group 6

L21	£76,430
L22	£79,112
L23	£81,070
L24	£82,258
L25	£85,146
L26	£87,253
L27	£88,530
L28	£91,633
L29	£93,902
L30	£96,239
L31	£97,639
L32	£101,067
L33	£103,578
L34	£106,138
L35	£107,700

Group 7

L24	£82,258
L25	£85,146
L26	£87,253
L27	£88,530
L28	£91,633
L29	£93,902
L30	£96,239
L31	£97,639
L32	£101,067
L33	£103,578

L34	£106,138
L35	£107,700
L36	£111,470
L37	£114,240
L38	£117,067
L39	£118,732

Group 8

L28	£91,633
L29	£93,902
L30	£96,239
L31	£97,639
L32	£101,067
L33	£103,578
L34	£106,138
L35	£107,700
L36	£111,470
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L39	£118,732
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L42	£129,140
L43	£131,056

UPPER PAY RANGE TEACHERS – CRITERIA FOR PAY PROGRESSION

1. The Governing Body/Academy Board will move all teachers who are assessed in their appraisal as successful in meeting the relevant criteria (in paragraph 15 of Section 2 of the Document) onto the first point of the Upper Pay Range.
2. In making a subsequent determination on the salary of a teacher paid on the Upper Pay Range, the Governing Body/Academy Board will not consider a further award unless:-
 - there have been two successful consecutive performance management reviews in which the teacher;
 - has continued to demonstrate that they are 'highly competent' in all elements of the relevant standards; and
 - his/her achievements and contribution to the school are substantial and sustained.
3. To ensure that the achievements and contribution have been substantial and sustained, that performance reviews will need to demonstrate that the teacher has grown professionally by developing their teaching expertise and competence.
4. The evaluation of post-threshold performance will include the following aspects of a teacher's work:
 - maintenance and consolidation of high levels of competence against teacher standards;
 - successful achievement of the areas for further development identified in the previous appraisal cycles;
 - successful achievement of individual objectives agreed or set under the appraisal regulations.
5. The teacher is invited to use the relevant standards to evaluate his/her own performance.
6. The appraiser may use the relevant standards to evaluate the performance of the teacher. The reviewer and the teacher then meet to compare their evaluation and analyse any differences on the basis of the evidence available. The reviewer draws on evidence from the appraisal reviews. This evidence includes:
 - Annual appraisal review statements.
 - Lesson observations.
 - Records of the teacher's professional development.
 - Pupil progress records.
7. When completed, the appraiser will complete an appraisal review statement and include a pay progression recommendation. This evidence is passed to

the Headteacher who may consult with appropriate team leaders, other than the reviewer, to seek additional information about the teacher's performance.

8. The Headteacher will use the relevant standards and other recorded information to moderate the recommendation on pay progression, referring to the evaluations completed by the teacher (if made available by the teacher) and the reviewer together with any further records from the meeting between the reviewer and the teacher.
9. The Headteacher will provide feedback to the teacher on the outcomes of his/her performance review. This may be additional to the feedback the teacher will have received from his/her appraiser as a result of the annual appraisal cycle.
10. When putting forward a recommendation to the Pay Committee, the Headteacher will only support a recommendation for pay progression on the Upper Pay Range if he/she is satisfied that, all the relevant criteria (as defined above) have been met.

(Alternative from NASUWT/NEU model pay policy)

Upper Pay Range Progression Criteria

(1) Professional attributes

- 1.1 Contribute significantly, where appropriate, to implementing workplace policies and practice and to promoting collective responsibility for their implementation.

(2) Professional knowledge and understanding

- 2.1 Have an extensive knowledge and understanding of how to use and adapt a range of teaching, learning and behaviour management strategies, including how to personalise learning to provide opportunities for all learners to achieve their potential.
- 2.2 Have an extensive knowledge and well-informed understanding of the assessment requirements and arrangements for the subjects/curriculum areas they teach, including those related to public examinations and qualifications.
- 2.3 Have up-to-date knowledge and understanding of the different types of qualifications and specifications and their suitability for meeting learners' needs.
- 2.4 Have a more developed knowledge and understanding of their subjects/curriculum areas and related pedagogy including how learning progresses within them.
- 2.5 Have sufficient depth of knowledge and experience to be able to give advice on the development and wellbeing of children and young people.

(3) Professional skills

- 3.1 Be flexible, creative and adept at designing learning sequences within lessons and across lessons that are effective and consistently well-matched to learning

objectives and the needs of learners and which integrate recent developments, including those relating to subject/curriculum knowledge.

- 3.2 Have teaching skills which lead to learners achieving well relative to their prior attainment, making progress as good as, or better than, similar learners nationally.
- 3.3 Promote collaboration and work effectively as a team member.
- 3.4 Contribute to the professional development of colleagues through coaching and mentoring, demonstrating effective practice, and providing advice and feedback.

