

# Applecroft School



## Investment Policy

<b>Person Responsible:</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Business Manager</b>
<b>Review Cycle:</b>	<b>Annually</b>
<b>Last Review Date:</b>	<b>March 2026</b>
<b>Next Review Date:</b>	<b>March 2027</b>

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## 1) Introduction:

### **School Vision:**

'To be a positive and inspiring community that nurtures each individual and empowers leaders for life.'

### **School Mission Statement:**

'Nurturing Potential, Inspiring Minds, Changing Lives'

### **School Values:**

- Ambition and Leadership
- Kindness and Supportiveness
- Respect and Honesty
- Determination and Resilience

## 2) Aims:

The aim of this policy is to ensure that funds, which the school does not immediately need to cover anticipated expenditure, are invested in such a way as to maximise the school's income without risk.

Our aim is to spend public monies, with which we are entrusted, for the direct educational benefit of pupils as soon as is prudent. The school does not consider the investment of surplus funds as a primary activity. However, where such funds are available for investment, due to good stewardship, it is our responsibility to ensure a return is achieved.

## 3) Purposes:

- ensure adequate cash balances are maintained in the current account to cover day-to-day working capital requirements
- ensure there is no risk of loss in the capital value of any cash funds invested
- protect the capital value of any invested funds against inflation
- optimise returns on invested funds.

## 4) Implementation:

Regular cash flows are prepared and monitored to ensure there are adequate funds to meet all payroll related commitments and outstanding supply creditors that are due for payment. Cash flow is monitored monthly by the Business Manager.

Where the cash flow identifies a level of cash funds that will be surplus to requirements these may be invested.

Before funds are invested, agreement from the Finance & Premises Committee will be

gained by the Business Manager.

Prior to investing funds the Finance & Premises Committee must satisfy themselves that the cash flow predictions provided by the Business Manager are accurate and that the amount and time period of the investment will not compromise the viability and sustainability of the activities of the School.

The principles which the Finance & Premises Committee will adopt are as follows:

- Where practicable, the surplus funds are invested in tranches of up to the FSCS protection limit in place at the time of investment
- Consideration should be given to investing each FSCS protected amount in a different authorised financial institution (see Banks' section).
- Interest bearing deposit accounts giving immediate access or requiring notice of withdrawal may be used
- Treasury (term) deposits may also be utilised for periods of up to 12 months. Reinvestment is automatically undertaken for the principal sum and interest unless funds are required for anticipated expenditure.
- Investments must only be made in institutions authorised by the FSA.

Periodically (at least every 3 months) the Business Manager will review the interest rates being achieved and will compare with other investment opportunities that comply with the implementation of this policy.

Any documentation will be signed in accordance with the bank signatory instructions.

#### **5) Banks:**

If a bank or building society authorised by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) is unable to pay back deposits held with it, the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) can pay 100% of the protected value of an eligible depositor's claim, per authorised institution.

#### **6) Ethical Investment:**

Wherever possible the school will make investments in ways that are consistent with the mission and values of the school. In order to achieve this, the school will not invest where the activities of the company could be seen to endanger individuals or groups of people. The school will also take into account the published guidance of the Charity Commission on ethical and socially responsible investment of charitable funds.