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1. PURPOSE AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

1.1 This policy sets out the framework for making decisions on teachers' pay. The pay policy aims to achieve the following:

- maximise and assure the quality of learning and teaching at this school;
- support the recruitment, retention, recognition, reward and motivation of teachers; and
- ensure accountability, transparency, objectivity and fairness in the decision-making process.

1.2 The governing body of Mellers Primary School will act with integrity, objectivity and honesty in the best interests of the school. The school will respect confidentiality and, at the same time, be prepared to be open about decisions made and actions taken, and to justify them if appropriate to relevant parties. Its procedures for determining pay will be consistent with the principles of public life: objectivity, openness and accountability.

1.3 Governing bodies will apply this policy to all teachers: in applying the policy, governing bodies must ensure that it is administered fairly and without bias in relation to pay decisions, whether or not there are budget constraints.

2. EQUALITIES

2.1 The governing body will comply with relevant equalities legislation:

- Employment Relations Act 1999
- Equality Act 2010
- Employment Rights Act 1996
- The Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000
- The Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002
- The Agency Workers Regulations 2010

2.2 The governing body will promote equality in all aspects of school life, particularly as regards all decisions on the advertising of posts, appointing, promoting and the remuneration of staff, as well as training and development.

See 'Governing Body Obligations' in relation to monitoring the impact of this policy.

3. PERFORMANCE RELATED PAY

3.1 The governing body will ensure that its processes are open, transparent and fair. All decisions will be objectively justified and minutes of any decisions, and the reasons for them, will be recorded. Adjustments will be made to take account of special circumstances, e.g. an absence on maternity, adoption or disability-related sick leave. The exact adjustments will be made on a case-by-case basis.

3.2 The school will do everything in its power to make a performance-related judgement. If little or no performance evidence is available from the relevant appraisal cycle because the teacher has

been away from school due to maternity, adoption or disability-related illness, it will use evidence from previous appraisal cycles.

Monitoring

- 3.3 The governing body will adopt methods of equality monitoring proportionate with the objective of identifying potential discrimination in workplace policies and procedures.

September 2022 pay award and pay points

- 3.4 The governing body has decided to continue to use pay points across all ranges in the national framework. Appendix D of the pay policy sets out the values of those pay points.

4. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

- 4.1 The head teacher will ensure that each teacher 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 teacher, in order to make reasonable changes in the light of the changing needs of the school. Job descriptions will identify key areas of responsibility. All job descriptions will be reviewed annually as part of the appraisal process.

5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

- 5.1 The head teacher will ensure reasonable access for individual members of staff to their own employment records.

6. APPRAISAL

- 6.1 The governing body will comply with The Education (School Teachers' Appraisal) (England) Regulations 2012 concerning the appraisal of teachers. The appraisal regulations state that appraisal objectives, for all teachers, including the leadership group, must be such that, if they are achieved, they will contribute to:
- a) improving the education of pupils at that school; and
 - b) the implementation of any plan of the governing body designed to improve that school's education provision and performance.
- 6.2 Assessment will be based on evidence from a range of sources (see the school's appraisal policy). Although the school will establish a firm evidence base in relation to the performance of all teachers, there is a responsibility on individual teachers and appraisers to work together. Teachers should also gather, over time, any evidence that they deem is appropriate in relation to meeting their objectives, the Teachers' Standards and any other criteria (e.g. application to be paid on Upper Pay Range) so that such evidence can be taken into account at the review, but they are not obliged to do so.

6.3 The executive head teacher and heads of school will moderate objectives to ensure consistency and fairness. The executive head teacher and heads of school will also moderate performance assessment and initial pay recommendations to ensure consistency and fairness.

7. GOVERNING BODY OBLIGATIONS

7.1 The governing body will fulfil its obligations to:

- **Teachers:** as set out in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document 2022 ('STPCD') and the Conditions of Service for School Teachers in England and Wales (the 'Burgundy Book') and will consider additional guidance available such as the DfE's publication *Implementing your school's approach to pay*.
- **Support employees:** the National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Service (Green Book) or any LA pay/grading scheme. Nottingham City Council has provided a separate Single Status Pay Policy that applies to all support employees.

7.2 The governing body will need to consider any updated pay policy and assure themselves that appropriate arrangements for linking appraisal to pay are in place, can be applied consistently and that their pay decisions can be objectively justified.

7.3 The governing body will ensure that appraisers, decision-makers and any appeal committee governors receive appropriate training to ensure fair and open decision-making (see Appendices B and C for further information on the Pay Committee and Appeals Procedure).

7.4 The governing body will ensure that mid-year reviews are undertaken for teachers, including all members of the leadership group, which should form part of the line management process throughout the year, enabling concerns to be raised and addressed as they occur.

7.5 The governing body will ensure that it makes funds available to support pay increases and progression decisions, in accordance with this pay policy (see 'Procedures') and the school's spending plan.

7.6 The governing body will monitor the impact of pay decisions, including the extent to which different groups of teachers may progress at different rates, ensuring the school's continued compliance with equalities legislation.

8. INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS

8.1 The **executive head teacher** will do the following:

- ensure that there is a link between appraisal and pay progression
- ensure that staff and/or their trade union representatives are consulted on appraisal and pay policies
- submit any updated appraisal and pay policies to the governing body for approval;

- ensure that effective appraisal arrangements are in place and that all appraisers have the knowledge and skills to apply procedures fairly;
- ensure that mid-term reviews are undertaken for all teachers, including the leadership group, and that regular line management meetings take place, with concerns regarding performance raised in writing and addressed as they occur;
- submit written pay recommendations to the pay committee of the governing body and ensure the governing body has sufficient information upon which to make pay decisions; and
- ensure that teachers are informed about decisions reached, and that records are kept of recommendations and decisions made.

