

Bridgemere CE Primary School Governing Body Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Monday 19th @ 6pm

Part One

Present

E Ford LF (Chair) B Dolman (EHT) C Middleton (HOS) S Knott, S Willington, E Fradley J Forshaw, S Foyle, R Lewis, J Morgan.

Apologies

No apologies

Declaration of Interests

The EHT will e-mail the declaration of business and pecuniary interest form to LF (Chair) to forward to governors. EF will accept an e-mail reply as signed declaration due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

Code of Conduct for the GB

CM (HOS) will forward the code of conduct to LF who will complete on behalf of all the governors.

Minutes of previous meetings July 13th & 23rd September 2020.

The minutes from both meetings were approved.

Matters arising

No Matters arising

LF explained that the GB Plan will be completed by EHT, HOS and herself.

Roles and Responsibilities

E Ford - Chair

S Knott – Vice Chair

J Morgan – Safeguarding

R Lewis – H&S and Training & Development

E Fradley – SEN

S Foyle – Pupil Premium

J Forshaw - PE

Head of School Report – Autumn 2020

The report had been uploaded onto the Governor Hub prior to the meeting for the governors to read.

The Chair commented that the attendance from the start of the term was excellent.

The new Active 30 coach Mr Owens is working with children in their bubbles and equipment is not shared across the classes. Mr Owens is also wearing a face mask. The playing of hockey was discussed as children are using wooden hockey sticks. The EHT asked the HOS to purchase some plastic hockey sticks. The children are already using the correct airflow balls. The HOS will ask Mr Owens for the risk assessment. Hockey will stop until all equipment is available and the risk assessment is undertaken.

The issue regarding the fire bell in the EYFS area was discussed and this needs to be resolved.

Data – This was in the report to inform governors as teachers have been assessing children for progress. Where extra support is needed the catch-up curriculum and funding will be used to support this. Teachers will adapt teaching over the next half term as necessary.

SDP 2020-21

The SDP had been uploaded onto the Governor Hub prior to the meeting for the governors to read.

The Chair asked if any adjustments had been made to the SDP due to the school closing and the HOS explained that some objectives had been carried over, for example Read Write Ink. RSE was to be a statutory requirement from September but this now becomes statutory next April. A new objective to ensure the school has an effective remote

learning strategy in place with an effective policy has been added, this it to be discussed and planed at a later date. The wellbeing of pupils and staff objective is to be carried on.

As a Church of England school the SIAMS inspection is due and RE has been left on as an objective. The new RE lead is the HOS and EF agreed to sit on the committee to discuss the school's Christian statement to allow this to become embedded and underpin worship sessions.

SEF 2019-20

The SEF had been uploaded onto the Governor Hub prior to the meeting for the governors to read.

Pupil Outcomes – The HOS explained that the evaluations had been made through lesson observations and book scrutinises. The pupil outcomes were taken from the spring term data by teacher assessments and the results showed EYFS – good KS1 – Requires Improvement and KS2 – Good but no SATS tests were taken.

Behaviour and Attitudes is good and the Chair asked the HOS to congratulate the children on their behaviour and attitudes and the way they conduct themselves and attend school every day.

The EHT undertakes a half termly review with the HOS to benchmark against the SEF.

SIAMS SEF APRIL 2020

This document needs updating to reflect the changes and the HOS will update this. The HOS is to arrange a meeting with JM via e-mail to complete this.

Remote Learning – policy, contract and contingency plan

The contingency plan, contract and policy had been uploaded onto the Governor Hub prior to the meeting for governors to read.

The contingency plan and policy will be uploaded onto the website on 22nd October.

One change on the policy on page 2 to change Trust to school is to be made then governors approved the policy.

The EHT explained the contingency plan is used to deliver the policy and the principals of remote learning. The scenarios that could be faced are an individual child self-isolating or a whole bubble sent home. The principals for remote learning include regular contact with children, a timetable and for children to have contact with their teachers. There is a framework for each key stage.

All teachers are to be given one day's supply cover in order for them to pull together packs for children who need to stay at home, voice overs for powerpoints and some live streaming. The teachers will complete an overview for a whole week so that children know how to access the remote learning from home.

A plan for computing will allow children to get ready and make sure the children know how to access what gets sent to them to enable them to learn. Goggle meet has a recording function that will not add to teachers workload.

The SLT are undertaking google site training on signposting to websites. The EHT will go through with all staff.

Although the plan is going slower that first thought it is important to ensure it is right.

Expectations will be clear to parents and parents will be asked to sign these. The governors felt parents would be happy to sign. If parents are not happy to sign then children would be given paperwork but the EHT would follow up with a conversation to help deliver remote learning.

There is to be workshops after half term with parents.

RSE Policy for approval

Governors approved the policy

Finance Update

The School Bursar had uploaded the finance summary onto the Governor Hub prior to the meeting.

The Budget V Actuals is showing a surplus.

The DFC money will be used to purchase some of the chromebooks, but the extra would need to come from the surplus. Governors approved the spend from the surplus.

£5080 of catch up funding will be received for interventions and the EHT will add this to the pupil premium statement to explain the expenditure.

Ofsted Update

At present Ofsted inspections that are taking place, are about gathering information on how schools have responded to Covid. No Judgements are being made. Schools will receive 1 days notice and have a 1 day visit that is a Leader focus discussion with no governor stakeholder involvement. Attendance, safeguarding and the curriculum will be looked at and how the schools have adapted policies. Normal inspections may begin again in January 2021.

Directors Report

The report had been uploaded onto the Governor Hub prior to the meeting. Section 10 Safeguarding needs to be completed and the HOS will contact J M to arrange this.

Covid Update

Recommendation from the Education Recovery group is for all staff and parents to now wear face masks in communal areas as the rates in both LA's rise. The HOS will update the risk assessment and forward to LF and SK. The Chair thanked all the staff and parents for their co-operation and hard work.

Road Safety

Two issues relating to road safety were discussed. The SID sign is not working and therefore not informing drivers of their speed. Cheshire East Council have been informed and know this equipment is not working.

The road is not on the gritting plan as there is no criteria for it to be, but governors felt this could be an oversight due to the rural school. The EHT will contact Highways as this is disadvantaging children at the school. She will also write to the MP. JF will log this with the council as a resident and LF will contact them as Chair. JF also asked for any near misses to be logged.

AOB

No AOB