

**The Governing Board of St George's Academy Trust**

**Minutes of a special meeting of the governing board  
held remotely via Zoom on 7 May 2020 at 4.30pm**

PRESENT: Mr G Arnold (in the chair)  
Mr R Burrell, Mrs L Caslin, Mrs J Harman, Mrs S Harvey,  
Mrs B Hitchcock, Mr N Horner, Mr R Macdonald, Mrs D Smith

CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS: Mrs E Evans, Independent Clerk

155	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. Governors declared no conflicts or interests in the business of the meeting.
156	APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Cllr Hagues.  RESOLVED: that consent be given to the absence of the above named governor.
157	<p>SIGNIFICANT CHANGE PROCESS. The Chair drew attention to documents recently circulated to governors and explained the purpose of the meeting. He said that, after receiving guidance from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), the Academy had undertaken a six week consultation with key stakeholders and local schools on its plans to increase capacity and pupil numbers.</p> <p>The Chair asked governors to re-affirm the decision taken at the last governing board meeting to approve the plans and submit the proposal to the ESFA.</p> <p>The Principal advised the consultation process and equality impact assessment were key areas of the significant change procedure. Her reports had been circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting and governors were asked to reflect on the findings before making their decision.</p> <p>The Chair said no significant issues had been raised by staff, parents or other stakeholders although the response had been low overall. The consultation period had also been extended to six weeks as the published admission number (PAN) had been increased.</p> <p>Governors considered the summary findings report and noted the local authority had approached the Academy with the expansion plan in response to new housing developments in and around Sleaford.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that, having reviewed all comments received through the consultation process and given due consideration of the findings, the expansion plan be approved and submitted to the ESFA.</p> <p>..... Signature of Chair</p>