



**WALTON & LEES HILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 'ZOOM' GOVERNORS MEETING**

MINUTES OF THURSDAY 18th MARCH 2021

1. Apologies for Absence

Action

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs L Irving and Mrs T Mitchinson.

Present:

Mrs M Alston (MA-Chair), Mrs K Lamb (KL), Mr G Lamb (GL), Mrs F Stobbart (FS), Mr P Cronin (PC), Mrs L Rooney (LR), Mrs F Ritson (FR), Mrs V Patrick-Jones (VPJ) and Mr G Shaw (GS).

2. School Improvement Plan 2020-2022

Mrs Stobbart welcomed Mrs V Patrick-Jones to her first GB meeting; Mrs Patrick-Jones thanked the GB and expressed how she is looking forward to her role and excited about being part of the school journey.

Mrs Stobbart explained that she felt the time would be best used discussing the SIP document, rather than reading through it and opened up the opportunity for questions to the meeting.

Mr Shaw wanted to raise two observations; the first being how much of the workload appears to fall to Mrs Stobbart and Mrs Rooney – was there a way around sharing this? Would a longer timeline be more beneficial, as we have effectively lost a year and the other observation was that timescales seemed to be very ambitious and as the GB are very mindful of staff well-being, are staff putting too much pressure on themselves at this moment in time?

Mr Shaw also raised the point that we need an action specifically relating to staff well-being as well as the focus being placed on the well-being of the children.

A discussion took place around relaxing timescales and how maybe a better approach would be to apply a now and next approach. Mr Cronin asked if an end date was required because improving the school is an ongoing cycle. Could we insert a phrase which links the timing of actions being in response to the needs of the children?

We discussed approaches to monitoring and the following ways were agreed as methods that could be used for governor monitoring at the moment;

- Virtual meetings with relevant staff
- Virtual discussions with pupils
- Document sharing and dialogue via e-mail
- Small working groups to move particular aspects forward e.g. promoting school, change of age range
- Visits to school – following a risk assessment and prioritise parent governors and those who have had both vaccines. It was recognised that for some strategic intentions, a visit to school would be necessary, e.g. reading.

For ease of allocating monitoring roles, the strategic intentions were numbered, and governors were asked if any were of particular interest to them.

The table shows how this was agreed;

Strategic intention	Governor responsibility	
Growing School	FR, LI, GL	FS/LR
Reading	LI, MA	FS/LR
Computing	GL	FS/LR
RSE	PC	FS/LR
Curriculum	GS	FS/LR
Well-being	FR, KL, VP	FS/LR

It was also agreed that before the next FGB, each governor would fill in a GB health check document and these will be submitted to the Clerk by Wednesday 21st April 2021, so that she has time to collate them before the next meeting.

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Mrs Stobbart and Mrs Rooney will work together on developing the SIP document further, reflecting on the discussions this evening.

3. Date of Next Meeting(s)

Full Governing Body –
Tuesday 4th May 2021, 6.00pm via Zoom Video Link.