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**Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Full Governing Body
 Thursday 27th May 2021 at 7pm**

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

Item	Discussion	Action
	<p>Present: Catherine Archard (CA) (Associate Member) The Rev. Elaine Bardwell (EB) (Foundation), Chair Chris Brewer (CB) (Local Authority) Judith Davies (JD) (Staff) Hal Drakesmith (HD) (Foundation) (until 8 pm) Freda Hughes (FH) (Foundation) Simon Jones (SJ) (Co-opted) Tara Lynch (Parent) (until 8 pm) Rosalind Owen (RO) Head Teacher Carinne Piekema (CP) (Foundation) Lydia Robinson (LR) (Foundation) Barbara Smith (BS) (Foundation) George Southcombe (GS) (Foundation)</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 with a special welcome to Carinne Piekema for her first meeting.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Lynden Guiver and Will Hogg.</p> <p>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 : 2021-22 Meeting dates 30th September 2021 18th November 2021 27th January 2022 10th March 2022 27th April 2022 (Budget Meeting) 26th May 2022 7th July 2022</p> <p>LR arrived at 710 pm</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes of the meetings held on 11th March and 28th April 2021 Minutes of the meetings held on 11th March and 28th April were approved.</p>	
6.	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes of 11th March and 28th April 2021 There were no matters arising from the minutes of 11th March and 28th April</p>	
7.	<p>Progress and Attainment Teacher assessment data for Spring Term 2021 was presented to the Governing Body. RO said that the majority of children have continued to make progress since December, but there are a few exceptions.</p> <p><i>Q. KS1 seem to have moved forward but KS2 seemed to go back - is there an explanation?</i></p> <p>A. When looking at reading, writing and maths combined, Year 2 seem to have been least affected by the Spring Term lockdown. At subject level, Y3, Y4 and Y5 maths progress slowed and Y5 progress in writing is down. Some KS2 children who had poor engagement with home learning have made very limited progress, but, of the children we have identified as needing extra input because of the move to on-line learning, some were at home and some were in school.</p> <p>In general, fewer children are presenting as working above age related expectations than in past non-covid years.</p> <p>EB commented that, overall, it wasn't surprising that some children were not working at the standard that might have been expected had their education not been disrupted so much over the past year. RO said that those children who we have identified as having been most need for catch-up support will have teacher led interventions from June.</p>	
8.	<p>Headteacher's Report RO's Report, previously circulated, was received. The following points were highlighted -</p>	

<p><u>Attendance</u> : Attendance remains good as there have been fewer illnesses and virtually no requests for absence this year. Year 3 attendance is lower than other classes because it contains some of the poorest attenders in the school.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> : There was a very strong field of candidates for the Deputy Head position. Emma Martin emerged as the strongest candidate and it is hoped she will visit the school before the end of the year and also attend the next Full Governing Body meeting.</p> <p><u>Covid</u> : Risk Assessment has been revised in line with latest government guidance. The same measures remain in place during the school day.</p> <p>New Marston Community Church : The Church has requested to return to using the school premises. There is a disconnect between guidance for schools and guidance for places of worship. Schools' guidance only allows for the premises to be used by organisations related to children. RO sought advice from OCC and PHE, who said that we should follow schools' guidance for the present. It was agreed to bring this to the next full Governing Body Meeting when new guidance may have been issued and covid restrictions may have been relaxed.</p> <p><u>Enrichment Activities</u> : A number of activities are already planned. After school clubs will resume after half term, clubs restricted to class bubbles indoors, or 2 classes if outside.</p> <p>A Risk Assessment from Woodlands was circulated. 21 families came to the pre-trip meeting. CB stressed need for ventilation in bedrooms. All Y6 children are expected to go.</p> <p><u>Catch-up Provision</u> : Teachers returning from maternity leave in June will be leading catch-up tuition in Y1-5. Other provision already in place for R and Y6.</p> <p>New Relationships and Sex Education curriculum is currently being taught across the school. A few parents with concerns have discussed curriculum content with Mrs Hastings. No children have been withdrawn.</p> <p><u>External Scrutiny</u> : Report from School Improvement Lead was received by the Governors.</p> <p><i>Q. Are there areas of the school which could have been judged outstanding?</i> A. This was not an area discussed in meeting with SIL. RO said that with all teaching staff back in school from June 7, and more stability/certainty in national Covid situation, we need to build on curriculum changes that were planned in 2020.</p>	<p>Item for FGB on 1 July</p>
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	<p>Important to note that Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, is currently pushing the academy agenda – all Governors need to consider implications of this. It was agreed this should be an item for future discussion.</p> <p><u>Safeguarding & Behaviour</u> : <i>SEND/Pupil Premium/Mental Health</i> : An EHCP application is currently being processed by the Council. A child with an EHCP left school at Easter.</p> <p><u>PTA</u> : The PTA has been very successful this year. The Chair is standing down from September 2021. Finding a new Chair when parents in Reception and Y1 have had few opportunities to mix with full school community, will be interesting.</p> <p><u>Health & Safety</u> : The main action points from the inspection in March have been addressed.</p> <p><u>Premises</u> : Repairs and maintenance continue as required. RO reported that the Diocese aims to be carbon-neutral by 2030.</p>	
9	<p>School Improvement Plan 2020-21 CA reported that teaching of revised foundation subject curricula has now resumed in full. There remain a number of areas of SIP that will need to be carried forward into 2021-22.</p>	
10.	<p>Governor Strategy Review It was agreed to hold a separate meeting to focus on the review. It was agreed to identify the data in late Nov/early Dec 2021. RO will prepare information to inform the review.</p> <p>TL and HD left at 8 pm.</p>	RO
11..	<p>Compliance <u>Covid Risk Assessment</u> : Taken under item (8).</p>	
12.	<p>Safeguarding Taken under item (8).</p>	
13.	<p>Health & Safety Taken under item (8).</p>	
14.	<p>Governor Learning & Development RO urged Governors to sign up for courses – there is info. on Governor Hub. CP to undertake induction training.</p>	All Governors
15.	<p>Governor Visit Reports Visits can resume on site with precautions. FH will attend Sports Day. Governors were urged to attend virtual collective worship.</p>	Link Governors

16.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p><u>Admissions Committee</u> Minutes of Admissions Committee of 18/3/20 and 16/3/21 were received. Noted that a number of children for Reception in September don't live in catchment. There are likely to be 27 children. There are a few children with significant need in the group.</p> <p><u>Resources Committee</u> : Minutes of 2nd March 2021 were received. The Deputy Head appointment and Budget were discussed.</p> <p><u>Community and Safeguarding Committee</u>: There is a vacancy for another governor to join this committee.</p> <p><u>Curriculum Committee</u> : CB said that CP might like to attend the next meeting on 16th June at 7 pm.</p>	Next FGB meeting
16.	<p>Other Business There was no other business.</p>	
17	<p>Correspondence None.</p>	
18.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Thursday 1st July, 7 pm</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm