



Pay Policy 2024-2025

This policy has been approved and adopted by the Christus Catholic Trust across all their academies and it will apply to all staff within the Trust.

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| Chair of Trust Board | |
| Signature | |
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The schools of Christus Catholic Trust are unique and united in partnership and service to our communities and global home.

We are:

- Uncompromising in our **ambition** to use the power of **collaboration** to ensure our pupils receive an **excellent** Catholic education.
- Have a strong culture of safeguarding in an environment where good mental health and wellbeing are nurtured.
- Have an **inclusive** approach to a high quality, **innovative**, contextualised education.
- Have high **aspirations** for all our pupils to achieve the best possible outcomes.

INTRODUCTION

This Policy sets out the framework for making decisions on staff pay.

Staff pay is affected by legislation, and national and local pay agreements, which give governing boards' significant flexibility to determine pay levels to meet local circumstances. The policy complies with the School Teachers' Pay & Conditions Document (STPCD)2024 and the accompanying non-statutory guidance and with national and local pay agreements for support staff and these documents will take priority in any disputes. The Policy will be reviewed annually, in consultation with staff and unions.

The objective of the policy is to:

- ensure that pay and staffing arrangements enable the current and future delivery the curriculum and school improvement plans;
- support the recruitment and retention of high-quality staff;
- recognise and reward staff for their contribution to school improvement;
- ensure that pay decisions are made in a fair and transparent way;

ensure that available monies are allocated appropriately.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Local Governing Committees

The Local Governing Committee has established the following committees which have fully delegated powers from the Trust Board to make decisions on pay, and (except in relation to the Headteachers pay) will be advised by the Headteacher as appropriate.

- Local Governing Committee
- Pay Appeals Committee

The terms of reference for these committees are attached at Appendix A.

Governors will not make judgements about the effectiveness of individual staff. Their role is to satisfy themselves that any recommendation/decision has been made on the basis of evidence and in accordance with the Policy, and that correct procedures have been followed. The Local Governing Committee will monitor the effectiveness of the Performance Management process and ensure that the allocation of pay is consistent with the overall standard of teaching in the school and the outcomes for pupils. All outcomes are reported to the Trust Board.

Performance Management

Performance Management is a developmental and supportive process designed to ensure that staff have the skills and support they need to carry out their role and that they continue to improve their professional practice throughout their careers.

Performance management reviewers will be responsible for the performance management process, in accordance with the Performance Management Policy. Performance Management objectives will be moderated across the school to ensure consistency and fairness in pay decisions. The Performance Management Review Statement will include a pay recommendation which will be made by:

- The PM reviewer for Main Pay Range teachers and support staff
- The Headteacher for Upper Pay Range and Leadership Range teachers
- The Headteachers' Performance Management Review Panel and CSEL for the headteacher

Application for the Upper Pay Range

The Headteacher will assess applications from teachers to be paid on the Upper Pay Range in accordance with this policy and will make a recommendation to the Local Governing Committee on whether the teacher should progress to the Upper Pay Range.

Staffing Structure

The Local Governing Committee will, having regard to the advice and recommendation of the Headteacher, determine, monitor and review the school staffing structure.

Leadership Group and Lead Practitioners

The Headteacher will be responsible for determining the starting salary, and for making pay progression recommendations, for posts on the Leadership and Lead Practitioner Pay Ranges. The Local Governing Committee Local Governing Committee will approve pay progression decisions with the exception of the Headteacher.

Other teachers

The Headteacher will be responsible for determining the starting salary, and for making pay progression recommendations, for teachers on the Unqualified, Main and Upper Pay Ranges. The Local Governing Committee Local Governing Committee will approve pay progression decisions.

Support Staff

The Headteacher will be responsible for determining the starting salary, and for making pay progression decisions, for all support staff.

PAY TIMETABLE

| Date | External | Internal |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| April | Inflationary Pay Award for support staff | Complete PM review for support staff. |
| | | Pay Progression decision effective for support staff |
| September | Inflationary Pay Award for teachers | Pay Progression decision effective for teachers |
| | Budget set | |
| Sept/Oct | | Complete PM review for teachers |
| 31 October (last day of half term) | | Notify teachers of annual pay review decision |
| 31 Dec. (last day of term) | | Notify headteacher of annual pay review decision |

Setting and Reviewing Pay

Salaries will be determined only in the circumstances set out below.

An individual salary range and starting salary will be determined where a new appointment is made, in accordance with the relevant sections of this Policy.

The salary of individual posts will be reviewed at such times as appropriate where there are significant changes in the responsibilities or duties of the post which warrant such a review.

The salary of individual posts may be reviewed where, the setting of a salary for a new appointment, or a change of salary in the circumstance set out in the TPCD, makes such a review necessary to maintain consistency and fairness.