8.2 The **line manager/appraiser** will do the following:

- ensure that they are sufficiently trained and equipped to carry out appraisals, seeking further support where necessary;
- ensure that they understand the teacher's objectives and outcomes in order to consider evidence and appraise their progress;
- ensure that mid-year reviews and regular line management meetings take place with teachers;
- ensure that any concerns regarding performance are raised in writing and addressed throughout the year as they occur, providing support and guidance to assist teachers to make improvements;
- provide the head teacher with sufficient information in order to make pay recommendations to the pay committee; and
- be mindful of equality expectations and ensure consistent application of the appraisal process and pay policy.

8.3 All **teachers** will do the following:

- engage with the appraisal process – this includes working with their appraiser to ensure that there is a secure evidence base in order for an annual pay determination to be made;
- ensure they have an annual review of their performance;
- participate in regular meetings with their line manager, including the mid-year review;
- respond to feedback provided during the year and engage with opportunities and support provided to improve their performance;
- keep records of their objectives and review them throughout the year; and
- share any evidence they consider relevant with their appraiser

9. DIFFERENTIALS

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

10. DISCRETIONARY PAY AWARDS

10.1 Criteria for the use of pay discretions are set out in this policy and discretionary awards of additional pay will only be made in accordance with these criteria.

11. SAFEGUARDING OF PAY

11.1 Where a pay determination leads, or may lead, to the start of a period of safeguarding, the governing body will comply with the relevant provisions of the STPCD and will give the required notification as soon as possible (and no later than one month after the determination).

12. PROCEDURES

12.1 The governing body will determine the annual pay budget on the recommendation of the pay committee, considering paragraph 19.2(f) of the STPCD.

12.2 Because of budget constraints, there will be no accelerated progression on any pay scale.

12.3 The governing body has delegated its pay powers to the pay committee. Anyone attending the pay committee, who has a conflict of interest in relation to any individual's pay, must withdraw whilst that decision is considered, including the head teacher where their own pay is under consideration.

12.4 The pay committee will be attended by the head teacher in an advisory capacity. Where the pay committee has invited either a representative of the local authority or an external adviser to attend and offer advice on the determination of the head teacher's pay, that person will withdraw while the committee reaches its decision. Any member of the committee required to withdraw will do so.

12.5 The terms of reference for the pay committee will be determined from time to time by the governing body. Further information on the structure, terms of reference and responsibilities of the pay committee are contained in Appendix B.

12.6 Reports of the pay committee will be placed in the confidential section of the governing body's agenda and will either be approved, or referred back for reconsideration only where it is felt that the pay committee has exceeded its powers under the policy.

13. ANNUAL DETERMINATION OF PAY

13.1 All teachers' salaries, including those of the head, deputy head and assistant head teachers, will be reviewed annually to take effect from 1 September. The governing body will complete the process without undue delay and will endeavour to complete teachers' annual pay reviews by 31 October and the head teacher's annual pay review by 31 December. Where there is a delay, staff will be consulted.

13.2 In the case of early career teachers (ECTs), the governing body must determine the teacher's performance and any pay recommendation by means of the statutory induction process set out in the Education (Induction Arrangements for School Teachers) (England) Regulations 2012(8), ensuring that ECTs are not negatively affected by the extension of the induction period from one to two years. Governing bodies should consider ECTs for pay progression at the end of their first academic year.

14. NOTIFICATION OF PAY DETERMINATION

14.1 Decisions will be communicated in writing to each member of staff by the head teacher in accordance with paragraph 3.4 of the STPCD, and will set out the reasons why decisions have been taken. Decisions on the pay of the head teacher will be communicated in writing by a member of the pay committee.

15. APPEALS PROCEDURE

15.1 The governing body has an appeals procedure in relation to pay in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.1 (b) of the STPCD. It is set out in Appendix C of this pay policy.

16. LEADERSHIP GROUP PAY

16.1 Governing bodies are recommended to take note of the Department for Education's (DfE) guidance *Implementing your school's approach to pay*, which can be found on the DfE's website, with particular reference to the section entitled *Setting the pay of school leaders*.

16.2 Headteachers – pay on appointment

- The pay committee will review the school's head teacher group and the head teacher's pay range in accordance with paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 8 (mainstream school), or paragraphs 4, 5, 7 and 8 (special schools) of the STPCD.
- If the head teacher takes on permanent accountability for one or more additional schools, the pay committee will set a pay range in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.6 or 7.9.
- The pay committee will determine a pay range and take account of the full role of the head teacher (Part 7), which includes all permanent responsibilities of the role, any challenges that are specific to the role and all other relevant considerations (paragraph 9.2) such as recruitment issues. The pay committee will consider the factors set out in Appendix A of this policy when determining an appropriate pay range. It will also take account of any other considerations it feels are relevant, and it will minute its decisions and reasons for those decisions carefully.
- The pay committee will consider using its discretion, in exceptional circumstances only, to exceed the 25 per cent limit beyond the maximum of the group range when setting the pay

range for the head teacher, as set out in paragraph 9.3. However, before doing so, it will make a fully-documented business case and seek external independent advice from an appropriate person or body.

- The pay committee will use pay points within the pay range.
- At the appointment stage, candidate specific factors will be taken into account when determining the starting salary. If necessary, the governing body will adjust the pay range to ensure appropriate scope of pay points for performance-related pay progression over time.
- The pay committee will have regard to the provisions of paragraph 9.4 in particular, and it will also take account of the pay and ranges of other staff, including any permanent payments, to ensure appropriate differentials are created and maintained between posts of differing responsibility and accountability.
- The pay committee will consider whether the circumstances specific to the role or candidate warrant a
- higher-than-normal pay range. It will exercise its discretionary powers, where appropriate, in accordance with paragraph 9.3. It will only set a range, the maximum of which is more than 25 per cent above the maximum value of the group range, in exceptional circumstances. In such circumstances, it will make a business case to the governing body, and the governing body will seek external independent advice before giving agreement.
- The pay committee will consider whether there is a need for any temporary payments (paragraph 10) for clearly time-limited responsibilities or duties only. The total sum of the temporary payments made to a head teacher will not exceed 25 per cent of the annual salary that is otherwise payable to the head; the total sum of salary and other payments made to a head teacher must not exceed 25 per cent above the maximum of the head teacher group except in wholly exceptional circumstances.
- The pay committee may determine that temporary or other payments be made to a head teacher that exceed the limit above. These may be made in wholly exceptional circumstances when the committee has made a business case and secured the agreement of the governing body. The governing body will seek external independent advice before providing agreement.

16.3 Serving head teachers

- The pay committee will only redetermine the pay range of a serving head teacher (in accordance with paragraph 9) if the responsibilities of the post change significantly; or if the pay committee determines this is required to maintain consistency with pay arrangements for new appointments to the leadership group or with pay arrangements for a member(s) of the leadership group whose responsibilities significantly change.

- It will also redetermine the pay range if the group size of the school increases, or if the head teacher takes on permanent accountability for an additional school(s) (STPCD paragraph 9 of the Section 3 guidance).
- If the pay committee redetermines the head teacher's pay range, it will take account of all indefinite responsibilities of the post, any specific challenges and all other relevant factors. The pay committee will consider the factors set out in Appendix A of this policy when determining an appropriate pay range. It will also take account of any other considerations it feels are relevant, and it will minute its decisions and reasons for those decisions carefully.
- The pay committee will consider using its discretion, in exceptional circumstances, to exceed the 25 per cent limit beyond the maximum of the group range, as set out in paragraph 9.3. However, before agreeing to do so, it will make a fully-documented business case and seek external independent advice.
- The pay committee will use pay points within the pay range and leave points for performance-related pay progression depending on the head teacher's salary position within the salary range for the school.
- The pay committee will review the head teacher's pay in accordance with paragraph 11 of the STPCD (and paragraph 27 of the section 3 guidance), and, where sufficient points exist within the salary range, it will award one pay point when there has been sustained high quality of performance having regard to the results of the most recent appraisal carried out in accordance with the Appraisal Regulations 2012 and any recommendation on pay progression in the head teacher's most recent appraisal report.
- When the head teacher's performance is exceptional, the pay committee may consider awarding accelerated performance-related pay progression, where this is consistent with the school's pay policy (see 12.2 above) and sufficient points exist within the salary range, and taking account of the most recent appraisal and any recommendation on pay.
- If the pay committee decides to redetermine the pay range, it will only determine the head teacher's pay range in accordance with paragraph 9 of the STPCD, and paragraph 9 of the section 3 guidance.
- The pay committee will consider the use of temporary payments for clearly temporary responsibilities or duties only, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the STPCD.
- The total sum of temporary payments made to a head teacher will not exceed 25 per cent of the annual salary which is otherwise payable to the head teacher; and the total sum of salary and other payments made to a head teacher will not exceed 25 per cent above the maximum of the head teacher group, except in wholly exceptional circumstances.
- The pay committee may determine that additional/temporary payments be made to a head teacher which exceeds the limit above in wholly exceptional circumstances and with the agreement of the governing body. The governing body will make a fully-documented business case and will seek external independent advice before providing agreement.

16.4 Deputy/assistant head teachers - pay on appointment

- The pay committee will determine a pay range and take account of the full role of the deputy/assistant head teacher (STPCD part 2), including all indefinite responsibilities of the role, any challenges that are specific to the role and all other relevant considerations (paragraph 9.2), such as recruitment issues. The pay committee will consider the factors set out in Appendix A of this policy when determining an appropriate pay range. It will also take account of any other considerations it feels are relevant, and it will minute its decisions and reasons for those decisions carefully.
- The pay committee will use pay points in the pay range.
- At the appointment stage, candidate specific factors will be taken into account when determining the starting salary. If necessary, the governing body will adjust the pay range to ensure appropriate scope of pay points for performance-related pay progression.
- The pay committee will consider whether the award of any additional payments are relevant, as set out in paragraph 26 of the STPCD and paragraphs 60 to 69 of the section 3 guidance.

16.5 Serving deputy/assistant head teachers

- The pay committee will review and redetermine the deputy/assistant head teacher pay range when there has been a significant change in the responsibilities of the serving deputy/assistant head teacher (paragraph 10 of the section 3 guidance). It will also review and, if necessary, redetermine the pay range to maintain consistency with pay arrangements for new appointments to the leadership group, or maintain pay arrangements for a member(s) of the leadership group whose responsibilities significantly change.
- When determining the pay range of a serving deputy/assistant head teacher, the pay committee will take account of all permanent responsibilities of the role, any challenges that are specific to the role and all other relevant considerations (paragraph 9.2), including retention issues. The pay committee will consider the factors set out in Appendix A of this policy when determining an appropriate pay range. It will also take account of any other considerations it feels are relevant, and it will minute its decisions and reasons for those decisions carefully.
- The pay committee will ensure the maintenance of appropriate differentials between different posts in its staffing structure, but it will note paragraph 9.4.
- The pay committee will consider whether the award of any additional payment is relevant, as set out in paragraph 26 of the STPCD and paragraphs 60 to 69 of the section 3 guidance.
- The pay committee will use pay points in the pay range, and it will leave appropriate scope for performance-related pay progression where sufficient points exist within the salary range.

- The pay committee will review pay in accordance with paragraphs 11, and, where sufficient points exist within the salary range, will award one pay point when there has been sustained high quality of performance having regard to the results of the recent appraisal and any recommendation on pay progression recorded in the deputy/assistant head teacher's most recent appraisal report.
- When performance is exceptional, the pay committee may consider awarding accelerated performance-related pay progression, where this is consistent with the school's pay policy (see 12.2 above) and sufficient points exist within the salary range, and taking account of the most recent appraisal and any recommendation on pay.

17. ACTING ALLOWANCES

- 17.1 Acting allowances are payable to teachers who are assigned and carry out the duties of the head teacher, deputy head teacher or assistant head teacher in accordance with paragraph 23 of the STPCD. The pay committee will, within a four-week period of the commencement of acting duties, determine whether or not the acting post holder will be paid an allowance. In the event of a planned and prolonged absence, an acting allowance will be agreed in advance and paid from the first day of absence.
- 17.2 Any teacher who carries out the duties of the head teacher, deputy head teacher, or assistant head teacher, for a period of four weeks or more, will be paid on the head teacher's, deputy head teacher's or assistant head teacher's range, as the case may be. Payment will be backdated to the commencement of the duties.

18. CLASSROOM TEACHERS

New appointments

- 18.1 The governing body will maintain the teacher's previous pay entitlement in relation to the Main Pay Range (MPR) or Upper Pay Range (UPR), where this falls within the minimum and maximum salary for the post. Schools retain the right to set the upper salary level for posts that they are advertising and it is for the applicant to decide whether they wish to apply on those terms. This does not preclude them from applying for UPR consideration after appropriate service/performance at the school and according to the school's staffing structure.
- 18.2 The governing body will, if necessary, use its discretion to award a recruitment incentive benefit to secure the candidate of its choice.

Annual pay determination

- 18.3 The pay committee will use reference points. The pay scale for MPR teachers in this school is in Appendix D of this policy.

18.4 Appraisal objectives will become more challenging as teachers progress up the MPR. Objectives will, however, be such that, if achieved, they will meet the requirements of the appraisal regulations 2012 (see section 6 'Appraisal' above).

18.5 To move up the MPR, one annual point at a time, teachers will need to have made good progress towards their objectives and have shown that they are competent in all elements of the Teachers' Standards. The quality of teaching, learning and assessment should be consistently good.

18.6 Reviews will be deemed to be successful unless significant concern(s) about standards of performance have been raised in writing with the teacher during the annual performance management/appraisal cycle.

18.7 Judgments will only be made on evidence gathered which is related to the formal appraisal process. As a teacher moves up the MPR, this evidence should show:

- a positive impact on pupil progress;
- a positive impact on wider outcomes for pupils;
- improvements in any specific elements of practice identified to the teacher through the appraisal process, e.g. behaviour management or lesson planning; and
- a positive contribution to the work of the school

18.8 Further information, including sources of evidence, is contained in the school's appraisal policy.

18.9 The pay committee will take account of the pay recommendation contained in the appraisal report, and it will be able to justify its decisions.

19. APPLICATIONS TO BE PAID ON THE UPPER PAY RANGE

19.1 Qualified teachers can apply to be paid on the Upper Pay Range (UPR) in accordance with the school's provisions in 19.4 (below). 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 UPR in that school(s). This school will not be bound by any pay decision made by another establishment.

19.2 All applications should include the result of the most recent appraisal, under the Appraisal Regulations 2012, including any recommendation on pay. Where such information is not applicable or available, e.g. those returning from maternity or disability-related sickness absence, a written statement and summary of evidence designed to demonstrate that the applicant has met the assessment criteria must be submitted by the applicant.

19.3 In order for the assessment to be robust and transparent, it will be an evidence-based process only. Teachers can, therefore, build an evidence base to support their application. Those teachers who have been absent, through disability-related sickness or maternity, may cite written evidence from previous years in support of their application.

Process

19.4 One application may be submitted annually. The closing date for applications is normally 30th September each year; however, exceptions will be made in particular circumstances, e.g. those teachers who are on maternity leave or who are currently on sick leave. The process for applications is:

- Complete the school's application form
- Submit the application form and supporting evidence (where provided) to the head teacher by the closing date (above)
- Applicants will receive notification of the name of the assessor of their application within 5 working days
- The assessor will assess the application, which will include a recommendation to the pay committee of the governing body
- The application, evidence and recommendation will be passed to the head teacher for moderation purposes, if the head teacher is not the assessor
- The pay committee will make the final decision, advised by the head teacher
- Teachers will receive written notification of the outcome of their application by 31st October. Where the application is unsuccessful, the written notification will include the areas where it was felt that the teacher's performance did not satisfy the relevant criteria set out in this policy (see 'Assessment' below)
- If requested, oral feedback will be provided by the assessor. Oral feedback will be given within 10 school working days of the date of notification of the outcome of the application. Feedback will be given in a positive and encouraging environment and will include advice and support on areas for improvement in order to meet the relevant criteria
- Successful applicants will move to the minimum of the UPR on 1 September.
- Unsuccessful applicants can appeal the decision. The appeals process is set out in Appendix C

Assessment:

19.5 The teacher will be required to meet the criteria set out in paragraph 15 of the STPCD, namely that:

- the teacher is highly competent in all elements of the relevant standards; and
- the teacher's achievements and contribution to an educational setting or settings are substantial and sustained.

19.6 In this school, this means:

- "highly competent": the teacher's performance is assessed as having excellent depth and breadth of knowledge, skill and understanding of the Teachers' Standards in the particular role they are fulfilling and the context in which they are working.
- "substantial": the teacher's achievements and contribution to the school are significant, not just in raising standards of teaching and learning in their own classroom, or with their own groups of children, but also in making a significant wider contribution to school improvement, which impacts on pupil progress and the effectiveness of colleagues.

- “sustained”: in relation to a UPR application only, the teacher must have had two consecutive successful appraisal reports and have made good progress towards their objectives during this period (see exceptions, e.g. maternity/sick leave, in the introduction to this section). They will have been expected to have shown the quality of teaching, learning and assessment are good to outstanding.

19.7 Further details, including information on sources of evidence is contained within the school’s appraisal policy (and in section 4 of the City Council’s ‘Whole School Appraisal Guidance’, available to HR advisory customers).

20. UPPER PAY RANGE (UPR)

Annual pay determinations

20.1 The UPR in this school will consist of three points: U1, U2 and U3, as set out in Appendix D of this policy.

20.2 Applications to progress to UPR will be considered annually, according to the deadlines set by this school (see 19.4 above and STPCD paragraph 15).

20.3 The pay committee will determine whether there should be any movement on the UPR. In making such a determination, it will consider:

- paragraph 19 above and the criteria set out in paragraph 15.2 of the STPCD;
- the evidence base, including the appraisal report which should show that the teacher has had a successful appraisal during the relevant period and has made good progress towards objectives, and the pay recommendation of the appraiser;
- evidence that the teacher has maintained the criteria set out in paragraph 15.2 of the STPCD, namely that:
 - the teacher is highly competent in all elements of the relevant standards: and,
 - the teacher’s achievements and contribution to an educational setting or settings are substantial and sustained.

The meaning of these criteria is set out in paragraph 19 above (and further guidance is provided in the City Council’s ‘Whole School Appraisal Guidance’, available to HR advisory customers).

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

20.5 Where it is clear that the evidence shows the teacher has continued good performance, as set out above, and have made good progress towards their objectives, the teacher will move onto or up the Upper Pay Range, where the pay range permits this.

20.6 Where it is clear from the evidence that the teacher's performance is exceptional, in relation to the criteria set out above, the pay committee may use its flexibility to decide on enhanced progression on UPR, where this option is consistent with the school's policy in 12.2 above and where the pay range permits this. The quality of teaching, learning and assessment should be consistently outstanding.

20.7 Further information, including sources of evidence, is contained within the school's appraisal policy (and in the City Council's 'Whole School Appraisal Guidance' available to HR advisory customers).

20.8 The pay committee will be advised by the head teacher in making all such decisions.

21. LEADING PRACTITIONER ROLES

21.1 The governing body will take account of paragraphs 16 and 49 of the STPCD when determining the role of leading practitioner in this school. Additional duties will be set out in the job description of the leading practitioner and will include the following:

- A leadership role in developing, implementing and evaluating policies and practices in the school that contribute to school improvement
- The improvement of teaching in school that impacts significantly on pupil progress
- Improving the effectiveness of staff and colleagues, particularly in relation to specific areas such as leadership, coaching and curriculum development.

Pay on appointment

21.2 The pay committee will determine a pay range of 3 points taken from the Leading Practitioner Range, appropriate to the school, in accordance with paragraph 16 of the STPCD and Appendix D of this policy, and paragraphs 33-37 of the section 3 guidance. The relevant body will use reference points and will ensure that there is appropriate scope within the pay range to allow for performance related pay progression.

Annual pay determination

21.3 The appraisal objectives will be determined in line with the School's Appraisal Policy for Teachers and agreed with the head teacher.

21.4 The pay committee shall have regard to the results of the leading practitioner's appraisal, including the pay recommendation, when exercising any discretion in relation to their pay in accordance with paragraph 19 of the STPCD.

21.5 The appraisal evidence should show the leading practitioner:

- has made good progress towards their objectives;
- is an exemplar of teaching skills, which should impact significantly on pupil progress, in school and the wider school community if relevant;
- has made a substantial impact on the effectiveness of staff and colleagues, including any specific elements of practice that have been highlighted as in need of improvement;

- is highly competent in the Teachers' Standards; and
- has shown strong leadership in developing, implementing and evaluating policies and practice in their workplace that contribute to school improvement.

("Highly competent" and "substantial" are defined in the section 19.6 above)

Applications to be paid on the upper pay range

- 21.6 The pay committee will award one pay point for continued good performance, where sufficient points exist within the school's leading practitioner pay range.
- 21.7 Exceptional performance will be considered in the same way as upper pay range (see 20.6 above). Pay progression will be clearly attributable to the performance of the individual teacher and the pay committee will be able to objectively justify its decision.
- 21.8 The pay committee will be advised by the head teacher in making all such decisions.

22. UNQUALIFIED TEACHERS

Pay on appointment

- 22.1 The pay committee will pay any unqualified teacher in accordance with paragraph 17 of the STPCD. The pay committee will determine where a newly appointed unqualified teacher will enter the scale, having regard to any qualifications or experience s/he may have, which they consider to be of value. The pay committee will consider whether it wishes to pay an additional allowance, in accordance with paragraph 22 of the STPCD.

Annual pay determinations

- 22.2 In order to progress up the unqualified teacher range, unqualified teachers will need to show that they have made good progress towards their objectives.
- 22.3 If the evidence shows that a teacher has exceptional performance, the governing body may award enhanced pay progression if this option is consistent with the school's policy in 12.2 above.
- 22.4 Judgements will only be made on evidence gathered which is related to the appraisal process. Information on sources of evidence is contained within the school's appraisal policy.
- 22.5 The pay committee will be advised by the head teacher in making all such decisions. Pay progression on the unqualified teacher range will be clearly attributable to the performance of the individual teacher. The pay committee will be able to objectively justify its decisions.

23. TEACHING AND LEARNING RESPONSIBILITY (TLR) PAYMENTS

- 23.1 The pay committee may award a TLR to a classroom teacher (MPR or UPR) in accordance with paragraph 20 of the STPCD and paragraphs 47-54 of the section 3 guidance. A TLR 1 or 2 will be

for clearly defined and sustained additional responsibility in the context of the school's staffing structure for the purpose of ensuring the continued delivery of high quality teaching and learning. All job descriptions will be regularly reviewed. The pay committee will make clear, if applicable, the responsibility or package of responsibilities for which a TLR is awarded, considering the criterion and factors set out in paragraph 20.4 of the STPCD.

