

MINUTES OF THE PERFORMANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 2ND JULY 2024; COMMENCING AT 5.30 P.M. AT WHITESTONE INFANT SCHOOL, MAGYAR CRESCENT, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

Present : Mrs. N. Green, Mr. D. Robinson, Mr. C. Atkins, Mr. M. Hartopp, Mr. S. Shaw,
Mr. P. Stokes, Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. S. Farmer and Dr. S. Hill,

In Attendance : Mrs. J. Webster (Deputy Head and observer) and Miss. G. Matt (Clerk).

In The Chair – Mr. S. Shaw.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mrs. Green announced that Mrs. Friswell (proprietor of “Stepping Stones”) and wife of Mr. Friswell, a former and long-standing governor had recently passed away. **Governors agreed to send flowers to the Friswell family and Mrs. Green volunteered to arrange this.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. P. Johnson, Mrs. M. Burdett, Mrs. R. Warwick and Mrs. K. Ford-Lings.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 were read, agreed and signed by the Chair.

ACTION After a discussion, it was agreed that the office staff, Miss. Ivers, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Warwick meet to discuss parents written communications with staff. Mrs. Green stated this was not necessary as all written communication to school is received via the school office.

3. Declaration of Interest.

Mr. Atkins declared an interest in items relating to Chetwynd School and Etone College.

Mrs. Johnson declared an interest in items relating to the Central England Academy Trust.

Mrs. Farmer declared an interest in items relating to Croft Junior School.

4. Review pupil attainment and progress data.

Phonic screening outcome – Year 1 Summer 2 2024. 90 pupils took part and 88% passed the phonics screening. 9 SEND pupils will re-sit the test next year. Year 2, 22 took and 18 passed, this included SEND pupils. Mrs. Green was pleased that everyone attempted the phonics test. 32/40 is the pass mark.

Summer end data for EYFS Attainment YR 2023-2024. Lots of progress from baseline. We are plugging in the gaps in writing. SLT meetings to discuss this with Year 1 teachers. 90 pupils in cohort 44 boys and 46 girls. 9 Pupil Premium (10%). 3 Pupil Premium are also SEND – 33%. 44% are summer born, 13 (14%) SEND including 4 EHCPs – 2 EHCPs in class 1, 1 in class 2 and 1 in class 3. All pupils made expected progress. Pupil Premium pupils progressed well in EYS data. NPP have outperformed the PP in all areas. The greatest difference between the two groups is in writing. There is consistency across year groups and in writing this is most important.

SAT analysis summer term 2024, (for governors’ information). Schools are no longer undertaking SATs as a legal requirement. 90 pupils in a cohort. 22 pupils (24%) in Year 2 are pupil premium of

which: Reading 68% of PP achieved WA Writing 64% of PP achieved WA Maths 77% of PP achieved WA.

In Year 2, 7 children have started since the end of Year 1 – including one child with an EHCP. 11 pupils are SEND – 2 EHCPs in place – 3 EHCPs pending – one of which is going to appeal. Working at expected level. This is a different cohort than last year.

Moderation continues and baseline entry assessment is undertaken for all pupils. Autumn term, on 23rd September 2024, there will be a monitoring session from DFE, in English and maths. **Governors offered their assistance with this.** Mrs. Green thanked the governors, but their support would not be required.

Governors monitored Year 1 and Year 2 progress data. Summary reading, writing and maths attainment, gaps highlighted regarding PP gap between non PP closes over the academic year.

The transition meetings now taking place include pupils' data.

5. Annual SEND Report.

Annual SEND Report, compiled by Mrs. Kilburn had been previously circulated. Copy with original minutes.

The report contained a breakdown of SEND pupil's needs. Progress is the foremost priority. There are 8 pupils with high complex needs. Parents receive a questionnaire to identify how SEND pupils needs have been supported at Whitestone. To upskill staff to meet the needs of SEND pupils, an In-set day on this topic will be held in the next academic year. More pupils with individual SEND needs are entering Whitestone every year. We must be more robust in this area and have recently held a joint meeting Chetwynd regarding the increase in SEND provision required from the LA.

Nuneaton Education Alliance reports low pupil attainment in the Nuneaton and Bedworth area. Increases in staff SEND training to support and meet the needs of SEND pupils. Staff are also receiving training on pupil behaviour in an endeavour to bolster staff resilience and confidence throughout Nuneaton schools.

Mrs. Green has told the LA that Whitestone is underfunded regarding SEND. EHCP Review resulted in Whitestone obtaining extra funding following meetings with the LA. This included the new matrix higher rate funding.

New matrix higher rate funding. WIS pays the first £6,000 per SEND pupil from the school budget. The LA has stated that it will reimburse the financial shortfall to Whitestone for 4 SEND pupils.

Mrs. Webster had been supporting Mrs. Kilburn (SENCo) who is pushed to the limit with SEND cases. Mrs. Webster will take over from Mrs. Kilburn during her maternity leave, so there will be 1 day per week for SEND; extra support will also come from Mrs. Green where needed. There is to be a review of all the SEND staff in school.

Mrs. Green has been looking at SRP, Special Resource Provision for Whitestone. SRP allows pupils to attend mainstream school, whilst accessing special provision. The LA is not interested in SRP at Whitestone, because this would mean providing extra classroom space and the finance involved.

Mrs. Green stated that next year Whitestone will undertake a similar sort of provision ourselves, to meet the needs of individual children. There will be a dedicated area and time for 1:1 in Year 1 and Year 2.

Year 2 SEND pupils have visited Chetwynd to prepare them for their transition in September 2024.
The governors thanked Mrs. Kilburn for her comprehensive Annual SEND Report.

6. Policies.

Nut Fee policy. The governors discussed this policy that was agreed, signed off and dated by the chair.

ACTION The Nut Free policy was agreed by the governors, signed off and dated by the chair.

Mrs. Green reported that following items will be included in the Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions Policy:-

- EpiPens - this would include where the pens are stored, in a backpack or in a classroom.
- Seizures - will include getting risk assessment.
- Diabetes - will include staff receiving training in this area.

7. Correspondence.

The Clerk has emailed the Governors Information from the LA.

8. Any Other Business.

There was no any other business.

9. Dates of the next meetings.

FRSC – Tuesday 9th July 2024; from 5.30 p.m. until 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.25 p.m.

Date Signed

(Chair)