The salary, within the established range, of individual staff will be reviewed annually on or after:

1 September, but no later than 31 October (teachers)

1 September, but no later than 31 December (headteachers)

1 April (support staff)

Inflationary increases – Teachers’ and Leadership Pay Ranges

The Trust Board will ensure that the values of the minimum point of each pay range in this Policy are in line with the minimum of the corresponding ranges set out in the Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Document. The values of points on the scales above the minimum will be determined annually by the Trust Board. In making its determination the Local Governing Committee will have regard to any national pay award, any requirements set out in Teachers’ Pay and Conditions and recommendations from the Trust Board.

The salaries of individual teachers will increase accordingly, subject to them demonstrating satisfactory performance as assessed through the Performance Management Process and otherwise where necessary to ensure the teacher receives the minimum of the salary range.

Inflationary increases – Teacher Allowances

The minimum values of TLR1, TLR2 and the SEN Allowance payable to individual teachers will be increased in line with the minimum of the corresponding Allowances set out in the Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Document. The values of Allowances in excess of the minimum will be determined annually by the Trust Board. In making its determination the Local Governing Committee will have regard to any national pay award and any requirements set out in Teachers’ Pay and Conditions.

Support Staff

The values of the salary points on the Local Government Pay Scale will be increased in accordance with the nationally negotiated pay award and applied to individual staff. The values of other salaries will be determined annually by the Trust Board. In making its determination the Local Governing Committee will have regard to any relevant national pay award.

All staff will be informed in writing of their pay determination and the rationale for it with each year according to the Pay Timetable and at any other time when a salary review takes place.

TEACHERS’ PAY

Qualified teachers will be paid on the Main Pay Range Fringe or the Upper Pay Range Fringe in accordance with the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Document 2023.

Unqualified Teachers will normally be paid on the Unqualified Pay Range.

The Pay Range for Unqualified teachers in this school has been divided into pay points as follows:

Where an unqualified teacher is on a recognised “route into teaching” programme, the Local Governing Committee may exercise its discretion to pay them on the Main Pay Range having regard to their skill, qualifications and experience.

Where a **Lead Practitioner** post(s) is (are) included in the Staffing Structure., each Lead Practitioner will be paid within a specified range, within the Pay Range for Lead Practitioners.

In setting the specified Range, the Local Governing Committee will determine the number and value of performance pay progression stages within that range.

Different Lead Practitioner posts may have a different specified range, having regard to the challenge of the individual post and pay differentials within the school.

PAY ON APPOINTMENT

The salaries of new staff will be set within the Pay Range for the post as set out in the Staffing Structure and in accordance with this pay policy. In determining the starting salaries for individual staff, including the award of any discretionary payments as allowed for within this policy, account will be taken of:-

- the skills, experience and relevant qualifications of the individual;
- market conditions;
- any specific restrictions set out in the Teachers' Pay & Conditions Document;
- the employee's current salary level;

Early Career Teachers in their first year will normally be paid on the minimum of the Main Pay Range.

There is no assumption that an employee will be paid the same rate they were being paid in a previous school.

PAY PROGRESSION BASED ON PERFORMANCE

Teachers on the Main, Unqualified, Upper and Lead Practitioner Pay Ranges

Decisions regarding annual pay progression within the relevant ranges set out above, will be made with reference to teachers' performance management statements and the pay recommendation they contain. In the case of Early Career Teachers, whose appraisal arrangements are different, pay decisions will be made by means of the statutory induction process. Early Career Teachers will be eligible for pay progression after their first year of Induction.

The Local Governing Committee expects all teachers to perform at the highest possible level and to continue to improve their professional practice year on year. Performance Management objectives will be progressive and developmental, thereby ensuring that good performance is rewarded and that good teachers have the opportunity over a number of years, to progress to the maximum of their respective pay range.

Decisions on performance pay progression will be based on an assessment of the overall performance of the teacher.

A teacher will be eligible for annual (biennial for Upper Pay Range) performance pay progression where they:

1. have been assessed as meeting all of the teaching standards, throughout the assessment period;
2. have had their teaching assessed as at least good overall during the assessment period;
- 2a) Upper Pay Range teachers will be expected to demonstrate increasing levels of outstanding teaching overall
- 2b) Lead Practitioners will be expected to demonstrate outstanding teaching overall
3. have been assessed as meeting the requirements of their job description/job role;
4. meet their individual performance management objectives;

Consideration will be given where factors beyond the teacher's control have impacted on their ability to meet objectives;

have demonstrated a personal responsibility for identifying and meeting their CPD needs.

