



St Nicholas Catholic Primary School (Academy)
Part 1 Minutes of Local Governing Board

Date	17th November 2021	Time	6pm in School
Governor Attendees			
Name	Type of Governor	Present	Apologies
Angela Folland	Executive Headteacher	Y	
Kelli Reynolds	Head of School	Y	
Angela Bosley	Foundation	Y	
Frankie Phillips	Foundation	Y online	
Fr Jonathan Stewart	Foundation	Y	
Luke Robinson	Foundation	Y	
Frances Dennehy	Foundation	Y	
Alex Hill	Community	N	Y
Denise Sparkes	Staff	N	Y
James Cookson	Foundation	N	Y
Other Attendees		Present	Apologies
Ali Brocksom	Clerk to Governors	Y	

Agenda Ref	Item	Decision Question Action
1	Prayer Fr Jonathan led a prayer.	
2	Apologies & Declarations of Interest for this meeting Apologies from DS, AH and JC for this meeting were sanctioned. LR declared a conflict of interest as he was involved in the interview panel.	
3	Agree any items of business to be discussed at the end of the meeting that are not on agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AF statement • LR statement 	
4	Agreement of Part 1 and 2 minutes of last meeting (15/9) These were agreed and signed. Outstanding items / actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider further training and support for adults on being the 'safe adult' PIPs (de-escalation) training may be scheduled on the next NPD to address this action.	D

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Safeguarding

Attendance is just under 95% but we had 17 children with positive COVID and others isolating pending PCR tests as well as seasonal illnesses. Two families either refused or could not take a PCR test and so children with symptoms isolated for 10 days. We have systems in place to ensure we are safeguarding the children in and out of school and we are setting home learning.

We have had 7 TAFs last half term, 11 VISTs (8 were for 1 family as a VIST is produced for each child). Support has been put in place for these vulnerable families. We have had 2 MASH referrals and 1 MASH consultation. .

2 children are identified as 'Child in Need' and 1 is 'Child Protection. KR attends regular meetings for these children. Support is in place.

There have been 4 exclusions for 3 children. All have C&I difficulties and support has been reviewed and is in place.

9 EHCPs and 3 applications are awaiting decisions.

Are there any implications for excluding children with C&I needs? (JS) We have worked with 2 agencies for the child with 2 exclusions and mum is engaged. Sending him home has allowed us to review and consider his provision and ensure what we offer on his return is right. It is challenging to try to meet his needs and give some 1:1 support as we have limited staff to support him. Other TAs are already working with other children who have very specific needs and EHCPs.

We have a child recently diagnosed with diabetes who needs additional support at all times to offer medical support as needed. Much training has already taken place in school but more is scheduled. We have no funding for this adult support.

Are COVID numbers fluctuating? (LR)

We had an initial flurry last term that died down but we are seeing symptoms rise again. A few staff members have had it recently. We continue to monitor numbers.

School Security update

Concerns were raised by CAST about security and unauthorised access to school and they have funded a new system which locks the front gate at all times. Other gates are locked at specific times (9am and 3.10pm)..

We are also still investigating a barrier for the car park and obtaining quotes.

The meeting moved to part 2.

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7	<p>Governors <u>Autumn term visit/s as per the Schedule of Accountability / new schedules, policy and processes as per Chair's letter from CAST</u></p> <p>CAST have sent out an updated schedule of accountability and set out visits we are expected to have. LR will write to Governors and set out expectations in detail.</p> <p><u>Discussion about Chair of Governors after January</u> LR will stay on until the end of the school year.</p> <p><u>Parent Governor Election</u> a few parents have expressed some interest in the role but we have received 1 application. AB will invite this person to the next meeting and undertake administration to appoint them to this role.</p> <p>Governors thanked Fr Jonathan for his visits to the school and care of the staff in his role as Pastoral Support Governor.</p>	
8	<p>Policies The CAST Governor Visit policy was noted.</p>	
9	<p>Matters arising since agenda distributed as identified at item 3 AF read a statement to the Governing Body.</p> <p>LR thanked Angela on behalf of the LGB for all she has done for the school, her care, leadership and dedication, all underpinned by her Catholic values.</p>	
10	<p>Correspondence None received.</p>	
	Next meeting: Date TBA	

Luke Robinson
Chair

Ali Brocksom
Clerk

Date