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**Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Full Governing Body
 Thursday 28th January 2021 at 7pm**

Due to COVID 19 virus, virtual meetings will be held for the foreseeable future.

Item	Discussion	Action
	<p>Present: The Rev. Elaine Bardwell (EB) (Foundation), Chair Chris Brewer (CB) (Local Authority) Judith Davies (JD) (Staff) Hal Drakesmith (HD) (Foundation) William Hogg (WH) (Parent) Freda Hughes (FH) (Foundation) Simon Jones (SJ) (Co-opted) Tara Lynch (TL) (Parent) Rosalind Owen (RO) Head Teacher Lydia Robinson (LR) (Foundation) Barbara Smith (BS) (Foundation) George Southcombe (GS) (Foundation) Catherine Archard (CA) Deputy Head Teacher (Associate Member)</p> <p>In attendance Judy East (JE) LA Clerk</p>	
1.	<p>Welcome, apologies and quorum The meeting opened at 7 pm. EB welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. An apology for absence was received and accepted from Lynden Guiver (Foundation). The meeting was quorate.</p>	
2.	<p>Declaration of any urgent business There was no urgent business.</p>	
3.	<p>Declaration of business/pecuniary/other interests in agenda items None declared. The Register of Interests is on the website.</p>	
4.	<p>Governance Business (a) Governor vacancies including new term of office for HD: HD was</p>	

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	willing to be appointed to a further 4-year term of office; RO has e-mailed the Diocese and HD is completing the necessary paperwork. JE will inform Governor Services. EB will take forward vacancy for a Foundation Governor.	Clerk EB
5.	Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2020 Minutes of the meeting held on 19 th November 2020 were approved subject to noting that CB is no longer Vice-Chair. EB will sign the Minutes.	EB
6.	Matters arising from the Minutes of 19th November 2020 <u>Brookes' Student Village</u> : Noted that a revised Plan has been proposed and consultation continues – there will be Webinars on 2 nd & 3 rd February. RO will attend on the 2 nd .	RO
7.	Pupil Progress and Attainment Deferred for discussion by Curriculum Committee.	Curriculum Committee
8.	Headteacher Report There are currently 195 children on roll. 16 (8%) receive support for special educational needs; 15 (7.5%) are eligible for free school meals and 18 (9%) are eligible for the 2020-21 pupil premium grant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance is good, contrasting favourably with the previous school year. • Staffing: Every class has a Teacher and TA in school every day. A few staff are having to shield. If a staff member or child in a class bubble were to test positive for Covid-19, the whole class bubble would need to close. • Admissions: The consultation period for the 2022-23 policy has now closed – school received no correspondence about this. We are awaiting information about the applications to Reception for September 2021. Secondary places are currently being allocated. • Covid-19: There was one positive case within school last term, which did not spread. Teachers are currently teaching live throughout the day to the children in class and the children on-line. • School re-opening: 8th March has been mentioned by the Government, but they will give schools 2 weeks' notice. • Parents have been providing feedback informally and through a formal process. There was a question about how much flexibility parents have regarding the school day. 	

	<p>Q. <i>How tied are parents to the daily timetable?</i> A. We know how much children lost out last time so RO quite deliberately made the decision that children should be taught live throughout the day. As well as helping children to keep up with the curriculum, the hope is that this will allow the parents of older children to provide light touch supervision only. Children in Reception and Year 1 spend less time on-line with their teachers as this reflects normal classroom practice. Staff are reviewing work sent in, if it is not of the required standard, children are encouraged to re-do it. For further discussion at next week's Curriculum Committee Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chromebooks: The PTA have done an amazing job raising the full amount required to buy 30 Chromebooks. 31 Chromebooks have been given out to children at home and we still have enough to meet further need at home and for the children in school. We have also had donations of laptops for conversion to Chromebooks • Children in school: There are up to 70 children in school each day, 15 in Reception and up to 10 in other classes. These are the children of critical workers and those children that the staff identified as vulnerable at the start of January. Some vulnerable children who were offered places in school are remaining at home and have been provided with Chromebooks if required. • Inspections: OFSTED and SIAMS inspections are currently on hold for schools in our situation. 	<p>RO</p> <p>RO</p>
9.	<p>Strategy Review At the suggestion of SJ, it was agreed to extend the span of the Governors Strategy to 2022 and make informed changes once the impact of the pandemic becomes clearer.</p>	
10.	<p>School Improvement Plan 2020-21 Noted there had been good progress on some areas and it will be interesting to review progress by the end of the year. Some action points will need to be put on hold. RO said that a 2-year plan for children to catch up on lost learning was recommended by an external advisor.</p> <p>Q. <i>How is Maths mastery going with home learning?</i> A. It is more difficult when children at home do not have supporting equipment, but teachers are adapting their teaching to take this into account. RO has discussed another parent information evening with ML.</p>	<p>RO</p>
11.	<p>Compliance (a) <u>Schools Financial Value Standard</u>: Deferred to Resources Committee next week.</p>	

	<p>(b) <u>Safeguarding Audit Response</u>: Completed and submitted by deadline of 31 December 2020. LG has reviewed and it will be discussed at the coming Community and Safeguarding Committee meeting.</p> <p>(c) <u>Updated Covid Risk Assessment</u> Noted the Risk Assessment has been updated in line with current lock-down measures.</p> <p>Q. <i>What is happening with room ventilation?</i> A. Doors and windows are open all the time, as before.</p> <p>(d) <u>Staff Self Testing Risk Assessment</u>: Staff have received their self-testing kits and we have enough to last until just after the half-term break.</p> <p>(e) <u>Policies for Approval – Teachers’ Pay</u>: Governors approved the Policy, noting that Resources Committee had commended it, and that the date needs to be amended to 28th January 2021.</p>	RO
13.	<p>Safeguarding Discussed under items 8 and 11 of the Agenda.</p>	
14.	<p>Health & Safety Discussed under Item 8 of the Agenda. Over the half term break further repairs will be undertaken to the roof to try and solve the ongoing problem with egress of water into Pre-School.</p>	
15.	<p>Governor Learning & Development SJ reported attending a Governor data monitoring course. It was noted that on-line courses are very good, well presented, and clear.</p>	
16.	<p>Governor Visit Reports No visits have been made.</p>	
17.	<p>Committee Reports <i>Resources Committee</i> – 10th November 2020. The Committee were happy that expenditure was in line with available funds, with some divergence with the budget because of Covid-19.</p> <p>RO said that Year 6 families will probably need to be refunded the cost of last year’s cancelled trip to Yenworthy. It seems unlikely that the rescheduled visit in April will be able to go ahead. We will try and provide alternatives for Year 6 before they leave.</p>	
18.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>(i) <u>Participation in on-line learning</u>: RO reported that the vast majority of children are joining in all lessons and returning their work. In KS1 participation is 100%, there are a very few children in KS2 who are proving harder to engage.</p>	

	<p>Participation in the current lockdown is far higher than in the previous year.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Vice-Chair vacancy</u>: Confirmed that LR, SJ and FH will share the responsibilities as detailed at last FGB.</p>	
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20.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Thursday 11th March at 7 pm on Zoom.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm