

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD 2025/26

Governing Board members (Directors) must be aware of the nature of the role, the Board's financial accountability to the Corporation of Exeter College and the University of Exeter, and its stewardship of substantial public funds which demand high standards of conduct in exercising its functions.

Governing Board members should:

- a) abide by the Articles of Association;**
- b) adhere to the seven principles of public life:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-7-principles-of-public-life>
- c) support the vision, aims and objectives of EMS and promote the interests of EMS and its students in the wider community;**
- d) actively support and constructively challenge the Headteacher;**
- e) work co-operatively with other members of the Board and seek to develop effective working relationships in the best interests of EMS;**
- f) acknowledge that differences of opinion may arise in discussion of issues but, accept collective responsibility for all decisions made by the Board when a majority decision prevails;**
- g) base his or her view on matters before the Board on an honest assessment of the available facts, unbiased by partisan or representative views;**
- h) acknowledge that as an individual Board member, he or she has no legal authority to act outside the meetings of the Board;**
- i) understand that an individual Board member does not have the right, other than through the Chair, to make statements or express opinions on behalf of the Board unless specifically authorised to do so;**
- j) resist any temptation or outside pressure to use the position of a Board member to benefit himself or herself or other individuals or agencies;**
- k) declare openly and immediately any personal or corporate/business conflict of interest arising from a matter before the Board or from any other aspect of the Board's business and responsibilities (including those related to people who individuals are connected with);**
- l) respect the confidentiality of those items of business which the Board decides from time to time should remain confidential and of governing board votes;**

- m) give priority, as far as practicable, to attendance at meetings of the Board;**
- n) get to know the school, and be actively involved in the work of the Governing Board including undertaking relevant training;**
- o) have special regard to the responsibilities of EMS, the sensitivity of being a Board member of such an institution, including the very important requirement of promoting proper public accountability for the actions and performance of the business.**

Adopted by the Governing Board of Exeter Mathematics School on:

Date: 7th October 2025