



The Diocese of Chelmsford

Vine Schools Trust

School Visits by Directors

Policy

This policy is a mandatory policy for all Vine Academies and must be implemented with no amendments.

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Approved by:	The Vine Schools Trust
Signature:	Chairman
Date:	

[Name of Academy]

Approved by:	Local Governing Body/Local Board
Signed (Chair of Local Governing Body/Local Board)	
Date:	

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Our Vision and Values



1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Board of Directors have a proven track record of experience in a variety of fields including school improvement, HR, finance and Governance that enable them to positively support the schools that form the Vine Schools Trust. They are responsible for the strategic direction of the Trust and the schools within it. They hold the leadership of the schools, through the CEO, supported by the school improvement leader, to account and are themselves accountable for the performance of each academy to the Secretary of State. The Vine Board has overall responsibility and ultimate decision making authority for all the work of the Trust.

2. RELATIONSHIP OF THE DIRECTORS WITH INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIES

- 2.1 As the Vine Trust grows the complexity of the organisation and the route of accountability will increase. In order to maintain an understanding of the varying contexts of our schools at Board level each Director will be linked to an individual school.
- 2.2 To support our vision for a family of Vine schools that offer an outstanding learning experience for every child that will enable them to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit thereby excellence through distinctiveness, each director will visit their designated academy at least twice a year.
- 2.3 The visits will be initiated by the Headteacher or the Director and will be arranged for a time that is mutually convenient. The visit proforma provides a structure for conversations and should be completed by the Director. Copies will be given to and kept by the Headteacher, the Director, the CEO and the School improvement leader. The first visit should be directed by the Headteacher and they should take the opportunity to celebrate their school with the designated member of the Trust Board.
- 2.4 Additional visits may occur by invitation from the Headteacher for events at the school, for example Christmas concerts, sports events etc if the availability of the Director permits it.

3. REVIEW

- 3.1 Review autumn 2019.