



**MARWOOD
SCHOOL**

Full Governing Body Meeting

Date	Wednesday 24th February 2021 – Covid Catch up		Time	7.00 pm		
Potential Attendees	Initials	Position	End of Term of Office	Finance Comm	T&L Comm	Present (P) Apologies (Ap) Absent (A)
Mr Alun Dobson	HT	Headteacher	N/A	Yes	Yes	P
Dr Deepun Gosrani	DG	Parent Governor	15.05.22	No	Yes	P
Mrs Liz Quick	LQ	Co-opted Governor (Chair of Govs)	17.03.23	Yes	Yes	P
Mr Laurence Young	LY	Foundation Governor (Chair of Finance)	09.09.23	Yes	No	P
Mrs Rosy Phillips	RPh	Co-opted Governor	19.11.23	No	Yes	P
Mrs Hannah Burge	HB	Parent Governor	11.05.24	Yes	No	P
Mr Tom Barfield	TB	Foundation Governor (Vice Chair of Govs & Chair of T&L)	22.09.24	No	Yes	Ap
Mrs Alison Cousins	AC	Parent Governor	20.10.24	No	Yes	P
Mrs Rosie Polak	RPo	Staff Governor	20.10.24	No	Yes	P
Mrs Caroline Tucker	CT	LEA Governor	19.01.25	Yes	No	Ap
Vacancy	-	Parent Governor	-			

MINUTES

1.1 20/21	7.00	Apologies	CT & RP Is the meeting Quorate? Yes	
1.2 20/21	7.01	Conflicts of Interest	Does any governor need to declare any conflicts of interest in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting? None	
1.3 20/21	7.02	Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising	<p>Minutes of 3rd February 2021 – agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark is still looking into the water usage, was discussed at finance meeting – ACTION: AD to give details of the water usage query at the next meeting – Finance • AD did respond to DCC re budget position as previously discussed. • Governors skills audit – ACTION: All governors to return the skills audit to LQ asap Tuesday next week • Clerking vacancy – It was confirmed that we have appointed Nicol Cleverdon who will join us at the next FGB meeting in March. • AD put in newsletter again, that the school can support families by giving out ipads and subsequently more ipads have been offered to families. 5 chrome books sourced via Fullerbrook Windfarm funding. • AD to develop the way feedback is given to children so it is impactful. AD reported on this later in the meeting. • AD to update at the next meeting on Lateral Flow Testing of staff - AD reported on this later in the meeting. • Norse have furloughed one catering assistant. Have now received a small payment from Norse ref Summer term 2020 furlough. ACTION: To fully review catering/furlough payments at the finance meeting. • After school Clubs - LY spoke to Will ref Karate options and he is starting sessions on zoom initially. The documentation states that sports and after school activities are only to take place outside. Tennis can be outside so will start but gym and karate are really in the hall. <p>Not sure about Exeter soccer school, usual cycle cricket and</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>Fin Com</p>

			<p>rounders in the summer term.</p> <p>As a school we are going to be using our fabulous outside space as much as possible and looking to bring back Welly Wednesdays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AD to add other methods of learning to the newsletter as a reminder of other options available. AD did this on a few occasions to support families and class teachers contacted families for support where requested. 	
			General	
1.4 20/21	7.15	Covid Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Lateral Flow Testing <p>Good response still, most staff on their second box, no one needs the instructions now as it has become second nature. All staff are doing them and all tests have been negative at present.</p> <p>There have been some staff not feeling all that well, but not covid symptoms. Class 4 staff in particular are all a bit under the weather – headaches – all have been having negative tests throughout.</p> <p>AD expects to keep going with LFT testing probably throughout the rest of the academic year.</p> <p>Will Primary school children be tested? Was in the first documentation, but has been taken out now. Immunisations are happening quickly and going well so the government don't want to go down that route.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote Learning - Any update/developments we need to be aware of? <p>Have set up remote learning for this half term to Easter in the same way as last half term in preparation for a bubble closure/families isolating. Almost certainly we will set it up this way for the Summer term and possibly Autumn term 2021 as well. We need to be prepared. On a whole the remote learning has worked, have done some different things for families who have been struggling. We have also got 15 more chrome books, have Timetable Rockstar's on trial, we are renewing IXL, Reading Eggs etc. Have been looking at investing and strengthening the use of IT throughout the school for the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and feedback responding to learners at home <p>Hopefully that is working, teachers are looking for room in the afternoon to be making contact with children and families that require support. We do sometimes resort to phone calls due to internet and teams not working always.</p> <p>Have nearly completed consultations with parents where children have not been attending school. On Friday will send form link to parents for children that have been in school to arrange a session after school. These teams call with teacher to look at the children's strengths and talk about the areas that need working on.</p> <p>The school is noticing a complete fatigue with students. This week and next weeks work, a lot of families are coming to their limit. There has been a lot to celebrate with home learning - art, cooking etc and really want to celebrate that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for reopening - earliest 8th March <p>Non-Pupil day is now 5th March.</p> <p>No reluctance as yet for any children to return, on a whole children and families are looking forward to returning to school.</p> <p>The government have made it very clear that they want all attendance measures back in place from 8th March. Hence if a child does not attend then they will get a non-attendance mark.</p> <p>Staff planning now is about the 4 weeks from March 8th to the end of</p>	