The evidence which will be considered in assessing performance will include:

- pupil progress data;

- quality of teaching against the Teaching Standards, including observed practice;
- self-assessment;
- professional dialogue;
- received feedback;
- performance management statements;
- CPD records.

And in the case of Upper Pay Range teacher and Lead Practitioners, evidence of their contribution beyond their own classroom and their impact on the wider school.

Where a teacher has been absent for some or all of the assessment period, an assessment will be based on performance during any periods of attendance and/or prior performance.

Decision to progress

Where all of the performance pay progression criteria set out in 6.2 above are met, the teacher will move up to the next pay point. (Progression is biennial in the case of Upper Pay Range.) Discretion will be applied where not all performance management objectives have been fully met, but significant progress has been made.

Decision not to progress

Where the performance pay progression criteria in are **not** met, the teacher will not receive any performance pay progression. A decision not to award performance pay progression may be made without recourse to capability procedures. However, teachers who fail to meet the minimum teaching standards and/or who consistently fail to improve their practice or to sustain the expected level of performance for their pay level, may be subject to these procedures.

Where a decision not to progress is made, the teacher will be supported through the performance management process to improve their performance.

MOVEMENT TO THE UPPER PAY RANGE

Any qualified teacher on the Main Pay Range may apply to be paid on the Upper Pay Range once per year. It is the responsibility of the teacher to decide whether or not they wish to submit an application. Applications must:

- be made on the appropriate application and submitted to the headteacher;
- be submitted by 31 October in each year (consideration will be given to accepting late applications where individual circumstances e.g. absence prevent this deadline being met).

The Criteria

An application will be successful, if the Headteacher and the Local Governing Committee are satisfied that:

- the teacher is highly competent in all elements of the teaching standards; and,
- the teacher's achievements and contribution to the school are substantial and sustained.

In this Trust school, this means that the teacher has consistently

- demonstrated that they meet all teaching standards, both in terms of teaching and personal and professional conduct, over a sustained period;
- been assessed as meeting their performance management objectives over a sustained period;

and in addition that;

- teaching has been rated as good overall, with some outstanding, over a sustained period;

- the teacher has demonstrated over a sustained period an ability to support some pupils to exceed expected levels of progress/achievement;
- the teacher has consistently taken responsibility for identifying and meeting their own professional development needs and used their learning to improve their own practice and pupils' learning;
- the teacher has demonstrated that they have made an impact on the school beyond their own class/group(s) over a sustained period. This may include
- demonstrating an ability to coach, mentor, advise and demonstrate best practice to, other teachers to enable them to improve their teaching practice;
- contributing to policy and practice which has improved teaching and learning across the school;

Sustained means maintained continuously over a period of at least 3 school years (a year being defined as at least 26 weeks work in any academic year). It is normally expected that this will include at least one year at this school, although discretion will be exercised where there is clear and compelling evidence of consistent performance against the criteria at the teacher's previous school.

The school will exercise its discretion to consider performance over a lesser period where a teacher has been absent for some of the relevant period.

The Assessment

The Headteacher will assess all applications to be paid on the Upper Pay Range and their recommendation will be considered by the Local Governing Committee .

The Headteacher will use the evidence contained in the teachers' performance management review paperwork to make their assessment.

A teacher who has not been at the school for all of the 3 year assessment period, should provide their performance management review statement(s) from their previous employment with their application.

A teacher may, if they wish, provide additional evidence to support their application, but is not obliged to do so.

Procedure

The Headteacher will discuss their recommendation with the teacher and the Local Governing Committee will confirm the decision by 31 December.

Where the application is approved, the teacher will progress to the minimum of the Upper Pay Range backdated to the 1 September.

Where the application is not successful, the Headteacher will provide feedback and the teacher will be provided with advice and support through the performance management process to develop their skills with a view to them making a future successful application.

Teachers have the right to appeal any decision not to move them onto the Upper Pay Range. The appeals procedure is at section 21 of this policy.

ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES

Teachers on the Main or Upper Pay Ranges may be paid an additional allowance as follows:

Teaching and Learning Responsibility (TLR) Payments

There are 3 TLR levels: TLR1, TLR2 and TLR3

TLRs may be awarded to teachers on the Main or Upper Pay Range. A teacher may not be in receipt of more than one TLR1 or TLR2 concurrently.

TLR1 and TLR2 payments are permanent while the employee remains in the same post in the staffing structure.

TLR3 Allowances are paid for a fixed-term period, for delivery of a significant responsibility in relation to a clearly time-limited school improvement or one-off externally driven project.

The Headteacher will determine what projects should attract a TLR3 Allowance and the value of those Allowances having regard to the context, nature and complexity of the responsibility.

