

EARDISLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOVERNORS' MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2024 AT 5 PM

Present:

PW (Chair)	C Ma
BK (Headteacher)	SR
C Mo (Vice Chair)	AB
SB	JH (6.25 pm)
MSa	

1 **Apologies** LB/MSm/SE **Action**

2 **Declaration of Interest** SE

None.

Code of Conduct

Any Outstanding

SE

3 **Minutes of last meeting & Matters Arising**

Minutes of the meeting from 23rd January 2024 had been previously circulated, these were agreed as a true record and signed by Chair as correct.

Matters Arising – C Ma gave update on targets for reading/writing and maths. It seems to be a long-term government aim rather than a year-by-year target. When told national percentages in July, we can compare results then.

4 **Headteacher's Report (previously circulated)**

Head had circulated her report prior to the meeting which she ran through. She thanked all the GB following the OFSTED inspection, special thanks to those that were able to attend.

Discussion on numbers on roll. GB member mentioned the general trend across Herefordshire of drop in numbers. **CQ** Member asked if this was a downward trend or just next year? The trend is a drop in numbers, Europe wide. However, Erdisley is reasonably buoyant and our strong reputation, along with the pre-school proximity and connection is a real bonus.

Attendance – Gov't increasing the focus on attendance. It looks like this will be more stringent going forward. To look at Attendance Policy in Summer Term ready for Sept. The ongoing situation with school refuser – home visits had been made and school is following all due processes.

Safeguarding – Head presented her report to update governors on salient information. 2 issues/incidents which are ongoing. OFSTED reported effective SG arrangements. Q

GB member asked if the meetings with parents had been useful? Yes, beneficial even if only a few attended.

SEND - Discussion on any current SEN needs, which along with the national context, are high level and rising. 2 more applications for EHCP, turned down but top up funding has been granted.

Behaviour - 2 fixed term suspensions – working very hard with external agencies and different measures. **CQ** Member asked if this had made a difference? Sometimes it does and sends out a signal to external agencies so helps in the long term. Discussion on general behaviour in the county.

School Performance

No KS1 SATS this year for the first time ever. Will use to support internal assessment processes only.

Premises

Report later from PA.

Parental Engagement

BK proposed that the new school day times should be delayed to September – all the GB agreed.

Curriculum

- BK reported the curriculum shown in the OFSTED report.
- World Book Day – thank you to C Ma for coming in to read a book her daughter illustrated to the children. Lovely gifts of a book each for Yr R and bookmarks for Yr 1. **BK**
- GB member unable to attend had sent the following Q. What links do we have with LHS to access subject specialists? Do you access DATA support for KS2 DT.
- Discussion on music curriculum. We used to have more links with LHS but has fallen off radar. May be worth approaching them and Kingsland. Q GB asked if we have anyone coming in? Yes, Wider Opp Music Services/Charlotte gives piano and oboe lessons/Mr Salter guitar lessons. Hoping we may have violin again at some point. Also in house Choir club with Mrs W.

Behaviour & Attitudes

Whole staff training discussed.

Leadership & Management

New Website looking great. MAT meeting went well. Invite Diocese to a meeting? BK to look into.

Early Years

BK presented report from CP.

SIAMS

Due inspection next year or following year.

5 **SDP/SEF**

None

6 **Curriculum Reports/Governor Reporting Cycle**

- Science report from AG presented to governors.
- Computing report from CP ran through. Good meeting with Tom (IT) about updating equipment.
- EYFS report from CP presented. Discussion on formal learning/play balance.
- History report. MSa presented his report. Possibility of whole school history quiz?

Q. Does the time line help? A. Yes it is used a lot. SR mentioned she has some old coins she could lend to school.

7 **Policies for Discussion/Approval -**

None

8 **Reports from Committees and Link visits: Governor Visits Cycle**

None met except pre-OFSTED meeting.

- 9 **Finance**
Minutes previously circulated. SB told the GB all looks good.
- 10 **Well Being Charter**
Discussion on doing well being staff survey annually. Decided on same questions in order to compare. Discussion on where staff can gain help. Q Who does HR? A Hoople. Look into what external services may be available? Any input to C Ma.
- JH Arrived at 6.25 pm.*
- 11 **Highways Issues**
Incidents on crossing compiled by Kelly Munford. Looking into the possibility of 20 mph speed limit outside school in mornings and afternoons.
- 12 **Health & Safety**
Report previously distributed by SBM updating GB on all H&S matters. All up to date.
- 13 **Request for Flexi Schooling**
Discussion on extending the previous request due to exceptional offer of coaching from world class coach. An afternoon throughout the year. **CC** Member asked if this will affect studies? A: Not adversely – largely during PE/Swimming lessons which will be covered out of school. OFSTED/DFE spoken to for advice and no concerns. Gifted and talented needs supporting, and GB gave full agreement to the proposal.
- 14 **AOB**
Policy – Discussion on Aggressive and Abusive Behaviour to Staff **(to include Governors by parents and public)**– to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 15 **Items for next Agenda**

Dates of Meetings for Coming Year

Tues 7th May 2024 5 pm
Tues 25th June 2024 5 pm
Weds 25th Sept 2024 5 pm

Meeting closed at 6.45 pm