- 23.4 The pay committee may award a TLR3 for clearly time-limited school improvement projects, or one-off externally driven responsibilities as listed in paragraph 20.3 of the STPCD. This includes temporary tutoring arrangements to support catch-up due to the pandemic.
- 23.5 The governing body will set out in writing to the teacher the duration of the fixed term TLR3, and the amount of the award, which will be paid in monthly instalments. If a TLR3 is awarded to a part-time teacher, the pro rata principle will not apply. No safeguarding will apply in relation to an award of a TLR3.
- 23.6 Further details of the value ranges of TLRs can be found in the STPCD paragraph 20.2 and 20.3 and in Appendix D of this Pay Policy.
- 23.7 The pay committee will ensure that sufficient differential exists between different levels of TLR, taking account of the responsibilities for which the TLR is awarded. All decisions will be objectively justified.

24. SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

- 24.1 The pay committee will award a SEN spot value allowance on the range shown in paragraph 21.1 on the STPCD and in Appendix D of this Pay Policy to any classroom teacher who meets the criteria as set out in paragraph 21.2 of the STPCD.
- 24.2 When deciding on the amount of the allowance to be paid, the governing body will consider the structure of the school's SEN provision, whether any mandatory qualifications are required for the post, the qualifications or expertise of the teacher relevant to the post; and the relative demands of the post (see paragraph 21.3 of the STPCD). The governing body will also establish differential values in relation to SEN roles in the school in order to reflect significant differences in the nature and challenge of the work entailed, so that the different payment levels can be objectively justified. The governing body will take account of paragraphs 55-59 of the STPCD section 3 guidance.

25. SUPPORT STAFF

- 25.1 The pay committee notes its powers to determine the pay of support staff in accordance with paragraph 17 and 29 of the School Staffing (England) Regulations 2009 and Chapter 7 of the associated guidance. The pay committee will determine the pay and grade of support employees on appointment in accordance with the job evaluation scheme and pay policy currently applicable to LGS (Local Government Scheme) employees of Nottingham City Council. In reaching its determination, the pay committee will consider the advice of the LA.

26. PART-TIME STAFF

Teachers

26.1 The governing body will apply the provisions of the STPCD in relation to part-time teachers' pay and working time, in accordance with paragraphs 40, 41 and 51.6 onwards of the STPCD, and paragraphs 28, 35, 39-44 and 79-87 of the section 3 guidance.

All staff

26.2 It is the head teacher and governing body's intention that part-time employees will be treated no less favourably than a full-time comparator.

27. TEACHERS EMPLOYED ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS

27.1 Such teachers will be paid in accordance with paragraph 42 of the STPCD.

28. ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

28.1 In accordance with paragraph 26 of the STPCD and paragraphs 60-69 of the section 3 guidance, the governing body may make payments as they see fit to a teacher in respect of the following:

- continuing professional development undertaken outside the school day;
- activities relating to the provision of initial teacher training as part of the ordinary conduct of the school;
- participation in out-of-school hours learning activity agreed between the teacher and the head teacher; and
- additional responsibilities and activities due to, or in respect of, the provisions of services by the head teacher relating to the raising of educational standards to one or more additional schools.

28.2 The pay committee will make additional payments to teachers in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 26 of the STPCD where advised by the head teacher.

28.3 Payment will be calculated on a daily basis at 1/195th of the teacher's actual salary.

29. RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS

29.1 The governing body can award lump sum payments, periodic payments, or provide other financial assistance, support or benefits for a recruitment or retention incentive (paragraph 27 of the STPCD and paragraphs 70-72 of the section 3 guidance).

29.2 The pay committee will consider exercising its powers under paragraph 27 of the STPCD where they consider it is appropriate to do so in order to recruit or retain teachers. It will make clear at the outset, in writing, the expected duration of any such incentive or benefit, and the review date after which they may be withdrawn.

29.3 The governing body should conduct an annual formal review of all such awards.

29.4 No new awards of recruitment and retention incentive benefits will be made to a head teacher, deputy or assistant head teacher, other than as reimbursement of reasonably incurred housing or relocation costs. All recruitment and retention considerations in relation to a new head teacher will be taken into account when determining the head teacher's pay range.

29.5 Where a governing body is already paying an incentive or benefit as part of a pre-2014 arrangement, it may continue with this at its existing value until such time as the leadership group member moves to new pay arrangements. At this point, all such considerations should be taken into account when determining the pay range.

30. SALARY SACRIFICE ARRANGEMENTS

30.1 A teacher may participate in the City Council's salary sacrifice arrangements and his/her gross salary shall be reduced accordingly, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 28 of the STPCD and paragraph 73 of the section 3 guidance (This does not apply to teachers in academies, who may have their own arrangements.)

Appendix A

PAY RANGE FACTORS

The statutory provisions of the STPCD (paragraph 9.2) state that, when determining the pay range of a leadership group member, the relevant body must consider of “all of the permanent responsibilities of the role, any challenges that are specific to the role, and all other relevant considerations”.

- Social challenge:
 - Number of pupils eligible for the pupil premium/free school meals
 - Number and challenge of children with special needs (NB: pupils with statements or education, health and care plans are taken into account when calculating the group size of the school)
 - Number of ‘looked after’ children
 - The level of pupil mobility in the area
 - Level of pupils with English as a second language
- Complexity of pupil population and school workforce:
 - Number of staff
 - Variety of school workforce (e.g. teachers, speech therapists)
 - Small school
 - Rural school
 - Specialist units or centres
- Any specific challenges associated with running more than one school, e.g. managing geographically split sites, particular challenges of the additional school(s)
- Contribution to wider educational development:
 - NLE, SLE, LLE responsibilities which are not time-limited
 - Teaching school status
 - Other relevant issues (e.g. NQT lead, multi-stakeholders)
- Recruitment and retention issues

