

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY PERFORMANCE AND STANDARDS MEETING HELD TUESDAY 28TH JUNE 2022; COMMENCING AT 5.30 P.M. AT WHITESTONE INFANT SCHOOL, MAGYAR CRESCENT, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

Present : Mrs. N. Green, Mr. C. Atkins, Mr. M. Hartopp, Mr. P. Johnson, Mrs. P. Jones, Mr. P. Stokes, Mrs. M. Burdett, Dr. S. Hill and Mrs. R. Warwick.

In Attendance : Miss. J. Ivers (Deputy Head), Mrs. L. Knox (School Business Manager) and Miss. G. Matt (Clerk).

Guest Speaker : Mrs. S. Kilburn – SENCO.

In The Chair – Mr. M. Hartopp.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

The Chair, Mr. Hartopp welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. K. Turner, Mr. S. Shaw, Mrs. F. Chadaway and Mr. D. Robinson.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 were read, agreed and signed by the Chair.

There were no matters arising.

3. Declaration of Interest.

Mr. Atkins declared an interest in items relating to Chetwynd Junior School, Etone College and the NGA.

Mr. Johnson declared an interest in items relating to Stockingford Academy and Nursery Hill Primary School.

Mrs. Burdett declared an interested in items relating to Holy Spirit MAT.

4. Review Pupil Attainment and Progress.

Annual SEND Report had been previously circulated. Copy with original minutes. Last week the report was submitted to the LA.

Mrs. Kilburn reported that progress was impressive with a good SEND set up. This is the first year of a four-year cycle. We have received no complaints. In November 2022 all staff will receive SEND training and Autism training from the LA (free of charge).

Governors asked Mrs. Kilburn if the finance and support was sufficient to deliver SEND.

Mrs. Kilburn replied yes and that LA support was good, with much carried out internally. This stops external provision. Internal provision is best for the pupils in their own established environment.

More SEND pupils enter Whitestone every year. In September 2022, there are pupils entering Reception with EHCPs. The LA has not the time/staff to produce formal reports at the moment. Whitestone needs the correct pupil documentation. The parent feedback is that pupils are extremely supported. SEND questionnaires would be sent out to parents, as part of the evidence.

Mrs. Green stated that many parents were directed to Whitestone for its SEND support. Parents can view the governor's engagement on parent view.

Year 1 Phonics. 90 pupils took the test and 76 pupils achieved. 14 pupils did not achieve and will re-sit the test. This is a lower baseline cohort. These pupils will receive additional support in Year 2. Parent phonic workshops are well attended.

Governors enquired were there any comparison with other schools.

Mrs. Green replied no, not at this stage.

Considerable money has supported reading this year. Parents have watched a video that explains and shows the achievements required in reading. Read a piece of work and talk about what the words mean. It is a model for parents to follow when reading at home with pupils.

Tracking Attainment Data. Mrs. Kilburn stated that Covid was a new starting point (no data collected during Covid). No comparison to follow. Writing, hard to make progress. There is strong attainment in RWI levels. The PP gap remains. Maths this year, there has been intervention in order to keep pupils with line with the main class.

In Year 2, the TAs are skilled in focusing on these pupils. Additional sessions given to pupils who need extra support to catch up. O-track cannot measure the data in Year 1. Early Years curriculum and O-track do not match up. Age related in the national curriculum must be shown.

Governors enquired what the situation is if O-track cannot match the data, do we need another system to run alongside O-track.

Miss. Ivers replied that staff would undertake manual assessments and that all systems have the same problems as O-track.

Mrs. Green stated that there is positive attainment and progress in this data.

Governors thanked Mrs. Kilburn for her report, who then left the meeting at 6.05 p.m.

Year 2 attainment. This is the first full year at school, 'post' covid. Teacher assessments reported progress.

Year 1. Summer 2022. Reading 73%. Writing 73%. Maths 78%.

Year 2. Summer 2022 Reading 80%. Writing 72%. Maths 84%.

Governors enquired with PP how are we assured that best practice is being undertaken to close the gap.

Mrs. Green replied that this would be confirmed when we receive the Review.

Miss. Ivers stated PP pupils are making progress; this is hard to show, when there are few PP pupils at Whitestone. The evidence is in the workbooks. PP pupils are making more than expected progress.

Governors stated that we have knowledge of what is being undertaken in the addressing situations, if asked at an Ofsted Inspection.

SATs Appraisal Summer 2022. Based on teacher assessments and backed up by SATs evidence in workbooks. Throughout the year, there has been internal moderation.

Governors stated that Writing was higher than Reading.

Mrs. Green replied that we are developing the Writing area.

Reception and EYS Attainment. GLD = 73% (good level development).

Governors asked about the baseline assessment of Reception pupils entering Whitestone in September 2022.

Mrs. Green stated that all pupils must achieve all areas of Early Years Learning goal. EY progress is recorded differently than Year 1 and Year 2. Good position in September 2022 for Year 1. Pleased with outcomes and progress made. 27% of pupils would need intervention. Early Years learning stays on until the standard reached to move on to Year 1 curriculum.

5. Feedback from Governor Day.

The Governor Day was held on Monday 20th June 2022. Governors came into school to observe a normal working on school day with the opportunity to join in activities.

Mr. Stokes was amazed at the pace of the day. Attended a wellbeing session with Mrs. Mathieson, where two pupils opened up to her, regarding their problems. Had a school lunch and observed working in Reception.

Mr. Johnson stated is good to see the pace and activity in school. All the adults were helping to focus on the lessons to support pupils. Maths session was at a quick pace, learning tables. A boy required extra support, this was noticed and support given. Good behaviour. Pupils were organised and some gave up their dinnertime to work on the eco garden. Science was undertaken the Whitestone Way. He was welcomed and had an enjoyable day. There was good support for new teachers.

Mr. Hartopp attended two intervention sessions. Pupils were engaged and switched on. He talk to TAs. The Covid workload continues.

Dr. Hill joined the lunchtime supervisors in the playground. He observed the MDS staff member targeting activity who engaged with pupils skipping on the playground. He attend a Science class, there were a few low level issues. Stepping Stones transition issues. Positive and informative day.

Mrs. Warwick attended Year 1 Maths. The way two pupils held a pencil had an impact on their handwriting. Good group work. Positive class behaviour. An enjoyable day.

Mrs. Burdett stated that pupils were eager to learn in the two Maths lessons that she attended in Reception. At lunchtime in the school hall pupils had good manners. She noted the high noise level in the school hall.

Mrs. Green replied that a noise assessment in the hall had been undertaken and all levels were recorded within permitted limits; it was too costly to co modify.

Mr. Atkins observed many great lessons. TAs were supporting pupils to achieve, meeting challenges and build their confidence. There was good behaviour throughout the school. The Owls nest supported each other struggling with Reading.

The governors thanked Mrs. Green and the staff for a most interesting and informative day, in observing how the school runs on a normal daily basis.

6. Policies.

Home Learning Policy, ECT Policy and Teaching & Learning Policy.

The above policies had been previously circulated.

After a discussion, the governors agreed the Home Learning Policy, ECT Policy and Teaching & Learning Policy that were signed and dated by the chair.

7. Correspondence.

The Clerk has emailed the Governors Information from the LA.

8. Any Other Business.

(a) Mrs. Pope, TA is retiring after thirty-two years at Whitestone at the end of the Summer term 2022. The governors wish Mrs. Pope a long and happy retirement.

(b) The Summer Fayre organised by "Friends of Whitestone" on Saturday 26th June 2022 in the school grounds raised £1,900. The governors thanked "FOW" for their continued support in fund raising events.

9. Dates of next meetings.

Pay Committee – Tuesday 5th July 2022; from 5.30 p.m. until 6.30 p.m.

FRS – Tuesday 12th July 2022; from 5.30 p.m. until 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.

Date Signed

(Chair)