NOTE: A DECISION IS REQUIRED as to which Upper Pay Range pay progression criteria will be included within the school's Pay Policy.

This decision may have already been made by the school since it relates to a provision within previous versions of the model pay policy.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PAY COMMITTEE

The terms of reference for the Pay Committee are:

1. to achieve the aims of the school's Pay Policy in a fair and equal manner;
2. to apply the criteria set by the school's Pay Policy in determining the pay of each member of the teaching staff at the annual review;
3. to observe all statutory and contractual obligations;
4. to minute clearly the reasons for all decisions and report these decisions to the next meeting of the Governing Body/Academy Board;
5. to recommend to the Governing Body/Academy Board the annual budget needed for pay, bearing in mind the need to ensure the availability of monies to support any exercise of discretion;
6. to keep abreast of relevant developments and to advise the Governing Body/Academy Board when the school's Pay Policy needs to be revised;
7. to carry out the Headteacher's Appraisal;
8. to appoint and work with the External Adviser in carrying out the Headteacher's Appraisal;
9. to work with the Headteacher in ensuring that the Governing Body/Academy Board complies with the requirements of the Teacher Appraisal Regulations.

PRINCIPLES AND PROTOCOL FOR OVERPAYMENTS OF SALARY

Purpose

This document sets out the County Council's/Academy Trust's principles and established protocol for dealing with overpayments of salary.

Avoidance of Overpayments

All staff with a responsibility for determining and verifying salary payments have a crucial responsibility for ensuring that incorrect payments (over and underpayments) do not occur and, if they do, that the error is identified and corrected as early as possible.

There are a number of obvious measures that should be taken to achieve this priority:

- Ensure that all documentation which includes references to salary and salary grades (i.e. advertisements, job details, offer letters, payroll report forms) are fully and accurately completed.
- Verify the accuracy of copies of salary notification documents produced by HR Admin and Payroll Service and sent to the establishment.
- Verify that staffing lists sent to establishments by the HR Admin and Payroll Service, which set out the basis for current salary payments, match the staffing and financial records held by the establishment.
- If there is a mismatch, this must be followed up with HR Admin and Payroll Service without delay.

County Council / Academy Principles

Recovery of any overpayment should be dealt with in a consistent and fair way to protect the interests of the employee concerned as far as is possible.

There needs to be full and proper consultation with the employee which demonstrates a sensitive and caring approach to what is, on most occasions, a difficult and distressing situation.

All overpayments of salary must be recovered from employees provided it is clear that there is definitely no contractual entitlement. In cases of doubt the HR Admin and Payroll Service must be consulted, who may then contact the County Council's Legal Department/Academy Trust's Legal Adviser for advice before proceeding.

Recovery should be made as quickly as possible.

For current employees, the recovery of an overpayment will normally be made over the same period of time in which the overpayment accrued. This is subject to two conditions:-

- (a) The period of recovery should not be longer than the period the employee is expected to remain in the employ of the County Council/Academy Trust;

in this situation the period of recovery will be foreshortened so that it ends on the date the employment ends;

- (b) If an employee leaves, and this was not known at the start of the recovery period, the final deduction will cover the total remaining overpayment; if there has been insufficient notice to ensure that the final deduction covers the outstanding debt, the employee will be issued with an invoice for the sum remaining.

The period of recovery should in the first instance be recovered over the same period that the overpayment occurred. In exceptional circumstances this can be extended to a maximum of two times the overpayment period.

Legal Principles

The relevant legislation is the Employment Rights Act 1996 Section 14. This legislation has the effect of permitting an employer to make deductions from salary where the purpose of the deduction is to reclaim an overpayment of wages.

Recovery of an overpayment by making deductions from salary payments can be made without the employee's permission. An employer has a legal right to recover money from an employee in respect of an overpayment of salary provided it can be shown that the employee has no contractual entitlement to the money. The employee could challenge the employer's right to recover at an Employment Tribunal.

If there is a legal challenge to the recovery of the overpayment, three principles are commonly applied:

- (a) Was the employee given information by the employer about their salary payments based on which it would have been reasonable for the employee to have understood that the payments were correct?
- (b) Did the employee fail to act in good faith by not drawing the employer's attention to the fact that they were being overpaid?
- (c) Did the employee act to their own detriment in such a way that the employer should be stopped in equity (i.e. precluded) from seeking reimbursement of the overpayment? The principle of estoppel will only apply where the employee has acted to their detriment when looking at their individual financial situation as a whole i.e. rather than simply that the employee has already spent those particular funds which represented the overpayment.

