

# EXAM ESCALATION POLICY

Date of Policy	September 2025
Date of Next Review	September 2026
Staff Responsible	Assistant Headteacher
Reference	Staff shared area/staff development/school policies AC
Governor/School Policy	School

## **Purpose of the process**

To confirm the main duties and responsibilities to be escalated should the head of centre, or a member of the senior leadership team with oversight of examination administration, be absent.

### **Before examinations (Planning)**

In the event of the absence of the head of centre or the member of senior leadership with oversight of examination administration, responsibility for implementing JCQ regulations and requirements relating to activity prior to examinations will be escalated as illustrated in the Internal Governance Arrangement flowchart.

To support understanding of the regulations and requirements, the following JCQ publications will be referenced:

- General Regulations for Approved Centres
- Instructions for conducting examinations
- Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments
- Instructions for conducting coursework
- Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments
- Suspected Malpractice – Policies and Procedures
- A guide to the special consideration process

#### **Main duties and responsibilities relate to:**

- Communication
- Recruitment and training of staff
- Internal governance arrangements
- Conflicts of interest
- Controlled assessments, coursework and non-examination assessments
- Security of assessment materials
- National Centre Number Register
- Centre inspections
- Policies

### **Before examinations (Entries and Pre-exams)**

In the event of the absence of the head of centre or the member of senior leadership with oversight of examination administration, responsibility for implementing JCQ regulations and requirements relating to entries and exam preparation will be escalated as illustrated in the Internal Governance Arrangement flowchart.

To support understanding of the regulations and requirements, sections of relevant JCQ publications will be specifically referenced including:

- General Regulations for Approved Centres (section 5)
- Instructions for conducting examinations (sections 1-15)
- Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (sections 6-8)

#### **Main duties and responsibilities relate to:**

- Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments

- Entries
  - Additional JCQ publications for reference:
    - Key dates in the examination cycle
    - Guidance Notes for Transferred Candidates
    - Alternative Site guidance notes
    - Guidance notes for overnight supervision of candidates with a timetable variation
- Centre assessed work
  - Additional JCQ publication for reference:
    - Guidance Notes – Centre Consortium Arrangements
- Candidate information
  - Additional JCQ publications for reference:
    - Information for candidates' documents
    - Exam Room Posters

### **During examinations (Exam time)**

In the event of the absence of the head of centre or the member of senior leadership with oversight of examination administration, responsibility for implementing JCQ regulations and requirements relating to during exam time will be escalated as illustrated in the Internal Governance Arrangement flowchart.

To support understanding of the regulations and requirements, sections of relevant JCQ publications will be specifically referenced including:

- General Regulations for Approved Centres (sections 3, 5)
- Instructions for conducting examinations (sections 16-30)
- Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (section 8)
- A guide to the special consideration process (sections 2-7)

#### **Main duties and responsibilities relate to:**

- Conducting examinations and assessments
  - Additional JCQ publication for reference:
    - Guidance Notes – Very Late Arrival
- Malpractice
- Retention of candidates' work

### **After examinations (Results and Post-Results)**

In the event of the absence of the head of centre or the member of senior leadership with oversight of examination administration, responsibility for implementing JCQ regulations and requirements relating to after examinations will be escalated as illustrated in the Internal Governance Arrangement flowchart.

To support understanding of the regulations and requirements, sections of relevant JCQ publications will be specifically referenced including:

- General Regulations for Approved Centres (section 5)

## Main duties and responsibilities relate to:

- Results

Additional JCQ publication for reference:

- Release of Results notice

- Post-results services and appeals

Additional JCQ publications for reference:

- Post-Results Services
- JCQ Appeals Booklet (A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes)

- Certificates

## Internal Governance Arrangement

This illustration shows the senior leadership team responsible for overseeing the exam process in the absence of each member.