term and the curriculum during this time.

Also add some targeted learning, we are expecting gaps in reading, maths and spelling, so will be the main areas of focus for targeted learning.

Catch up curriculum Funding, have some from last time and the new amount to use for targeted learning gap and emotional support. AD is keen to link this funding with the SENDco position. The money we receive would amount to 1 day a week over a 3 or 4 term period in addition to the regular SENDco role.

The majority of the SEND children have been attending school so intervention support is being given. The means that many of these children are making great progress.

Know that other young people will come back and need some targeted support.

There will be a big emphasis on the transition to Secondary school. We won't have the usual things in place, so will be working on this with the secondary schools.

Marwood are wanting to get sports and art back in a big way.

Won't get a residential in 2021, but we are looking at opportunities for the curriculum. Experience day opportunities – like the history we held at school recently which was amazing. We will be seeking funding from Fullerbrook CIC to try to set these up.

Parents will not be able to come into the school site, we will use the 3 gates as in September.

Does transitioning between classes need to be a focus as well? Positive things have already happened, current year 2 when in year 1 had Natalie as their class teacher. Staff do cross between bubbles so there is some familiarity. Children are familiar with some aspects. It is difficult to do large scale groups but we must ensure we have parent interactions to keep confidence up.

New intake in September is 17 possibly 18 which is great. We don't do online learning journeys, but these parents won't have seen inside the school. Would a virtual tour and opportunity to meet the class teacher help for new intake and transitions? Yes we can look at that.

ACTION: AD to develop Class tours lead by children

AD

Ofsted – will be attending onsite visit from 8th March for qualifying complaints, RI and revisits schools. They are saying in the documentation that inspections will be back on for April with grades. AD think it might change as Ofsted will need to be seeing what is happening in school prior to this happening and certainly local inspectors think grading inspections will be starting in September.

There will be a few changes to how the school operates. Things like playtime, lunch etc will be much the same as it works. Staff will however be expected to wear masks in corridors/non teaching areas so we will be reviewing this in our risk assessment. There will be no tests or masks for the children.

Main differences are what we will be doing curriculum wise. We will do what we do best by assessing where are children are at, reviewing the gaps and then targeting those gaps so that each child has a plan.

			<p>Assessment – Babcock put their offer out, to support schools who want to use old Sats tests in a non judgmental way. We will do that in a non exam way. But their writing offer is really strong using Pobble, where each child builds up to a piece of individual writing. In BLCT we are looking at all 5 schools doing same pobble unit and then we can moderate together.</p> <p>We will be able to use previous phonics papers and for Early Years they will continue to be evaluated to the 12 main areas on EYFS.</p> <p>What call our recovery curriculum? – renewal or opportunity, building back or together.</p>	
			General Governance	
1.5 20/21	7.58	Any Other Business	<p>Will governors be holding face to face meetings? We can maybe do that after June.</p> <p>LQ conveyed the governors thanks to AD and the whole team for their continued effort, thinking outside the box and support to all families.</p> <p>AD said that the support has been fabulous throughout the whole time, we have pulled together during the difficult times and hopefully we are coming out the other side.</p>	
1.6 20/21	8.00	Date of Next Meeting	<p>Do we need a further catch-up meeting ref covid-19? Unless some major change to the current government plans no need to have a review till after Easter - 28th April at 7pm</p> <p>Dates in the diary already:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FGB – Wed 24th Mar 7pm <p>The Meeting ended at 7.54pm</p>	