Recovery Process

Overpayments will be identified in one of three ways - by the employee, the school, or the Payroll Service. The majority of overpayments are identified by the HR Admin and Payroll Service. They will issue a standard letter notifying the employee of the overpayment, enclosing an invoice setting out the gross and net amount. The letter will also propose arrangements for recovery. These arrangements are applied unless the employee objects.

Where the overpayment is large and/or known to be a sensitive issue, the Payroll Services will enter discussions with the employee and school, prior to issuing the standard letter. These discussions would usually involve the employee, their line manager and Payroll Services.

Write-Offs

Write-offs of overpayments will most commonly occur in one of these situations:-

- (a) The employee overpaid no longer works for the LA/Academy Trust and a decision is taken by the school, on advice from the Legal Department / Advisor, that pursuit of the debt through legal processes would not be cost effective, or that the employee cannot be traced.
- (b) The employee has refused to agree to a deduction, has challenged the justification for the recovery and the Legal Department / Advisor advises that we are unlikely to pursue the debt successfully through the courts.
- (c) The debt has been pursued through the courts but the judgement was in the employee's favour.

Writing off an overpayment of salary will normally mean that the amount involved will be debited against the school's salary budget.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) ALLOWANCES – GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS (September 2023)

SEN allowances have a spot value that falls within a specified SEN Allowance range of between £2,539 and £5,009 (paragraph 21 of Section 2 of the Document, see also guidance in paragraphs 55 to 59 of Section 3). This allows Governing Bodies/Academy Boards to determine the award of an SEN allowance within the range shown above.

The minimum of the range, £2,539 reflects the amount of SEN Allowance 1. The maximum of the range £5,009 reflects the amount of SEN Allowance 2.

Governing Bodies/Academy Boards may select a spot sum from within the range for any post meeting the criteria.

Governing Bodies/Academy Boards will need to apply the criteria to all those teachers who are eligible and determine the level of SEN allowance to be paid.

HR Advisory recommends that where the teacher is eligible for an SEN allowance based on the criteria shown below, Governing Bodies/Academy Board should keep to the two points i.e. £2,539 and £5,009 in order to maintain consistency but Governing Bodies/Academy Boards may determine an allowance of any value within the range.

The Criteria

The criteria for the award of a SEN Allowance have changed. A SEN Allowance **must be** awarded to a classroom teacher:

- (a) in any SEN post that requires a mandatory SEN qualification and involves teaching pupils with SEN;
- (b) in a special school;
- (c) who teaches pupils in one or more designated special classes or units in a school;
- (d) in any non-designated setting that is analogous to a designated special class or unit, where the post:
 - (i) involves a substantial element of working directly with children with special educational needs;
 - (ii) requires the exercise of a teacher's professional skills and judgement in the teaching of children with special educational needs; and
 - (iii) has a greater level of involvement in the teaching of children with special educational needs than is the normal requirement of teachers throughout the school or unit within the school.

Assessment of Appropriate Allowance Values

The school's structure of SEN provision will inform the rationale for decisions made regarding the appropriate allowances values. These should be fair and transparent and set out in the school's Pay Policy and staffing structure. The value of allowances should be based on whether:

- (a) any mandatory qualifications are required;
- (b) the qualifications and expertise of the teacher relevant to the post; and
- (c) the relative demands of the post.

This will require a judgment to be made about the nature and challenge of a teacher's work with pupils with SEN compared and related to that of other teachers in the school.

In establishing appropriate values for the SEN allowances schools should ensure that they have considered the full range of payments available and that the values chosen are properly positioned between the minimum and the maximum established in the national framework.

For example, a teacher who is teaching a special class for which a mandatory qualification is required and who has considerable relevant experience (and who is, therefore, seen as one of the schools leading professionals in this area) would more likely be paid at the top value of the SEN allowances.

Differential values relating to SEN roles in the school should be established to properly reflect significant differences in the nature and challenge of the work entailed so that the different payment levels can be objectively justified.

Schools may wish to take account of the way in which SEN provision is organised and delivered locally and may want to consult the Schools HR Advisory team for advice on establishing appropriate payments.

Subsequent changes in SEN provision (following transition) and safeguarding provisions.

If, at a later date, the Governing Body/Academy Board changes the way the SEN provision is to be delivered and this affects the payment of any SEN allowance so that it is either reduced or withdrawn, then the general safeguarding rules in the STPCD will apply.

Mandatory Qualifications

School should be aware that the SENCO qualification (the National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination) is not one of the mandatory qualifications leading to the payment of an SEN allowance. The role of the SENCO, as a managerial responsibility, and is not one that meets the criteria for an SEN allowance but consideration could be given to the award of a TLR.

Confirming the Changes

Teachers must be issued with a salary statement letter indicating their salary and any allowances and safeguarded sums.