The Headteacher will invite teachers to express interest in relevant projects and will allocate TLR3s on the basis of an assessment, through professional dialogue, of which teacher has the relevant skills and knowledge required for the specific project.

In determining the allocation and value of TLR3 payments, due regard will be given to ensuring consistency, fairness, transparency and value for money.

Where a TLR is awarded, written notification will be given to the teacher of:

- the nature of the significant responsibility;
- the level of the payment;
- in the case of TLR3, the date on which the Allowance will end.

Special Needs Allowances

There is one special needs allowance consisting of a minimum and maximum amount.

The Local Governing Committee will determine which posts will attract an SEN Allowance according to the criteria set out in the Teachers Pay & Conditions Document which relate to teaching SEN pupils, and the amount of the Allowance in each case.

Where a post attracts an SEN allowance the amount of the allowance will be determined in each case by reference to:

- whether any mandatory qualification is required;
- the qualification and/or expertise of the teacher relevant to the post;
- the relative demands of the post.

In determining the value of an SEN payment, due regard will be given to ensuring consistency, fairness and transparency.

Unqualified Teacher Allowance

The Headteacher, in conjunction with the Local Governing Committee, may determine that an additional Allowance be paid to an unqualified teacher who is paid on the Unqualified Teachers' Pay Range where, in the context of its staffing structure, the teacher has:

- taken on a sustained additional responsibility which is:
- focussed on teaching and learning; and
- requires the exercise of a teachers' professional skills and judgement: or
- qualifications or experience which bring added value to the role they are undertaking.

The Headteacher, in conjunction with the Local Governing Committee, will determine the amount of any such allowances having due regard to consistency, fairness and transparency.

LEADERSHIP GROUP PAY

The Pay Range for Leadership Posts at this school has been divided into pay points as set out in Appendix E and the Salary Range for the Headteacher will be determined as set out below and will consist of a range of 5 points and the Salary Range for Deputy and Assistant Headteachers shall consist of 5 points.

NB the salary of existing leaders must not be reviewed other than in the circumstances specified in TPCD

The Trust Board will determine the group size of the school with reference to pupil numbers as set out in STPCD and determine appropriate Salary Ranges for each Leadership Post, normally within the Group Size.

Where a person is appointed as Headteacher of more than one school on a permanent basis, the group size and Salary Range will be determined by the Trust Board with reference to the combined pupil numbers of all the schools and the overall responsibility of the post.

In setting the individual Salary Ranges for Leadership Posts, with the Trust Pay Committee will:

- take account of all of the permanent responsibilities, and challenges that are specific to the role and any other relevant considerations;
- have regard to appropriate pay differentials with other staff;

Where the Local Governing Committee Pay Committee determine a higher than normal salary is warranted for the headship, the Salary Range of the Headteacher may exceed the Group Size of the school, subject to the total salary, including any temporary payment, not exceeding 25% above the Group Size, other than in exceptional circumstances in which case:

- a business case must be approved by the Trust Board
- the Trust Board must seek external independent advice.

The Salary Ranges of Deputy and Assistant Headteachers must not exceed the Group Size of the school

NB the salary of existing leaders must not be reviewed other than in the circumstances specified in TPCD

When determining the starting salary of a newly appointed member of the Leadership Group, with the exception of a Headteacher, the Local Governing Committee will have regard to the extent to which the candidate meets the requirement of the post and whether this merits a starting salary higher. The starting salary will allow for performance progression over time.

Progression within the Salary Range will be subject to the individual demonstrating a sustained high quality of performance having regard to the most recent review carried out under the Performance Management Policy.

Determination of whether there has been “sustained high quality of performance” will be made in accordance with the criteria outlined in Appendix C of this Policy.

Where the Local Governing Committee is satisfied that there has been a sustained high quality of performance, with the exception of a Headteacher, the employee will move up to the next Performance Pay Point.

Performance Progression is limited to the maximum of the Salary Range within this policy.

Discretion will be applied where not all performance management objectives have been fully met, but significant progress has been made.

Where the employee’s performance is assessed as not being of a sustained high quality, there will not be any performance pay increase. A decision not to award a performance pay increase may be made without recourse to capability procedures. However, those who fail to meet the minimum standards and/or who consistently fail to improve their practice or to sustain the expected level of performance for their pay level, may be subject to these procedures.

Where a decision not to progress is made, the employee will be supported through the performance management process to improve their performance.

ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS TO TEACHERS

Temporary Payments to the Headteacher

The Local Governing Committee may determine that an additional temporary payment be made to the Headteacher for clearly defined responsibilities or duties which are in addition to, and have not previously been taken into account in setting, the permanent Salary Range.

The total sum of any additional payments will not exceed 25% of the value of the Headteacher's point on the Leadership Pay Spine. If the Local Governing Committee exceptionally wishes to exceed the limit above, it will seek independent external advice and seek agreement of a business case form the Trust Board before so doing.

