

# **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

## **MANDATE**

### **CONSTITUTION:**

- Five members who shall be sitting members of Chief Pleas, two of whom shall be selected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman by their fellow Committee Members.
- Parents of school age children currently being educated in the Sark system shall not be members of the Committee.
- Up to 2 non-voting members who shall not be sitting members of Chief Pleas but who shall be elected by Chief Pleas.
- From time to time, as required, the Head of School, the Chair and/or other members of the Board of Governors and/or other teachers may be invited to attend meetings, as deemed relevant and necessary by the Committee.
- A quorum shall consist of three voting members.

### **MANDATE:**

1. In conjunction with relevant stakeholders, set out a strategic vision for education on Sark and link this to the future prosperity of the Island.
2. Appoint a Board of Governors, representative of the community of Sark and constituted in accordance with the terms of reference.
3. Establish a high quality, statutory system of public education for the children of Sark, in accordance with the Education (Sark) Ordinance, 2003.
4. Consider all matters relating to Sark Government funded education, from preschool to Year 11.
5. Monitor the annual Home Education Plan (agreed between the parent(s)/carer(s) and Education Committee) and its implementation for any child of mandatory school age (5 – 16) who is educated anywhere on-island other than at Sark School.
6. i) Develop policy expectations regarding education for key groups of Sark learners including SEND and those vulnerable to underachievement.  
ii) In conjunction with the Medical & Emergency Services Committee, ensure safeguarding for all young people educated on-island up to 16 and Sark children being educated off-island as far as it is able to.
7. Fund education (on Sark and elsewhere) within the constraints of Island finances, including the provision of education for children with special needs.
8. Negotiate and manage a Service Level Agreement for Education Services with the States of Guernsey acting by and through the Committee for Education, Sports and Culture.
9. Receive information from representatives from the States of Guernsey connected with the Service Level Agreement and from the Board of Governors concerning Sark School in sufficient depth and with regularity so as to enable the Committee to fulfil their role.
10. Approve and champion the Education Policy for Sark and approve the School Development Plan for Education, as recommended by the Board of Governors, on an annual basis, commending the plan and expenditure to Chief Pleas.
11. Commission an independent inspection of Education for the children of Sark at suitable intervals (at least once in every three years); and ensure that actions are taken to implement recommendations in a timely fashion so as to rectify any deficits.
12. Provide the finances to the Board of Governors to enable them to maintain a school and its equipment, and the facilities for education, physical education and recreation.

13. Approve the appointment, definition of conditions of service and salary, appraisal and pay progression, disciplining and the dismissal of staff at Sark school and of other roles which fall under the remit of the Education Committee, following recommendations from the Board of Governors.
14. Act in management for the purposes of teachers' accommodation.
15. Uphold the behaviour expectations and disciplinary measures when necessary, including decisions at appeal for the temporary and/or permanent exclusion of unruly children from school.
16. Monitor complaints regarding the Education, Welfare or Safety of a child and act as the final body of appeal in accordance with the published complaints procedure.
17. Report on education matters to Chief Pleas and communicate with the electorate as necessary.

## **LEGISLATION**

### **Laws**

- The Education (Sark) Law, 2001
- The Education (Amendment)(Sark) Law, 2003
- The Children (Sark) Law, 2016
- The Child Protection (Sark) Law, 2020

### **Ordinances**

- The Education (Sark) Ordinance, 2003
- The Education (Repeals)(Sark) Ordinance 2004
- The Education (Sark)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2005
- The Education (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance,2018
- The Education (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance,2019
- The Education (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance,2020
- The Child Protection (Sark) Ordinance, 2021
- The Education (Sark) Amendment Ordinance 2023

### **Service Level Agreements**

- Sark Education Services agreed with the States of Guernsey acting by and through the Committee for Education, Sports and Culture
- Secondary Education Services for Sark Students agreed with the States of Guernsey acting by and through the Committee for Education, Sports and Culture
- Service Level Agreement agreed with the States of Guernsey acting by and through the Committee for Health and Social Care

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