Any changes in SEN allowances need to be notified to your payroll provider (*HR & Payroll Administration Services where schools buy this service from the LA*) by the completion of the relevant change form.

MODEL SALARY STATEMENT

QUALIFIED TEACHER SALARY REVIEW STATEMENT - SCHOOL YEAR

TEACHER'S NAME

Your salary has been reviewed by the Academy Board/ Governing Body/Head of Service in accordance with School Teachers Pay & Conditions Document and from you have been awarded scale points as detailed below:	POINT	VALUE	EXPIRY
Point on main pay scale or UPR for qualifications and experience including:-			
1. Pay point in previous year			
2. Pay progression from previous year (if any)			
Teaching & Learning Responsibility Payments			
SEN allowance			
Recruitment and retention			
Safeguarded amount		Cash/mark time	
TOTAL			

Signed:
Headteacher/ Head of Service

Signed.
Teacher

Top Copy: For teacher
2nd Copy: For school records

GREEN BOOK STAFF – MODEL POLICY FOR STARTING SALARIES FOR SCHOOL BASED STAFF IN LA MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

1. In accordance with the principles of 'Single Status', all support staff in schools will be paid on the Green Book Pay Spine.
2. Grades and starting salaries are determined by the Governing Body on advice from the Headteacher who should have proper regard to the LA's Pay and Grading Scheme. Further details are available from HR Advisory Team.
3. The starting salary on the appropriate grade will be determined as follows:
 - 3.1 The minimum of the grade should be paid except where discretion to pay a higher point is considered appropriate in accordance with the circumstances set out in sub paragraphs 3.2 to 3.4 below.
 - 3.2 If the person appointed is transferring within maintained schools or within the Somerset Council in the same work and on the same grade, their starting salary should be the same as in the previous post. (If transferring between schools or within the Somerset Council but to a higher graded post, the starting salary would normally be the minimum point of the new post.)
 - 3.3 If the person is not currently employed on the Green Book Pay Spine but was previously employed on this Spine in the same or similar type of work, consideration should be given to a starting salary above the minimum of the grade which takes account of the person's previous service, any relevant qualifications or experience acquired since this previous service and to the length of the break in service.
 - 3.4 If the person has not previously been employed on the Green Book Pay Spine but has qualifications and previous experience which are considered to be relevant to the type of work they are being employed to do, consideration should be given to a starting salary above the minimum point (see paragraph 3.1 above).
 - 3.5 The practice used to determine the starting salary will be applied in a consistent manner by the Governors.
4. The starting salary will, wherever possible, be agreed with the person when the post is offered at the end of the interview process.
5. The starting salary point will be entered by the school's 'authorised officer' on the payroll report form (PRF) which is used to notify HR Admin and Payroll Services of the appointment. *NB If the PRF does not specify a starting salary, HR Admin and Payroll Services will pay the minimum point of the grade.*

A. SCHOOL BASED SUPPORT STAFF ADDITIONAL CONTRACTUAL PAYMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Governors' Pay Committee has been delegated authority by the Governing Body to award additional contractual payments to support staff.
- 1.2 This document sets out the practices recommended (by the LA) for the use of this power.
- 1.3 The document comprises agreed principles and policies for the award of additional contractual payments for each category and the application/ decision making procedure.

2. PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 Additional contractual payments are those made to employees in accordance with national or local agreements. These payments are calculated using a formula which accurately reflects the extra work and/or responsibilities undertaken.
- 2.2 Line Managers have a duty of care for employees to ensure that they do not work excessive hours. It is normally inappropriate, unacceptable and poor management practice to allow employees to accrue significant numbers of hours in excess of the contracted hours. However, if excessive hours are regularly being worked by an employee, the line manager should discuss the reasons with the employee and agree any ways of reducing their working time. If there is a genuine need for additional hours, one or more of the following strategies could be considered:
 - (a) re-prioritise work (stop or delay doing some things)
 - (b) redeploy other staff to the work
 - (c) take on additional staff.

- 2.3 All contractual payments must be contained within the school's approved budget for pay.

3. POLICY FOR THE AWARD OF ADDITIONAL CONTRACTUAL PAYMENTS IN EACH CATEGORY

3.1 Additional Hours

- 3.1.1 For staff graded up to Grade 12 (up to spinal column point 26), conditions of service allow for contractual payments at overtime rates if flexi hours have been lost or if time off in lieu is not practical from an operational viewpoint.

Additional contractual payments should be calculated as follows:-

For Employees graded Scale 17 to 12 a payment may be awarded based on the number of hours worked x salary (hourly rate) x time and a half.

