

WMG Academy Trust: Scheme of Delegation

The WMG Academy Trust scheme of delegation sets out the delegated powers from the Trust Board to others involved in the governance and operations of the WMG Academies.

It shows the responsibilities of the

- Trust Board
- Trust Finance and Audit Committee
- Governing Bodies
- The Executive Principal
- Associate Principals of individual academies

The delegated powers are broken down into different levels in line with the Trust's principles of governance, leadership and operation. The Trust aims to bring synergy and consistency across its academies with a defined set of policies. The delegated autonomy for individual academies is aligned with the need for the Trust to fulfil its corporate responsibilities and accountabilities to the Department for Education, Education Funding Agency, Charities Commission, HMRC and Companies House.

The different levels of delegated power are listed below but it should be noted that not every task requires all levels of delegated power to be defined:

- Approve (A)
- Recommend (R)
- Propose (P)
- Develop (D)
- Monitor & Report (M)
- Consulted (C)
- Implement (I)

The Scheme of Delegation was approved by trustees at a meeting of the WMG Academy Trust Board on 17th May 2021.

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Reference number	Task Key: Approve (A), Recommend (R) Propose (P), Develop (D), Monitor & Report (M), Consulted (C), Implement (I)	Trust Board	Nominations Committee	Trust Finance and General Purposes Committee	Local Governing Board	CEO/CFO	Principal	Associate Principal
1	Governance							
1.1	Recommend Articles of Association to Members	R						
1.2	Approve Trust Board Terms of Reference	A				P		
1.3	Approve Trust Scheme of Delegation	A		R		P		
1.4	Approve new convertor or sponsored academies joining MAT	A		R		P		
1.5	Establish Trust Committees	A	P	P		P		
1.6	Approve Trust Committee Terms of Reference	A	R	R		P		
1.7	Approve Local Governing Body (LGB) Terms of Reference	A			R			
1.8	Establish LGB working groups				A	R*	R	P
1.9	Appoint Chair of Trust Board	A						
1.10	Appoint Chair of LGB and RB	A			R			
1.11	Remove Chair of LGB and RB	A			R			
1.12	Appoint (and remove) Vice Chair of LGB and RB				A			
1.13	Appoint (and remove) LGB members and RB	A			R			
1.14	Appoint (and remove) Chair(s) of Trust Committees	A	R					
1.15	Appoint (and remove) Trust Committee members	A						
1.16	Appoint Board Advisors	A				P		
1.17	Appoint (and remove) Clerk to Trust Board	A				R		
1.18	Appoint (and remove) Clerk to LGB				A	R*	R	
1.19	Organise calendar of Trust Board and LGB meetings	A				R		
1.20	Approve Directors Expenses Policy	A						
1.21	Approve annual list of declaration of interests from Trustees and Governors	A				R		
1.22	Annual review of effectiveness of Governance	A				P		
2	Trust & Academy Performance, Curriculum and Teaching							
2.1	Trust Strategic Plan	AM		R		P		
2.2	Academic Performance Targets	A			RM	P*	P	D
2.3	Academy Performance Review e.g. SEF	A			R	M*	MP	P
2.4	Academy 3 year plan				AM	R*	R	P
2.5	Academy 1 Year Plan				AM	R*	R	P
2.6	SEN Policy	A			M	R		
2.7	SEN Plan & Quality of Provision	A			RM	P*	P	D
2.8	Curriculum, Teaching & Learning Polices	A			M	R		
2.9	Curriculum changes	A			M	R*	R	P
3	Staff Policies and Pay							