Other Payments

Except where specified, the following payments may **not** be made to a Headteacher. Where relevant, any additional payments to a Headteacher must be made as part of their permanent Salary Range or as a temporary payment.

Continuous professional development undertaken outside the school day

Where it is agreed that teachers will undertake CPD activities at the weekend or during school closure periods, they will be paid at their usual hourly rate.

Activities related to the provision of initial teacher training (ITT)

The Local Governing Committee/Trust Board does not make payments for ITT activities.

Participation in out of school learning activities

Where a teacher at the school undertakes 1:1 Tuition outside of the school day, they will be paid an out of school learning allowance payment at their usual hourly rate.

Where a part-time teacher at the school undertakes 1:1 Tuition during the school day they shall be paid their normal hourly rate.

Provision of services to another school(s)

The Local Governing Committee/Trust Board may authorise teachers, including Leadership Group, to undertake additional responsibilities and activities relating to the raising of standards in one or more other school.

Where such an agreement is authorised, the Local Governing Committee in conjunction with the Trust Board, will determine, what, if any, payment should be paid to the teacher and/or to other staff, in recognition of the associated additional responsibility and how much shall be retained by the school to cover associated costs such as administration or supply cover.

Any payment to the Headteacher will be made under this Policy. Payments to other staff may include acting arrangements, temporary TLR3s or such other payment as the Local Governing Committee considers appropriate under Paragraph 26.1 of TPCD.

All such payments are temporary with no entitlement to safeguarding when they cease.

Recruitment and Retention Payments and Incentive

The Trust Board in relation to a Headteacher, the Local Governing Committee in relation to other employees, may authorise, on a case by case basis, a payment or incentive to secure the recruitment, and/or to retain the services, of a teacher. In authorising such a payment, the following factors will be considered:

- that there is evidence that there is difficulty in appointing to a particular post or in recruiting a teacher with the required skills, qualifications and/or experience;
- that there is a need to retain the skills, qualifications or experience of an individual;
- whether the salary available in the context of the staffing structure is insufficient to secure an appointment given the circumstances of the school;
- available financial resources;
- market forces.

Any such payment or incentive will be subject to review and there will be no entitlement to a payment beyond the review date.

Any such payment will be confirmed in writing, including details of:

- whether it is for the purpose of recruitment or retention;
- the nature of the payment or incentive;
- if a financial payment paid, whether this will be paid monthly as part of salary or as a lump sum to be paid at an agreed time;
- the basis for any uplifts where applicable;
- the date which the payment/incentive will be reviewed;

Leadership Group may only receive payments under this Section for reasonably incurred housing or relocation costs which are authorized by the Trust Board.

Acting Arrangements

Where a teacher is assigned and carries out the duties of a Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, or Assistant Headteacher, but has not been appointed in an acting capacity the Trust Board shall, within four weeks, determine whether or not an allowance should be paid in accordance with the provisions of the School Teachers' Pay & Conditions Document.

PART TIME TEACHERS

Teachers who work less than a full day or week are deemed to be part-time. The proportion of full-time will be calculated in accordance with the Teachers Pay & Conditions Document as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Teacher's timetabled teaching time}}{\text{School's timetabled teaching time}} = \text{part-time percentage}$$

Part-time teachers will be expected to work a corresponding proportion of directed time and will receive a corresponding proportion of a full-time salary.

SHORT NOTICE/SUPPLY TEACHERS

Teachers who are engaged directly and work on a day-to-day basis or other short notice basis will have their pay determined in line with the statutory pay arrangements in the same way as other teachers.

Supply teachers working a whole day, including directed time, will initially have their salary calculated as an annual amount; it will then be divided by 194 and multiplied by the number of days worked.

Supply teachers working less than a full day will be hourly paid. The salary will be calculated as an annual amount and then divided by 1258.5 to determine the hourly rate, which will then be paid for hours worked, including any agreed payment for directed time.

SUPPORT STAFF PAY

The salary of support staff is as set out in their contract of employment.

Starting salary

The salaries of new staff will be set within the range for the post as set out in the Staffing Structure and in accordance with this pay policy. In determining the starting salaries for individual staff, account will be taken of;

- the skills, experience and relevant qualifications of the individual;
- market conditions.

Pay Progression

Annual progression within any pay range set out in the contract of employment, will be subject to the employee meeting the expectations as determined through the performance management process.

Part-time staff

Support staff who work less than a full day, week and/or year are deemed to be part-time. The proportion of full-time will be calculated as follows:

Hours per week x weeks per year

$$37 \times 52.14$$

SALARY SACRIFICE SCHEMES

Christus Catholic Trust does not operate any Salary Sacrifice Schemes.