- 3.1.2 For staff on Grades 11 to 6 subject to flexi-time, additional hours worked should be recovered in accordance with the scheme (ie) flexi-days are taken. Exceptionally time off in lieu should be granted.
- 3.1.3 For staff on Grades 11 to 6 not subject to the flexi scheme, time off in lieu can be taken. The amount of time off in lieu will be conditional on:
- a) the employee keeping a personal record of additional hours worked; and
 - b) the degree to which there is an expectation by management and the employee that the requirements of the contract mean that working hours additional to contract will, of necessity, be a regular feature of the job and have been, to some extent, reflected in the grading of the post;

NOTE: For staff on Grades 11 to 6 and above, honoraria payments for additional hours may be approved in exceptional circumstances (please refer to the Honoraria section of this Appendix).

3.2 Project Work

- 3.2.1 To qualify for an additional payment, the work involved should be undertaken outside the employee's existing contracted hours and should not diminish, in any way, the requirements on the employee to fulfil their expected contractual duties and responsibilities.
- 3.2.2 Account will be taken of the principle relating to excessive working set out in paragraph 2.2 above.
- 3.2.3 Such work will only be undertaken if the employee agrees to do it in the full knowledge that additional workload will result.
- 3.2.4 The value of the payment should take account of the following factors:-
- (a) The number of additional hours of work to be undertaken to fulfil the work.
 - (b) The level of knowledge, skills and understanding needed to carry out the work; and
 - (c) Any income directly generated by the work.

3.3 Higher Grade Duties Undertaken

- 3.3.1 "Acting up" or full duties of higher graded post.

An employee taking on the full duties of a higher graded post for a period of at least four weeks will be paid an amount based on 100% of

the difference in salary between their salary and the salary they would be paid had they actually been appointed to the higher graded post x number of weeks covered divided by 39 (if employed on a term-time only contract) or 52 (if employed all year round).

3.3.2 “Additional duties” or “partial duties” of a higher graded post.

Additional higher grade duties (not taking on full duties of another higher graded post) may be rewarded by an additional payment provided the employee has taken on at least 25% of the duties of the higher graded post for a period of not less than four weeks. Payment will be made on the difference between the employee’s salary and the salary they would have been paid had they been permanently appointed to the higher graded post x % of duties x number of weeks cover.

4. APPLICATION/DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURE

4.1 Each application should be made in writing by the Headteacher and authorised by the Pay Committee. The application should contain information under the following headings:

- Employee’s Name.
- Post Title.
- Salary Grade.
- Category of Contractual Payment (refer to paragraph 3).
- Amount of Contractual Payment.
- Where appropriate the period during which the additional/more responsible work undertaken.
- Full details of the case justifying the additional payment.

4.2 The decision will be notified in writing to the employee and a copy sent to HR Admin and Payroll Services to action the payment.

B. SCHOOL BASED SUPPORT STAFF HONORARIA PAYMENTS – It should be noted that Somerset Council has withdrawn this policy for centrally based staff, with the exception of “additional hours”.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Governors’ Pay Committee has been delegated authority by the Governing Body to award honoraria to support staff who meet the criteria below.

1.2 This document sets out the practices recommended (by the LA) for the use of this power.

1.3 The document comprises agreed principles and policies for the award of honoraria for each category and the application/decision making procedure.

1.4 The Oxford Dictionary definition of an honorarium is “a payment given for professional services that are rendered nominally without charge” (“nominal”

means “far below the real value or cost”). They are paid entirely at the discretion of the employer and do not form part of a contract of employment.

2. **PRINCIPLES**

- 2.1 In the contexts that posts have been properly evaluated and the Governing Body can reasonably expect all of its employees to work with a high degree of commitment, effort and ability without additional payments to normal salary, honoraria will only be paid in exceptional circumstances.
- 2.2 Strategies used to motivate, support and enhance the payments of employees will be consistent within the school.
- 2.3 As far as possible all employees should have equal access to opportunities to be awarded honoraria payments for exceptional performance and contribution.
- 2.4 Honoraria payments will not be paid simply for “attendance at work” over and above normal working hours.
- 2.5 All honoraria payments will be made from the school’s approved budget for pay unless the payment can be directly funded by extra income generated as a result of the work involved.
- 2.6 Approval of honoraria payments is discretionary and will be made by the Pay Committee, on recommendation by the Headteacher, and are final with no right of appeal.

3. **POLICY FOR THE AWARD OF HONORARIA PAYMENTS IN EACH CATEGORY**

3.1 **Excellent Work, Merit or Commitment**

3.1.1 This discretion will **not** be used because of principle 2.1 (above), the lack of objectivity in determining what constitutes performance standards which are sufficiently exceptional to warrant payment over and above normal salary and the potential divisiveness of performance related payments.

