

Governing Body of The Winchcombe School

Minutes of the meeting of
Monday 6th July at 5:00pm (via Zoom)

Present: Neil Pilsworth, (NP) Head teacher, Rachel Redgwell (RR) Chair, Abhinav Sahai (AS) Vice chair, Nida Ahmed (NA), Roy Wood (RW), Natasha Grove (NG), and Regina Kosa (RK) , Derek Peaple (DP)

Apologies: Sophie Kain (SK), Paul Williamson (PW), Vickie Smith (VS)

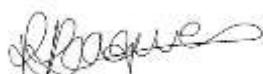
Absent: Chris Harding (CH)

In attendance: Harriet Skinner (HS), Clerk, Sheilagh Peacock (SP) (School Business Manager), Elode Scarlett (ES) Deputy Head teacher

Agenda item		Action
	Introduction	
1.	Apologies: SK, PW & VS <i>The meeting was quorate</i>	
2.	Declaration of any other business (i)Health & Safety (SP)	
3.	Declaration of interests None	
4.	Minutes of the meeting of 27 April 2020 It was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting. RR to sign electronically.	Update website ASAP
5.	Matters arising None – all actions from meeting of 27 th April 2020 completed.	
6.	Head teacher up date NP gave an update on plans in place to re-open the school in September and on the recovery curriculum, details of which will be shared with parents by the end of term, pending further guidance from the DfE. NP reported that wrap around care (Phoenix Club) was unlikely to operate fully until further (possibly 3-4 weeks) into the Autumn term because of the requirement to keep children in their class bubbles.	

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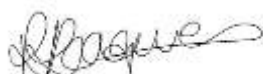


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	The year groups currently attending school are working well and NP outlined plans for virtual transition for pupils moving up, which	Action
	<p>will involve a letter from their previous class teacher and a photo and introduction from their new one. NP explained that there would be no physical transition day because of the logistics of creating new bubbles.</p> <p>The evaluation of the school's development during 2019/20 was discussed and NP concurred that this was a useful exercise. RR asked about consultation with parents on the new curriculum and NP advised that workshops would take place when safe to do so. RW wanted more information about children returning in September and NP explained the plans for staggered play/lunch and school hours to keep everyone safe. RW queried the proposed funding for 1:1 tuition for the pupils who need most help in catching up – NP advised that no details have been given on what this might look like or how much funding would be allocated. Lastly, AS pointed out that the latest government guidance about schools opening has been posted on GovernorHub.</p>	
7.	<p>Safeguarding update</p> <p>RR's report to governors was circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no questions. RR reiterated her assessment that the school has adapted in a creative and dutiful manner to keep children safe. RR cautioned that there was likely to be a spike in social care referrals when schools open again. Safeguarding policies and Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance is likely to focus on mental health in future.</p>	
8.	<p>Report from F&HR Committee</p> <p>RW summarised the minutes of the meeting of 21st June 2020.</p>	

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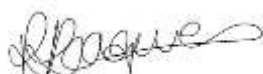
	<p>A concern was raised about the Phoenix Club – as a vital service relied on by parents and loss income to the school. SP cautioned that the school could not claim loss of self-generated income as a Covid 19 expense, although the school would claim for expenditure For PPE and additional cleaning costs.</p> <p>RW asked about provision of Free School Meals during the Summer; SP advised that that school was using the government's FSM voucher scheme.</p>	Action
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>(i)Health & Safety</p> <p>SP raised a concern that although safety measures in school are in place in response to Covid 19, there has been no input from Governance. A H&S visit was scheduled in March which was cancelled due to lockdown - SP felt it would be prudent to book an inspection before the end of term and again before the school opens in September. RR pointed out that during her weekly school visits she has observed robust adherence to H&S as per Government guidance but concurred that a H&S governor visit and report should be given priority.</p> <p>RW volunteered to visit the school for H&S walk around if no governor with H&S experience is available.</p>	Contact H&S govs CH & PW to arrange school visit, RW to cover if needed.
17.	<p>Date & time of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 21st September at 5:00pm</p> <p>The meeting closed at 5:30pm</p>	

Documents circulated with this agenda:

Minutes of the FGB meeting of 27.4.2020
 Minutes of the F&HR Committee meeting of 22.6.2020
 The Winchcombe School Overview July 2020
 Safeguarding report July 2020

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