PENSIONS

All regular salary payments and additional allowances and payments to staff within this policy, with the exception of some recruitment and retention benefits, are pensionable.

Note: Full-time teachers cannot be members of the Teachers' Pension Scheme for a second job (eg 1:1 tuition at another school). They can however join the Local Government Pension Scheme for this secondary employment. The Local Governing Committee will not promote staff through the grading systems or use other pay flexibilities to assist in securing an employee's improved pension entitlement on retirement. The Local Governing Committee recognises that, where this to be done, the DfE and/or pension regulator, where appropriate, may use their powers to substitute a notional salary for calculation of pension.

SALARY SAFEGUARDING/PROTECTION

The Governing Board will ensure appropriate salary protection/safeguarding for teachers in accordance with the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and for support staff in accordance with the schools' Redundancy and Re-organisation Procedure.

Employees in receipt of safeguarding will be expected to undertake commensurate work.

STAFFING BUDGET

The amount of money allocated to implementing the Pay Policy will be determined at the beginning of each financial year through the budget allocation process of the school. The Local Governing Committee will endeavour to ensure that appropriate funding is allocated for performance pay progression at all levels.

EQUALITIES AND TRANSPARENCY

Christus Catholic Trust recognises the principle of equal pay for work of equal value in the implementation of this policy.

The Trust Board and Local Governing Committee will take into account the salaries payable in comparable establishment, where possible, in setting pay levels.

All pay related decisions will be taken in accordance with relevant equalities legislation, Employment Relations Acts and Part-time Workers and Fixed-term Employees Regulations. Appropriate consideration will be given where staff have been absent for long periods e.g. due to sickness or maternity leave.

In accordance with the Financial Handbook, the Trust will publish number of employees whose benefits exceed £100k, in £10k bandings, as an extract from the disclosure in its financial statements for the previous year ended 31 August. Benefits for this purpose include salary, other taxable benefits and termination payments, but not the trust's own pension costs. In the case of employees who are trustees, their salary and other benefits will also be disclosed in £5k bandings in the trust's financial statements.

OVER/UNDER PAYMENTS

Christus Catholic Trust shall be entitled to deduct from your salary any money which you may owe to the school at any time.

Support staff working less than 52 weeks have their annual salary spread evenly over 12 months, whereas their working hours are spread unevenly across the year due to school closure periods. When they leave employment, a calculation will be made to assess any over- or under-payment arising from this arrangement, and any over or underpayment will be adjusted in their final pay. Employee will be notified in advance of any adjustment.

Should an overpayment occur in other circumstances the employee will be notified in writing of the full amount of the overpayment and agreement will be sought about a reasonable repayment schedule. In the absence of such an agreement the Governing Board will determine a reasonable recovery schedule, usually not exceeding 5% of the monthly gross, except where the employee is leaving, where the balance owing may be deducted from final salary in the absence of an alternate agreement.

Recovery of overpayments will be pursued in the case of former employees.

In the case of underpayments, Christus Catholic Trust will apply appropriate refunds as soon as possible. Employees are expected to draw to the attention of the Headteacher any overpayment or underpayment as soon as possible. The Employer is expected to draw to the attention of the employee any overpayment or underpayment as soon as possible.

MONITORING

Christus Catholic Trust Board will monitor the outcome and impact of this policy annually assess its effect and continued compliance with equalities legislation. The effect of the policy will be assessed particularly with reference to trends in progression across specific groups of teachers and the correlation between this and performance management reviews and outcomes for pupils.

The pay of individual staff will remain confidential – shared only with those responsible for making pay decisions and managing administrative matters.

APPEALS PROCEDURE

Staff have the right to make representations and to appeal about any aspect of their pay or pay progression in accordance with the appeals procedure within the policy, which meets, as a minimum, the statutory requirements on disputes resolution.

Pay recommendations will be contained within Performance Management Review Statements and these will be discussed with employees at the review meeting. Where an employee has concerns about the pay recommendation which cannot be resolved at the review meeting, they should include these on the review statement for consideration by those responsible for making pay decisions.

An employee may make a formal appeal against any decision on pay, which must be submitted in writing within 10 working days of receipt of written notification of that decision.

The grounds of appeals are that the decision maker(s):

- incorrectly applied the provisions of the Teachers' Pay & Conditions Document / national / local terms and conditions
- failed to have proper regard for statutory guidance;

- failed to take proper account of relevant evidence and/or took account irrelevant or inaccurate evidence;
- were biased; or

otherwise unlawfully discriminated against the employee.

Appeals will be heard by the Pay Appeals Committee.

