

Burlington Governing Board – Curriculum Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: 11 February 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Online (Microsoft Teams)

Chair: Stephen Arbuthnot

Clerk: Anika Mir

1. Attendance

Present:

Stephen Arbuthnot (Chair)

Sarah Finch

Pip Utting

Stefan Bown

Abbie Jackson

Natalie Yendole (Curriculum Lead)

Abbie Morgan (PSHE Lead)

Matthew Blow (OPAL Lead)

Chloe Cripps

Jemima Harris

Anika Mir (Clerk)

Apologies: Mrs. Hakim, Mrs. Uteem, Mrs. Ikoku, Mrs. Hickman and Mr. Gilmour

2. Declarations of Business Interests

No new declarations of interest

3. Organisational Matters

No Organisational changes

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from 12 November 2025 were approved as a correct record.

5. Urgent Matters

None raised

Curriculum Presentations

6. PSHE / RSHE – Natalie Yendole and Abbie Morgan

Governors watched a presentation delivered by Miss Morgan which gave an update on the PSHE/RSE Update [PSHE/RSE Update](#)

- Jigsaw scheme followed across all year groups with consistent annual units.
- Weekly 45–60 min lessons, discussion-based with workbooks and mini-quizzes.
- Reflective learning panes used in Years 4 and 5; planned expansion school-wide.
- New RSHE statutory guidance (Sept 2026) requires enhanced coverage of mental health, online behaviour and personal safety.
- Sex education changes include removal of conception content from Year 4; alignment with science curriculum for Years 5–6.
- Parent consultation and transparency around resources to be prioritised.
- SEND accessibility supported through scaffolds, visuals, small-group delivery and personalised adjustments.
- Pupil voice routinely informs PSHE delivery and responsive adjustments.
- Jigsaw subscription model clarified; restricted sharing of materials due to licensing.

7. Maths – Natalie Yendole

Governors watched a presentation delivered by Mrs. Yendole which gave an update on the [Maths Update](#)

- Multiplication fluency focus delivered through TT Rockstars and weekly battles.
- 144 Club participation increasing; strong progress shown in heat-map analysis.
- Fluency sessions outside maths lessons with personalised targets for Years 3–5.
- Challenge for rapid graspers improved following AfC CPD; strong evidence in January learning walks.
- Year 6 boosters, daily talk-based maths groups and morning interventions implemented.
- Target cards used selectively for focus pupils to strengthen impact.

8. Curriculum Overview – Natalie Yendole

Governors watched a presentation delivered by Mrs. Yendole which gave an update on the [Curriculum Update](#)

- National Curriculum review expected spring 2026; implementation by 2028.
- Anticipated changes: citizenship, financial literacy, media literacy, sustainability, computing, oracy.
- Task design CPD embedded; humanities learning walk showed strong implementation.

- Vocabulary instruction, source analysis and retrieval practice noted as strengths.
- Curriculum refinements ongoing, including Year 5 Hampton Court focus.

9. OPAL Play – Matthew Blow

Governors watched a presentation delivered by Mr.Blow which gave an Overview of OPAL implementation, play-based learning, risk–benefit approach, staff training, and accreditation requirements. [OPAL presentation](#)

- OPAL team includes staff, SMSAs, parent governor and leadership representatives.
- Risk–benefit approach emphasised; staff trained to use reflective prompts.
- Increased engagement across genders; reduction in lunchtime incidents.
- Examples observed: mud kitchen, crate construction, balancing, water play.
- Accreditation delayed due to site changes; sand/mud pits required for next stage.
- Joint infant–junior OPAL use aspirational; requires further planning and both schools are hoping to do this in the future.

10. ICT Suite

Refurbishment progressing; suite expected to be operational after half term.

11. School Development Plan

Item deferred due to time constraints; to be revisited at the next meeting or FGB.

12. Link Governors / Governor Week

Governors were reminded to sign up for visits, alternative dates available.

13. Any Other Business

None raised.

Next Curriculum Meeting

Date: 6 May 2026

Focus: Geography, Computing, History presentations