3.2 **Additional Hours**

3.2.1 For staff on Grades 11 to 6, if flexi hours have been lost or if time off in lieu is not practical from an operational viewpoint, an honorarium payment can be made for additional hours worked. The factors determining whether an honorarium should be made in these circumstances and its amount will be:

- (a) The number of hours worked which are additional to contract;
- (b) The operational needs for the additional hours being worked;
- (c) The degree to which there is an expectation by management and the employee that the requirements of the contract mean

that working hours additional to contract will, of necessity, be a regular feature of the job and have been, to some extent, reflected in the grading of the post;

- (d) Any additional income generated by the work; and
- (e) The amount of available budget to fund honoraria payments.

4. **APPLICATION/DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURE**

4.1 Each application should be made in writing by the Headteacher who should make a recommendation to the Pay Committee. The application should contain information under the following headings:

- Employee's Name.
- Post Title.
- Salary Grade.
- Category of Honorarium (refer to paragraph 3).
- Amount of Honorarium.
- Period during which additional hours were worked.
- Full details of the case justifying the honorarium.

4.2 Where the Pay Committee decides that an application for honorarium application meets the agreed criteria and approves the application, the employee will be informed in writing and a copy sent to HR Admin and Payroll Services to action the payment.

POLICY FOR DETERMINING ADDITIONAL CONTRACTUAL PAYMENTS FOR TEACHING STAFF UNDERTAKING WORK OUTSIDE OF THEIR CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

- 1.1 This policy covers teaching staff who undertake professional work which has all the following features:
- (a) it is outside the scope of their contract of employment;
 - (b) the work activities require some time off from normal duties; and
 - (c) the work is directly related to the provision of professional educational services either within or outside the Somerset maintained system.

NOTE: *The policy does not cover payments for Out of School hours learning activities.*

- 1.2 Currently the most common examples are employment as part of an OFSTED Team, work as a National or Local Leader in Education and in supporting Headteacher Appraisal as an External Consultant.
- 1.3 The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Governing Bodies/Academy Board and Headteachers understand how the process for approving the work and calculating payments should be managed. In this way the best interests of the teacher, the school and the LA will be served through the adoption of a consistent approach.

2. Benefits of Additional Professional Work

- 2.1 There are a number of tangible benefits for the teacher, the school and the LA in undertaking such professional activities. The teacher will benefit professionally through any training needed to do the work and in the delivery of the work.
- 2.2 During the teacher's absence, while undertaking the professional work, other staff in the school **may** have the opportunity of undertaking additional duties, albeit for a limited period which will, in turn, benefit them.
- 2.3 It is possible that part of the income received for the professional work can be used for the benefit of the school.

3. Approval Process

- 3.1 It is entirely at the Governing Body's/Academy Board's discretion as to whether time off will be granted for training and/or undertaking professional work which falls outside a teacher's contract of employment.
- 3.2 The teacher should make a formal request in writing to the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors as appropriate. The request should then be considered by the Governors' Personnel Committee. The teacher should be allowed to appeal to a separate Committee of Governors if approval is not given.

- 3.3 When deciding whether or not to approve an application, the Governors' Personnel Committee should consider the following matters:
- (a) The advantages and disadvantages for the school in granting the request.
 - (b) The extent to which time off will be allowed both in terms of how much time and over what period of time. For example, where the teacher wishes to undertake a professional commitment which is ongoing, a time limit might be applied so that the effect on the school can be assessed and the decision to approve time off reviewed.
 - (c) The way in which the income derived from the professional work will be divided between the teacher, colleagues and the school (see paragraph 4 below).
 - (d) The need to agree with the teacher that the income for the professional work undertaken will be paid direct to the school's budget before being allocated in accordance with the agreement referred to in sub-paragraph (c) above.

4. Division of Income

- 4.1 There will be a number of headings under which income can be allocated:
- (a) Payment to the teacher for the professional work undertaken outside the time off period granted, e.g, preparation, follow-up work.
 - (b) Out of pocket expenses (travel, accommodation, equipment and materials) for which the teacher must be reimbursed in full. In some cases, the organisation benefiting from the professional services, e.g, an OFSTED team, will arrange to reimburse the teacher direct for the cost of such expenses.
 - (c) Costs falling on the school's budget, for example additional payments to staff (additional responsibility payments for colleague teachers, the employment of supply teachers, payments to administrative, secretarial or clerical staff); use of premises and/or equipment.
 - (d) "Opportunity" costs ie where no additional financial costs have arisen as a result of granting the teacher paid time off for undertaking professional work, for example, the release of a Headteacher for an OFSTED inspection where he/she has no formalised teaching commitment. It would be reasonable for the Governors/Directors to make an assessment of the lost opportunity by not having the teacher's services during the time off. For example, this could be the notional cost of employing a supply teacher during the time off.

