

Eardisley C E Primary School Governors

FULL GOVERNORS

Minutes – Tuesday 30th September 2025

5pm - IN SCHOOL

Caroline Morris - Chair Co Opted Governor	✓	Chris Malone LA Governor	✓	Juliet Clark Clerk	✓
Phil Whittall – Vice Chair Co Opted Governor	✓				
Laura Williams Headteacher	✓	Suzanne Raymond Parent Governor	✓		
Annabelle Griffiths Staff Governor	✓	Angharad Blandford Parent Governor	✓		
Marcus Small Ex-Officio	AP	Mike Browning Parent Governor	✓		
Susan Brown Foundation Governor	✓	Doug Mundford Parent Governor	✓		

- To receive and if agreed, accept apologies.**
Apologies were received and accepted from MSm
- Governors absent with no submitted apology - none**
- To receive declarations of interest.**
None
Reminder given regarding confirming received Code of Conduct
- Election of Chair & Vice Chair. CMo proposed as Chair by SR/seconded by SB
PW proposed by CMa as Vice Chair/seconded by DM. All in favour.
AB proposed to continue as Parent Governor by PW/seconded by SR
SB approved by Diocese to continue as foundation governor for another term.
- To confirm membership and remit of Committees for this academic year. All members agreed to stay on committees.
Ethos – MS/SB/LW/CMo
Curriculum – LW/CMo/SB/CMa/MB/AB
LW to arrange meetings after school
- To approve minutes of last meetings held on 14th July 2025**
Minutes from the meeting held on 14th July 2025 were signed and agreed.

Matters arising – Auditor for School Fund. CMa knows of someone willing to take this on - Richard Powell. All agreed for CMa to formally ask him.
C Hoskins has completed her deputy DSL training.

7) Headteacher's Report to Governors. Previously Circulated:

Thank you from LW for her warm welcome.

CQ. DM I notice from the HT report how low the SEND support provided is compared to the numbers of SEND pupils present. How is the school currently tackling this, particularly given the strain resources in some year groups?
Does the school or LA have a position on the consultation about the future of EHCPs? Do we know yet if government changes will have material effect on support?
<https://send-network.co.uk/posts/the-future-of-ehcps-what-we-know-so-far>
Our local MP has been raising Herefordshire's SEND funding challenges in parliament, has the school contacted her office?
Are there any specific areas where parents and the PTFA could help shine a light on the challenges and add weight to the school's case?

A High level of TA support in classes. Not all SEND students have top up funding. Staff are stretched but looking to re-arrange this. Consultation about EHCP ongoing. Some students are suitable in mainstream school – more consultation required. There is a Government paper atm – too many EHCPs so funding not sustained. LA need more positions in place – they have just allocated a KS1 position so right direction.

Discussion on Ofsted curriculum update – new tool in November. Review due anytime. New SDP and SEF changes for after half term. Early Years changes also. 2 staff have received PED first aid training.

CQ. CMa I am interested in what you and the staff learnt from the learning walk focusing on environment and how to support our pupils (curriculum section of report)?

A. Next step displays/support for children/Christian values and working together. Clearer, smaller steps. New scheme White Rose (starts in Nursery).

Discussion on curriculum. Generous music donation from anonymous ex pupil

CQ. SB The figure for persistent absence seems high, what constitutes 'persistent absence'?
A. Because early in term it is somewhat swayed – usually over 12 weeks. There have been several holidays at the beginning of term, fair amount of illness. When pupil missing 10% of time persistent absence is flagged. This is being worked on and hopefully improving.

Discussion on Phonics – course for parents? Miss Pritchard running one following week.
Governors SIAMS course? CMa will be doing one and to report back. LW to send out link.
CMo attended in person LA training for HT appraisal last night. Signed up for some more.
CMa thanked staff for putting themselves forward and being very supportive to LW. CH deputy SGL, training completed. Laptop will be available in staff room for staff to enter on My Concern.
IT Governor required – DM nominated and accepted.
Early Years baseline completed. Visits to Bizzie Lizzies and Clifford Pre School.
School Review with Laura Bromberg – Cmo and CMa to attend.

- 8) **SDP/SEF** – deferred to next meeting
- 9) **Finance**
Meeting scheduled for next week.
Supply costs are high – due to cover requirements. Hoping this will decrease after half term.
- 10) **Pay Progression – next agenda**
- 11) **Curriculum Reports; Governor Reporting Cycle - None**
- 12) **Policies for review: On Teams**
Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy
Few changes to be made; Named LADO – all agreed to remove name.
- 13) **Health & Safety**
Some conflict on emergency lighting between fire safety officer and sentinel regarding sensors in cupboards. PA in process of getting confirmed. H&S report circulated. A H&S Governor is required. PW agreed to take this on.
- 14) **Wellbeing**
A video had been shared with GB and all agreed was very good. Show video to staff?
Well being notice on staff board? Questionnaire again next year – to be tweaked.
Thanks to Chris.
- 15) **Further matters**
CMo attended training previous night.
GB in need of another Co Opted Governor – discussion on needs. Legal expertise?
Contact HGA?
AB asked if her SG certificate from College would suffice as was unable to attend the training in school – to send to Clerk
SB asked if Rev Katie would like to come in and do talk about her walk/trip? To be asked if anyone sees her? CMA asked if she may be able to deputise for MS at Governors meetings? MS to be asked first.

AOB

Next Agenda – Mandatory Training.

Next meeting 5 pm

Meeting closed 6.20 pm



24.11.25

