

Complaints Policy

APPENDIX B

Indicative checklist for a Panel Hearing
The hearing is as informal as possible
Witnesses are only required to attend for the part of the hearing in which they give their evidence and should be kept to a minimum.
After introductions, the complainant is invited to explain their complaint, and be followed by their witnesses
The Headteacher may question both the complainant and the witnesses after each has spoken
The Headteacher is then invited to explain the academy's actions, and be followed by the academy's witnesses
The complainant may question both the Headteacher and the witnesses after each has spoken
The Panel may ask questions at any point
The complainant is then invited to sum up their complaint
The Headteacher is then invited to sum up the academy's actions and response to the complaint
Both parties leave together while the panel decides on the issues
The Chair explains that both parties will hear the Panel within a set timescale