The Appeals will be heard at a meeting, normally within 20 working days of receipt of the written appeal. The employee will be entitled to attend the appeal meeting, to make representations and to be accompanied by a work colleague or a member of a recognised Trade Union.

The procedure for the conduct of the appeal meeting is at Appendix B.

Any written submissions relevant to the appeal must be circulated to all parties at least 3 working days prior to the meeting.

The decision of the appeal committee will be notified in writing and, where the appeal is rejected, this will include a note of the evidence considered and the reasons for the decision.

The decision of the Governing Board's Pay Appeals Committee is final and there is no recourse to the staff grievance procedure.

The Headteacher shall be entitled to attend, for the purposes of providing information and advice (except in the case of their own salary), all proceedings of the Pay Appeals Committee.

The role of the Pay Appeal Committee is not to make judgement about the effectiveness of individual staff. It is to satisfy themselves that any recommendation/decision has been made on the basis of evidence and has been made taking proper account of equal opportunities and that correct procedures have been followed.

DATA PROTECTION

A written record of all meetings conducted under this pay policy, including pay appeals, will be made, either by the person holding the meeting or by an alternative person arranged by the school to take notes.

The school processes any personal data collected as part of the operation of the pay policy/pay appeals procedure in accordance with its data protection policy. The pay of individual staff will remain confidential.

Any data collected is held securely and accessed by, and disclosed to, individuals only for the purposes of making decisions on pay, handling pay appeals or administering any pay decisions. All data collected will be held in accordance with the school's retention schedule. Inappropriate access or disclosure of employee data including individual staff salaries constitutes a data breach and should be reported in accordance with the school's data protection policy immediately. It may also constitute a disciplinary offence, which will be dealt with under the Trust's disciplinary procedure.

APPENDIX A:

TERMS OF REFERENCE TRUST PAY COMMITTEE

Delegation of Function

The Board of Trustees shall establish a Pay Committee to set the Pay Policy for the Trust and to implement the approved Pay Policy in respect of the pay for all staff in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation.

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The meeting of the Trust Pay Committee should be minuted.

Membership

The Trust Pay Committee shall consist of at least three named members of the Trust Board, none of whom shall be employees or related to an employee.

The CSEL may attend all proceedings of the Trust Pay Committee for the purpose of providing information and advice but must withdraw when their own salary is being discussed.

Quorum

Three

Meetings

The Trust Pay Committee shall meet at least once annually, in the Autumn term.

Chair

The Trust Board shall agree a chair for each meeting.

Decisions

Any decisions shall be made by a simple majority

Terms of Reference

- To determine the Pay Policy for the Trust.
- To advise the Trust Board and Local Governing Committees on current and future pay levels.
- To ratify appropriate salary ranges and starting salaries in accordance with the Pay Policy.
- To approve annual pay progression for the headteacher (by 31 December at the latest), taking account of the recommendation made by the Headteacher's Performance Review Panel, following the annual review.
- To determine the application of national inflationary increases as required.
- To monitor and report to the full Board of Trustees on the annual pattern of performance pay progression at each level and the correlation between pay progression, quality of teaching and outcomes for pupils.

TERMS OF REFERENCE LOCAL GOVERNING COMMITTEES

Delegation of Function

The Local Governing Committee shall establish a Pay Committee to implement the Trust approved Pay Policy in respect of the pay for all staff in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation.

Clerking

The meeting of the Local Governing Committee should be minuted.

Membership

The Local Governing Pay Committee shall consist of at least three named members of the Local Governing Committee none of whom shall be employees or related to an employee.

The headteacher may attend all proceedings of the Local Governing Pay Committee for the purpose of providing information and advice but must withdraw when their own salary is being discussed.

Quorum

Three

Meetings

The Local Governing Pay Committee shall meet at least once annually, in the Autumn term.

Chair

The Local Governing Pay Committee shall agree a chair for each meeting.

Decisions

Any decisions shall be made by a simple majority.

Terms of Reference

- To implement the Trust Pay Policy.
- To ratify appropriate salary ranges and starting salaries in accordance with the Pay Policy.
- To approve annual pay progression for staff, with the exception of the Headteacher, following the annual review.
- To monitor and report to the full Local Governing Committee on the annual pattern of performance pay progression at each level and the correlation between pay progression, quality of teaching and outcomes for pupils.

TRUST PAY APPEALS COMMITTEE

Delegation of Function

The Board of Trustees shall establish a Pay Appeal Committee to deal with all appeals against pay decisions in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation.

Clerking

The meeting of the Pay Appeals Committee should be minuted.

Membership

The Pay Appeals Committee shall consist of at least three named members of the Board of Trustees, none of whom shall be employees, related to employees or members of the Local Governing Committee.

