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Questions for governing boards to ask: Vision and strategy

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Health warning: these questions need to be used appropriately. You need to consider the best time and place to ask any questions - it may be at the relevant committee meeting, rather than in a full Governing Board meeting, and must be pertinent to the discussion at hand. It is absolutely **NOT** intended that these questions should be handed over to the headteacher and an answer to each one sought. This is not a test for school leaders, but a tool to help governors.

If you are in any doubt about how to use these well, please contact NGA at governorhq@nga.org.uk.

Overarching question

Do we have a clear vision and strategy for the school?

This is a question the governing board should take the lead on.

- a) Do we have vision for where we want the school to be in 3-5 years' time?
- b) Is our vision ambitious but achievable?
- c) Does our vision set out what we want our pupils to have left our school having achieved (e.g. in terms of personal development, attainment, progress etc.)?
- d) Have we taken into account the views of parents, pupils and staff when developing our vision?
- e) Do we have a strategy in place to achieve the vision?
- f) Do we have clear key performance indicators/outcomes against which to measure success?

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