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3.1	Pay & Remuneration Policy	A	R	C		P		
3.2	Appraisal of Executive Principal	A	R					
3.3	Appraisal of Principals		A			R		
3.4	Changes to Employee Terms & Conditions or Collective Agreements	A	R	C		P		
3.5	Adoption of Transferring Policies and 543 Collective Agreements	A	R	C		P		
3.6	Teachers Annual Pay Award	A	R	C		R		
3.7	Support Staff Annual Pay Award	A	R	C		R		
3.8	Human resource policies	A	R	C		R		
3.9	Employee Health & Safety Policy	A			M	R		
3.10	Review the Quality of Teaching and Learning	A			M	R*	R	P
4	Staff Management							
4.1	Staff complement, structure and grades within agreed budget				A	R*	R	P
4.2	CEO/Exec Principal appointment	A	R					
4.3	Trust leadership structure	A	R	C		P		
4.4	Principal appointment		A		R	P		
4.5	Senior leadership appointments				A	R*	R	P
4.6	Teaching and support staff appointments					A*	A	R
4.7	Suspension of CEO/Exec Principal [Chair of the Trust – power to act immediately]	A	R					
4.8	Return of CEO/Exec Principal after suspension	A	R					
4.9	Dismissal of CEO/Exec Principal	A	R					
4.10	Suspension of Associate Principal/ Principal				A	R		
4.11	Return of Associate Principal/ Principal after suspension	A			A	R		
4.12	Dismissal of Associate Principal/ Principal	A			R	P		
4.13	Suspension of teaching and support staff					A	R	
4.14	CEO/Executive Principal conditions of service and pay award	A	R					
4.15	Return of teaching and support staff after suspension					A	R	P
4.16	Dismissal of teaching or support staff					A	R	P
4.17	Redundancy of staff	A		C		R		
4.18	Restructuring of staff	A		C		R		
5	Financial Governance & Management							
5.1	Trust & Academy Financial Regulations	A		R		P		
5.2	Trust & Academy Financial Procedures	A		R		P		
5.3	Appoint Trust auditors	A		R		I		
5.4	Trust 5 year Financial Plan	A		R		P		
5.5	Trust Annual Accounts	A		R		I		
5.6	Trustees Report	A		R				
5.7	Trust Academies Accounts Return to EFA and Companies House	A		R		P		
5.8	Response to Auditor's Management Letter	A		R		I		
5.9	Academy 3 year Business Plan	A		R	P	P		
5.10	Academy YTD reports Trust Business				M	M	M	

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5.11	Academy Accounts Return to EFA Trust Business			A		R		
5.12	Approve budget variances			A	R	P		
6	Financial Authorisation							
6.1	Expenditure or contracts up to Lower Limit £2,000						A	A
6.2	Expenditure or contracts from Lower Limit to Upper Limit £20,000 with approval of CFO					A	P	P
6.3	Expenditure or contracts from Upper Limit to £50,000 over lifetime of contract			A		P		
6.4	Expenditure over £50,000	A		R	P	P		
6.5	Disposals or write off of stock, assets or debts up to £1000					A		
6.6	Disposals or write off of stock, assets or debts from Lower Limit to £20,000			A		R		
6.7	Disposals or write off of stock, assets or debts over £20,000	A		R	P	D		
6.8	Compensation payments up to £50,000	A		R				
7	Academy Policies & Procedures							
7.1	Academy times, terms and holidays	A			R	P		
7.2	Change of Academy Age Range	A			R	P		
7.3	Expansion of Academy PAN	A			R	P		
7.4	Extension of Academy provision	A			R	P		
7.5	Child Welfare & Safeguarding Policy	A			R	R	P	P
7.6	Approve annual report on safeguarding	A			RM	P*	P	D
7.9	Pastoral policies	A			M	R		
7.8	Short-term Exclusion				M	A*	A	P
7.9	Return after short-term exclusion				M		A	A
7.10	Permanent Exclusions				A	R*	R	P
7.11	Appeals against Permanent Exclusion				A	R*	R	P
7.12	Complaints Policy	A			M	R		
7.13	Complaints Appeals	I						
7.14	Admissions Policy	A			R	P		
7.15	Allocation of places against Admissions Policy				AI			
7.16	Admissions Appeals	I						
7.17	Academy prospectus					A	R	P
7.18	Academy website					A	R	P
7.19	Academy logo & branding	A			R	P	D	D
7.20	Academy uniform	A			R	P	P	D
7.21	Academy Trips Policy	A			M	R		
7.22	Extended services on-site			A	M	R	P	
7.23	Pupil Premium Policy	A			M	R	P	
7.24	Pupil Premium Plan				A	R*	R	P
8	Premises & Assets							
8.1	Asset Management Policy Portfolio			A	R	P		
8.2	Health & Safety Policy Portfolio	A		M	RM	P		
8.3	Commissioning of repairs or works up to £10,000					A	P	P
8.4	Commissioning of repairs or works from £10,000 to £49,999			A	RC	P		

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8.5	Commissioning of repairs of works over £50,000	A		R	C	P		
8.6	Health and Safety management of risk	A		RM	RM	P		