The CSEL may attend all proceedings of the Pay Appeals Committee for the purpose of providing information and advice (except where the appeal is in respect of their own salary, where they will attend for the purposes of making their case).

Quorum

Three

Meetings

The Pay Appeals Committee shall meet on an as required basis.

Chair

The Pay Appeals Committee shall agree a chair for each meeting.

Decisions

Any decisions shall be made by a simple majority.

The Pay Appeal Committee's decision will be final, notwithstanding the employee's right in law.

LOCAL GOVERNING COMMITTEE PAY APPEALS COMMITTEE

Delegation of Function

The Local Governing Committee shall establish a Pay Appeal Committee to deal with all appeals against pay decisions in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation.

Clerking

The meeting of the Pay Appeals Committee should be minuted.

Membership

The Pay Appeals Committee shall consist of at least three named members of the Local Governing Board, none of whom shall be employees, related to employees or members of the Trust Board.

The headteacher may attend all proceedings of the Pay Appeals Committee for the purpose of providing information and advice (except where the appeal is in respect of their own salary, where they will attend for the purposes of making their case).

Quorum

Three

Meetings

The Pay Appeals Committee shall meet on an as required basis.

Chair

The Pay Appeals Committee shall agree a chair for each meeting.

Decisions

Any decisions shall be made by a simple majority.

The Pay Appeal Committee's decision will be final, notwithstanding the employee's right in law.

APPENDIX B – APPEALS MEETING PROCEDURE

TRUST PAY APPEALS MEETING PROCEDURE

The meeting should be attended by the employee, their colleague or representative if required, a representative of the Trust Board and the Pay Appeals Committee. The CSEL should attend to provide information and advice (except where they are the appellant).

1. Introductions and opening remarks
2. Member of staff and/or representative to present case
3. Trust representative to ask questions
4. Pay Appeals Committee to ask questions
5. Trust to respond

This may include calling on the Performance Management Reviewer and/or a member of the Local Governing Committee /headteacher where they are not presenting the case to add any relevant information / answer question (where applicable]

6. Member of staff and/or representative to ask questions
7. Pay Appeals Committee to ask questions
8. Employee or representative to make closing statement
9. Trust to make closing statement
10. Both parties withdraw to allow Pay Appeals Committee to consider their decision
11. Either both parties invited back to hear decision or the decision will be communicated in writing within 48 hours.

LOCAL GOVERNING COMMITTEE PAY APPEALS MEETING PROCEDURE

The meeting should be attended by the employee, their colleague or representative if required, a representative of the Local Governing Committee and the Pay Appeals Committee. The Headteacher should attend to provide information and advice (except where they are the appellant).

Introductions and opening remarks

Member of staff and/or representative to present case

School representative to ask questions

Pay Appeals Committee to ask questions

School to respond

This may include calling on the Performance Management Reviewer and/or a member of the Local Governing Committee /headteacher where they are not presenting the case to add any relevant information / answer question (where applicable]

Member of staff and/or representative to ask questions

Pay Appeals Committee to ask questions

Employee or representative to make closing statement

School to make closing statement

Both parties withdraw to allow Pay Appeals Committee to consider their decision

Either both parties invited back to hear decision or the decision will be communicated in writing within 48 hours.

APPENDIX C: PERFORMANCE PAY PROGRESSION

LEADERSHIP SCALE

To achieve progression on the Leadership Pay Scale, the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD) requires individuals to have demonstrated sustained high-quality performance. In making judgements against this criterion and in determining whether there should be progression the Trust Board/Local Governing Committee will consider whether the individual has grown professionally by developing their leadership; and (where relevant), teaching, expertise.

In considering whether there has been professional growth, the Trust Board/Local Governing Committee will consider whether the following description of a person on the leadership scale has been met:

- Those on the leadership spine play a critical role in the life of the school.
- They inspire those around them and work with others to create a shared strategic vision which motivates pupils and staff.
- They take a lead in enhancing standards of teaching and learning and value enthusiasm and innovation in others
- They have confidence and ability to make management and organisational decisions and ensure equity, access and entitlement to learning.

To achieve progression (and for the above to be satisfied), there will need to have been a successful performance management review.

A successful performance management review involves a process of:-

- a) Performance Management objectives, linked to school improvement priorities, pupils' outcomes raising levels of achievement and attainment, leaderships and management skills and competencies, personal development;
- b) Performance against the teaching standards including observed practice;
- c) Performance against any other relevant Standards (eg the Headteacher Standards)
- d) Other evidence, including of professional development/growth.

Note: The Trust Board/Local Governing Committee expects that a teacher's performance objectives will define what needs to be achieved to demonstrate that the individual has grown professionally by developing their leadership and (where relevant) teaching expertise.