5. Payment Process

- 5.1 All income deriving from the professional work, with the exception of expenses which may be paid direct to the teacher by the organisation concerned, should be claimed and paid direct to the school's budget.
- 5.2 The payment made to the teacher should be authorised by the Headteacher/Principal (or in the case of a Headteacher/Principal by the relevant Governor/Director) by sending a letter to Human Resources. The payment made will be processed through the Payroll System and will be subject to Income Tax and

National Insurance contributions in the usual way. The payment will be non-reckonable for pension purposes as it is outside the contract.

- 5.3 Payment to teaching colleagues who have covered the responsibilities of the absent teacher should be dealt with using the usual payroll processes. For example, they should be paid the appropriate Management Allowance for a period appropriately defined to enable the correct additional payment to be made.
- 5.4 If the teacher's absence has been covered by a supply teacher (or a part-time teacher working additional hours), the usual PRF7007 should be completed.
- 5.5 If a member of the administrative team has undertaken additional work not directly connected with the professional work being undertaken by the teacher, an additional hours claim form should be submitted (PRF7006).
- 5.6 If a member of the administrative team has undertaken additional work which directly supports the professional work undertaken by the teacher, the payment should be in the form of an honorarium as it is outside their normal contract of employment.

SALARY DEDUCTION POLICY FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE (OTHER THAN FOR ILLNESS, INJURY OR MATERNITY LEAVE)

1. Introduction

1.1 Leave of absence for teaching and support staff falls into 3 categories:

- (a) Absences covered by the locally agreed Leave of Absence Regulations for teaching and support staff which is contained in Section 10 of Guidance for Schools. The absences can be with or without pay depending on the reason.
- (b) Leave of absence for reasons not contained in Section 10 for which permission is given in advance or retrospectively by the Headteacher. Again, such absences can be granted with or without pay.
- (c) Leave of absence not authorised either in advance or retrospectively which is treated not only as being without pay but also possibly as being a breach of contract. This could lead to disciplinary action and/or recovery of money from the employee in the form of damages for loss of service e.g. strike action.

1.2 For teachers, the policy takes account of the provisions of the National Conditions of Service for School Teachers (the "Burgundy Book" - paragraph 3.2). This states that "... where authorised unpaid leave of absence or unauthorised absence (e.g. strike action) occurs deductions of salary shall be calculated at a daily rate or part-daily rate based on the day's salary being 1/365th of a year for each day of the period of absence".

1.3 The policy for making deductions from salary within each of the above categories of leave of absence is set out in the following paragraphs.

2. Authorised Leave of Absence Within the Locally Agreed Regulations

2.1 For teachers, deductions of salary are made at a daily or part daily rate (see paragraph 5 below) based on a full day's salary being 1/365th of annual salary for each full day of the period of absence. The period of absence may, if it is considered appropriate, include weekends. For example, if the teacher is granted leave of absence from Monday to Friday, one weekend should be included so that the deduction is 7/365th of annual salary. If the absence is from Friday to Monday, the deduction can be 4/365th.

2.2 For support staff, deductions are made for each hour's absence calculated by dividing the annual salary by 52 weeks 1 day (52.143) then dividing this figure by 37 hours. For part-time support staff, the annual salary figure used is their full-time equivalent salary **not** their pro rata salary.

3. Authorised Leave of Absence Not Contained within the Locally Agreed Regulations as set out in Section 10 of this Manual

3.1 Deductions of salary will be made in accordance with paragraph 2 above.

- 3.2 The period of absence may, if it is considered appropriate, include weekends. For example, if the member of staff is granted leave of absence from Monday to Friday, one weekend should be included so that the deduction is 7/365th of annual salary. If the absence is from Friday to Monday, the deduction can be 4/365th.

NOTE: *Since the reason for the absence falls outside the locally agreed regulations, consideration should be given as to whether a condition of the agreement to the absence is that the employee will pay an invoice raised to cover additional costs arising from the employee's absence, i.e. where the salary costs of the person recruited to cover the absentee exceeds the savings to the school's budget made by the deduction from the employee's annual salary. On this point, each application for leave outside the regulations would need to be judged on its merits, e.g. any additional costs arising as a result of attendance at a funeral should not be chargeable whereas a day's absence for a holiday should be chargeable.*

4. **Unauthorised Leave of Absence**

- 4.1 An absence for a reason which is not considered to be valid (see note below) should be treated as a breach of contract and, dependent on the individual circumstances, disciplinary action should be taken.

NOTE: *In terms of validity, a distinction should be drawn where an employee intends to attend work but circumstances prevent this, e.g. car breakdown and where the employee deliberately absents themselves.*

- 4.2 While a deduction of salary is not an available sanction under the School's Disciplinary and Appeals Procedure, a deduction of salary is, however, an appropriate action by management under contract when an absence is unauthorised. The rate of deduction should be as set out in paragraph 3 above.