Appendix B

THE PAY COMMITTEE

1. Establishing the Pay Committee

- 1.1 The governing body shall establish a Pay Committee every year as part of its sub-committee structure.
- 1.2 The Pay Committee shall have fully delegated powers to consider and decide all matters relating to employees' pay in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidance, and in accordance with relevant school policies and in accordance with The School Governance (Procedures) (England) Regulations 2003 SI No. 2003/1377 as amended.
- 1.3 The Pay Committee shall consist of governors elected annually by a quorate meeting of the full governing body, together with the head teacher, or their representative, in an advisory capacity.
- 1.4 A quorum for the Pay Committee should ideally be a minimum of 3 governors.
- 1.5 If the Pay Committee loses a member or finds itself in difficulty over maintaining a quorum, the full body may appoint, at a quorate meeting, appropriate new members to the Pay Committee at any time of the year.
- 1.6 It is important when appointing to the Pay Committee that governors consider where any conflict of interest may lie. Anyone attending the Pay Committee, who has a conflict of interest in relation to any individual's pay, must withdraw whilst that decision is considered, including the head teacher where their own pay is under consideration. It is recommended that staff governors do not participate in the Pay Committee.
- 1.7 Similarly, no governor may serve on the Pay Committee and the Appeals Committee, nor should they be responsible for the head teacher's performance management. Ideally no governor should serve on the Appeals Committee and be responsible for the head teacher's performance management. However, if, due to availability, the latter is necessary, they must not hear any appeal from the head teacher, and alternative arrangements should be made in this instance.
- 1.8 The Pay Committee may invite other persons to serve in an advisory capacity should they deem it necessary to support the discharge of their responsibility in respect of certain tasks.
- 1.9 The Pay Committee shall be advised by the governors responsible for performance management when considering the head teacher's pay and any prospective movement along the pay spine.
- 1.10 The Pay Committee shall communicate details of all processes relating to specific pay issues to all employees, in writing, in an appropriate manner, and communicate in writing all decisions relating to the pay of individual employees to those individuals privately and personally.

2. Terms of Reference

2.1 The terms of reference for the pay committee will be determined from time to time by the governing body. The current terms of reference are:

- to achieve the aims of the pay policy in a fair and equal manner;
- to apply the criteria set by the pay policy in determining the pay of each employee at the annual review;
- to observe all statutory and contractual obligations;
- to minute clearly the reasons for all decisions and report the fact of these decisions to the next meeting of the full governing body;
- to recommend to the governing body the annual budget needed for pay, bearing in mind the need to ensure the availability of monies to support any exercise of pay discretion;
- to keep abreast of relevant developments and to advise the governing body when the school's pay policy needs to be revised;
- to work with the head teacher in ensuring that the governing body complies with the Appraisal Regulations 2012 (teachers).

3. The Role of the Pay Committee

3.1 The Pay Committee shall:

- (i) Apply the Pay Policy on behalf of the governing body and ensure compliance with statutory obligations in respect of pay and conditions of service related to pay;
- (ii) Review the pay of all teachers annually;
- (iii) Ensure that job descriptions are provided for all teachers;
- (iv) Ensure that every teacher's salary is reviewed with effect from 1 September and no later than 31 October (except in the case of the head teacher) each year;
- (v) Provide an annual pay statement for all teachers based upon their situation on September 1st and issued before October 31st. (Model pay statements can be obtained from the HR Advisory team for customer schools.)
- (vi) Provide an interim pay statement for any teachers whose situation changes during the year;

(vii) Where a pay determination leads or may lead to the start of a period of safeguarding, give the required notification as soon as possible and no longer than one month after the date of determination;

(viii) Consider and make decisions relating to the levels of pay associated with specific posts, including both existing posts through the process of annual review and any new posts proposed by the head teacher;

(ix) Receive recommendations from the governors responsible for performance management in respect of the head teacher's performance pay review;

(x) Receive recommendations from the head teacher in respect of all other teachers' performance pay reviews including threshold assessment;

(xi) Ensure that all pay decisions are minuted and that, appropriate to the requirements of the STPCD, any necessary business cases are fully documented and external independent advice is sought and considered before agreement;

(xii) Monitor the impact of all pay decisions, including the extent to which different groups of teachers may progress at different rates, ensuring the school's continued compliance with equalities legislation and, where anomalies are identified, investigated these and taken any necessary action.

(xiii) Hear and consider any representations from teachers regarding pay related decisions prior to a formal appeal.

4. The Pay Committee and the Annual Pay Review

4.1 In conducting the annual pay review the Pay Committee shall:

(i) Publish the date of the annual pay review meeting to all teachers at least 10 working days before the meeting;

(ii) Inform all teachers of the process to be followed by any employee wishing to make representations to the annual pay review to view the ISR and the pay ranges for other members of the leadership team;

(iii) Communicate in writing decisions in respect of any representations considered in the annual pay review to the teacher making the representation;

(iv) Inform the Finance Committee of any budgetary implications of the outcomes of the annual pay review

Appendix C

APPEALS PROCEDURE

1. Appeal procedure: informal stage

- 1.1 As part of the pay determination process, the line manager (the recommendation provider) will make a recommendation to the decision maker (the Pay Committee or other body responsible for approving the pay recommendation) supported by relevant assessment evidence. On determining a teacher's pay, the decision maker will write to the teacher advising them of the pay decision, the reasons for it and will, at the same time, confirm their right to appeal the decision to the decision maker.
- 1.2 If the teacher wishes to appeal the decision, they must do so in writing to the decision maker (normally within 10 school working days from the date of the outcome letter or within a mutually agreed alternative timescale). The appeal must include a statement, in sufficient detail, of the grounds of the appeal. In the event that an initial appeal is raised, the decision maker must then arrange to meet the teacher to discuss the appeal. The recommendation provider should also be invited to the meeting to clarify the basis for the original recommendation.
- 1.3 The decision maker will review their decision through a paper-based process and in the light of the documentation provided to them. They will then write to the teacher to notify them of the outcome of the review and the teacher's right of appeal to the governing body. If the teacher wishes to exercise their right of appeal, they must write to the clerk of the governing body at the earliest opportunity (normally within 10 school working days), including a statement of the grounds of the appeal and sufficient details of the facts on which they will rely.

