Governing boards should use a code of conduct alongside individual <u>role descriptions</u> to ensure all members understand what is expected of them.

The NGA model code of conduct is anchored in the Seven Nolan Principles of Public Life. The code is also aligned with the <u>Framework for Ethical Leadership in Education</u> which outlines principles that support ethical decision-



of expectations before being appointed. New members should agree to the board's code of conduct on being appointedrn



Once this code has been adopted by the governing board, all members agree to faithfully abide by it.



- 2. \*For those working within a multi academy trust: We will fulfil our role and responsibilities as set out in our Scheme of Delegation.
- 3. We will develop, share and live the ethos and values of our school/s.
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## Respect confidentiality

- 1. We will observe complete confidentiality both inside and outside of school when matters are deemed confidential or where they concern individual staff, pupils or families.
- 2. We will not reveal the details of any governing board vote.
- 3. We will ensure all confidential papers are held and disposed of appropriately.
- 4. We will maintain confidentiality even after we leave office.

## Declare conflicts of interest and be transparent

- 1. We will declare any business, personal or other interest that we have in connection with the board's business, and these will be recorded in the Register of Business Interests.
- 2. We will also declare any conflict of loyalty at the start of any meeting should the need arise.
- 3. If a conflicted matter arises in a meeting, we will offer to leave the meeting for the duration of the discussion and any subsequent vote.
- 4. We accept that the Register of Business Interests will be published on the school/trust's website.
- 5. We will act in the best interests of the school/trust as a whole and not as a representative of any group.
- 6. We accept that in the interests of open governance, our full names, date of appointment, terms of office, roles on the governing board, attendance records, relevant business and pecuniary interests, category of governor/trustee and the body responsible for appointing us will be published on the school/trust website.
- 7. We accept that information relating to board members will be collected and recorded on the DfE's national database (Get information about schools), some of which will be publicly available.

## \* New statement added in 2021

We understand that potential or perceived breaches of this code will be taken seriously and that a breach could lead to formal sanctions.

Governing Body of Percy Hedley School on Tuesday 5 October 2021

(Chair of Board)

The Governing Board agree that this Code of