NOTE: *Deductions of salary and recovery of costs for industrial action should, in the case of a strike, be calculated on the basis of the number of working hours lost. Where there is industrial action short of a strike, the deduction should be calculated so that any additional financial costs resulting directly from the action are recovered. Advice should always be sought from an HR Adviser before actioning a salary deduction for industrial action.*

5. **Calculation of Deductions for Part Day Absences for Teaching Staff**

- 5.1 If the teacher is full-time and the absence is less than a full day **or** the teacher is part-time and contracted only to work part of the day they were absent, the basis for the deduction will be the appropriate proportion of 1/365th of annual salary.
- 5.2 The calculation of the deduction for each part day will be made by:

- (a) multiplying the annual salary by 1/365th and
- (b) multiplying the resulting figure by the number of contact session hours of absence divided by the daily number of contact session hours in the school.

5.3 Example

A full-time or part-time teacher who is absent for 3 hours in a school where the pupil contact hours are 5 hours 30 minutes per day would have their deduction calculated as follows:-

- * Annual salary \div 365 \times 3 hours \div 5 hours 30 minutes.
- * For part-time teachers the annual salary figure used is their full-time equivalent salary **not** their pro rata salary.

6. **Employer's Right to Deduct**

Nothing in this Salary Deduction (Pay Deduction) Policy is intended to prevent deductions by the employer of an overpayment of salary/wages/pay, or an overpayment in respect of expenses incurred by the employee in carrying out his/her employment.

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Note 5.3 Under the revised arrangements a school appointing a teacher who is new to the school is not required to match the salary (point) that the teacher was paid in their previous post.

Schools need to decide their policy on determining starting salaries for their new appointees. The options set out in the model policy allow for:

- (i) applying the principle of full pay portability for all new appointments – this would require all teaching posts being advertised on unrestricted Main Pay Range/UPR pay. *This is the position set out in the NEU/NASUWT joint model pay policy;*
- (ii) no assumption of pay being matched to previous salary – this would in turn require schools to determine the pay or range at which the post will be advertised and the salary offered to the appointee will then be within that range. This could be the full Main Pay Range/UPR range or specified ranges within that e.g. schools wishing to appoint an early career teacher might specify the range as Main Pay Range points 1- 4 or even starting salary up to £33,814;
- (iii) applying the principle of pay portability for new appointments on the teacher's Main Pay Range but not for Upper Pay Range. This would mean that newly appointed teachers' Main scale salary points would be matched but leave the option to offer a UPR starting salary at the discretion of the appointing panel, subject to consideration of the factors set out in paragraph 5.2 and subject to the preferred candidate demonstrating at interview that they are 'highly competent' against Teachers' Standards and able to make a substantial contribution to the school.

Note 6 The appropriate pay scales will be determined in the light of the decision on whether the extent of pay progression will be differentiated (see note 7.7 below).

Note 7.5 Governing Bodies/Academy Boards will need to consider the process by which pay recommendations will be made and moderated for consistency. There are two options:

- (i) The appraisal review template is completed by the appraiser and appraisee including a recommendation on salary progression. All such recommendations are then collated and moderated by the Headteacher/Principal to ensure consistency across the school and compiled as a set of final recommendations from the Headteacher/Principal to the Pay Committee; or
- (ii) The appraisal review template is completed by appraiser and appraisee excluding a pay recommendation. The appraisal reviews are collated by the Headteacher/Principal who inserts a

pay recommendation, ensuring consistency across the school. The Headteacher/Principal compiles a report setting out his/her pay recommendations to the Pay Committee based on appraisal outcomes.

Note 7.7 Governing Bodies/Academy Boards will need to determine the school's approach to pay progression, i.e. whether it will be based on all teachers who meet their objectives, meet the relevant standards and whose teaching is assessed as consistently good progressing by one point, or whether it will differentiate between those and teachers whose teaching is assessed as consistently outstanding who will progress by more than one point, or indeed whether progression will be differentiated individual pay increases.

Similarly decisions need to be made about progression arrangements and therefore pay scales for unqualified teachers and those paid on the Leadership range.

Note 8 Governing Bodies/Academy Boards will need to determine whether to restrict eligibility to apply for payment on the Upper Pay Range or allow any teacher to apply.

The School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document 2023 Section 2 para. 15.1 states "Qualified teachers may apply to be paid on the Upper Pay Range (UPR) at least once a year in line with their school's pay policy." Unless the school's pay policy is specific about who is eligible and when they can apply any teacher may apply at least once a year.

The model policy wording in paragraph 8 is based on the existing arrangements i.e. only teachers who have reached the top of the Main Pay Range can apply (para. 8.1) and can only apply once per school year between 1st September and the 31st October of the following year (i.e. the date by which appraisals relating to the previous school year should be concluded) (para. 8.2).