



Christ Church C of E VC Infant School

Standards & Curriculum Committee

Caring Governors, Courageously Challenging, Inspiring All

Minutes of meeting held at School 13th November 2020 @ 9.05am

Committee Members: Anna Martin, Gareth Jones, Amelia Gould, Charlotte Munday, Paul Graham, Sheryl Stenner, Belinda Stowe, Robin Butcher, Jackie Orr, Julie Wilkins.

Clerk: Cath Evans

11/20 Welcome & Apologies

None today

12/20 Pecuniary Interests

None

13/20 Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes signed off.

14/20 Governors actions and commitments

Set the attendance target: 97% Already set.

Set Pupil performance target: Last meeting

15/20 Heads Report

Report attached to agenda

Quite concerned with the big gap in writing, not so obvious in phonics. Head has identified some children who will get the catch up funding, the children will be chosen that have been affected by the lockdown rather than the ones that were behind before that. We have employed 2 new teachers to cover in classes to release the class teachers to give those children the best input possible. EYFS are really great cohort and seem to be adjusting well to school life.

Monitoring, we are being put under a lot of pressure by the LA for the quality of teaching. We are feeling confident about our standards. The new phonics scheme needed adjusting so we have tweaked that and its working much better, has had a small impact on funding with the need to do £100 worth of laminating for new resources. Head has been having head teacher catch ups which end up being about wellbeing which helps so much to know other heads rae in the same situation and struggling. LA putting on pressure with the SIP when in real terms more time is being spent on preparing and the normal school day to make it Covid friendly, even parents evenings take so much longer to organise just so we can all be socially distanced and there seems to be no understanding from the LA that things are not normal . SIP mean heads are so under more pressure.

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Teachers are being constantly contacted by the unions that they should not have to be teaching in these conditions, which is affecting their wellbeing and stress levels. Head is trying to keep morale up when actually everyone is finding it difficult. It's hard to keep smiling for the children so they are not afraid staff are really emotional and drained by the current situation.

Chair has offered support from the Governors

PIVATS is being used in a slightly different way which have skewed the data.

Moments of Joy; we are doing a weekly moment of joy that will be really nice for the children to have something lovely each week to look forward to. We are celebrating children's birthdays in school as they can't have a parties out of school at the moment.

Giving the teachers flexibility to interpret the planning to suit their children has helped with stress levels.

16/20 SEN & PP: PPGovernor to give update:

PP Governor and SENCo talked about PP more than SEN as they ran out of time. Ask PP Governor to share the report that she has created. Vulnerable bunch in Year 2.

Governor suggests doing a second PP leaflet drop.

Chair praises how well we are handling the hardship of our families. And SENCos texts seem to engage our families better.

Laptops will be provided to our PP children in lockdown and food parcels will be available from next Monday so we have things in place to support those families.

Is there opportunity for those family receiving the laptops that they will get support on setting them up and to use them? Head will try and support them when they are delivered.

Most families access the learning from their phones to be honest. So the laptops may not be necessary.

17/20 Deputy Head Report:

Verbal curriculum update:

Adapting the digital folder so that all the teachers have the three 'i's covered. Keeping things consistent. Clear skills progression. Assessment: collecting photographic evidence. Collecting data on Insight, so it's easy to see by subject how to tweak the plans for the progress of children. Should help the staff with their workload (and wellbeing). Staff feeling pressure about the amount of work for different subjects as the subject leads are providing too much for each subject - staff need to feel like they can adapt the plans and use less of it if necessary. We want to keep expectation high, we think that this will benefit the children more.

Art project: clay hearts were created by all children and they are being made into an installation so we should have ours back soon for the children to feel more of a community with the other local schools.

Phonics screening needs to be done by 18.12.20 we will start doing them now, just in case we have any Y2 classes that will need to isolate before that deadline

18/20 Policy Review

Anti-bullying: Unchanged

Computing: Unchanged

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RSE Policy: We have been teaching what was necessary anyway, so our lesson plans have not been affected. Parents are allowed to remove children from the teaching of the Sex part of the lesson but not the Relationship part, doesn't really affect infant age children. Approved. Needs to be taken to FGB.

Assessment Policy: Unchanged

19/20 AOB

Governor has requested when new additions that get sent out after the initial agenda etc can they be sent as a 'reply all' from the original message so they are all in one place. Teams can create a file of all the documents that are required for each meeting.

Moments of joy for staff would be nice for wellbeing

Nativities are happening but class by class and provided to parents as a video, so lovely for the parents to have a bit of normal!

9/20 Date of Next meeting: 29.01.21

Meeting closed @ 9.56am