This will invoke the formal stage of the appeal procedure.

2. Appeal procedure: formal stage

- 2.1 On receipt of the written appeal, the clerk of the governing body will establish an appeal committee that should consist of three governors, none of whom are employees in the school or have been previously involved in the relevant pay determination process. A meeting of the appeal committee should be convened at the earliest opportunity and no later than 20 school working days of the date on which the written appeal was received (unless agreed by both parties). Both the recommendation provider and the decision maker will be required to attend the meeting.
- 2.2 The chair of the appeal committee will invite the appellant to set out their case. Both the recommendation maker and the decision maker will also be asked outline to the committee the process that was observed and their contribution to the pay determination process.
- 2.3 Following the conclusion of representations by all relevant parties, the appeal committee will then consider all the evidence in private and reach a decision. The appeal committee will write to the teacher notifying them of their decision and the reasons for it. Other attendees at the meeting will also be notified of the decision. The decision of the appeal committee is final.

3. The modified procedure

- 3.1 There will be no entitlement to invoke the appeal procedure in relation to a pay decision if the teacher has left the employment of the school.
- 3.2 When a teacher has lodged an appeal against a pay decision and then subsequently left the school's employment before any appeal hearing is held, the following steps will be observed:
- i) The teacher must have set out details of their appeal in writing
 - ii) The teacher must have sent a copy of their appeal to the chair of the governing body
 - iii) The chair of the governing body will consult with relevant school personnel and provide the teacher with an appropriate written response on behalf of the school.

Appendix D

TEACHERS' PAY SCALES 2023/24

All salary rates below are full time and reflect the pay increases from 1 September 2023. Pay should fall within the **minimum** and **maximum** for the appropriate range. Schools are not obliged to retain the spinal points shown for each pay scale, as they are discretionary. Schools must make their own arrangements with their payroll providers to ensure that pay points are established. Schools adopting different rates will also need to consult locally with their staff.

Teachers – Main Pay Range 2023	
Scale point	Annual Salary
1 (minimum)	£30,000
2	£31,737
3	£33,814
4	£36,051
5	£38,330
6 (maximum)	£41,333

Upper Pay Range 2023	
Scale point	Annual Salary
U1 (min)	£43,266
U2	£44,870
U3 (max)	£46,525

Leading Practitioner Pay Range 2023	
Scale point	Annual Salary
LP1 (min)	£47,417
LP2	£48,606
LP3	£49,819
LP4	£51,058
LP5	£52,330
LP6	£53,642
LP7	£55,088
LP8	£56,357
LP9	£57,765
LP10	£59,250
LP11	£60,785
LP12	£62,187
LP13	£63,741
LP14	£65,331
LP15	£66,956
LP16	£68,737
LP17	£70,314
LP18 (max)	£72,085

Unqualified Teacher Pay Range 2023	
Scale point	Annual Salary
UNQ1 (min)	£20,598
UNQ2	£22,961
UNQ3	£25,323
UNQ4	£27,406
UNQ5	£29,772
UNQ6 (max)	£32,134

TLR Payments 2023			SEN Pay Range 2023		
	From	To		From	To
TLR 1	£9,272	£15,690	SEN	£2,539	£5,009
TLR 2	£3,214	£7,847			
TLR 3	£639	£3,169			

LEADERSHIP GROUP 2023								
The pay ranges for each group size are as stated in the STPCD Part 1, paragraph 5.3								
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Points L1 – L5 may be used for Assistant and Deputy Head ranges Red signifies maximum salary for range								
L1	£47,185							
L2	£48,366							
L3	£49,574							
L4	£50,807							
L5	£52,074							
L6	£53,380							
L7	£54,816							
L8	£56,082	£56,082						
L9	£57,482	£57,482						
L10	£58,959	£58,959						
L11	£60,488	£60,488	£60,488					
L12	£61,882	£61,882	£61,882					
L13	£63,430	£63,430	£63,430					
L14	£65,010	£65,010	£65,010	£65,010				
L15	£66,628	£66,628	£66,628	£66,628				
L16	£68,400	£68,400	£68,400	£68,400				
L17	£69,970	£69,970	£69,970	£69,970				
L18		£71,729	£71,729	£71,729	£71,729			
L18A	£71,019							
L19		£73,509	£73,509	£73,509	£73,509			
L20		£75,331	£75,331	£75,331	£75,331			
L21			£77,195	£77,195	£77,195	£77,195		
L21A		£76,430						
L22			£79,112	£79,112	£79,112	£79,112		
L23			£81,070	£81,070	£81,070	£81,070		
L24				£83,081	£83,081	£83,081	£83,081	
L24A			£82,258					
L25				£85,146	£85,146	£85,146	£85,146	
L26				£87,253	£87,253	£87,253	£87,253	
L27					£89,414	£89,414	£89,414	
L27A				£88,530				
L28					£91,633	£91,633	£91,633	£91,633
L29					£93,902	£93,902	£93,902	£93,902
L30					£96,239	£96,239	£96,239	£96,239
L31						£98,616	£98,616	£98,616
L31A					£97,639			
L32						£101,067	£101,067	£101,067
L33						£103,578	£103,578	£103,578
L34						£106,138	£106,138	£106,138
L35							£108,776	£108,776
L35A						£107,700		
L36							£111,470	£111,470
L37							£114,240	£114,240
L38							£117,067	£117,067
L39								£119,921
L39A							£118,732	
L40								£122,912
L41								£125,983
L42								£129,140
L43A								£131,056

