

## ACADEMY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Time: 17:45

Venue: Gorseley Bank Primary School

Clerk: Tanvir Bhakar

Present: N Mitchell, Z Shah, C Liu, S Illingworth, H Thompson, J Maguire, F Bell

Action	Initials
Governors to be placed on mailing list for Gorseley Weekly	JM/TB

Agenda – Part 1				
Category	Item	Notes	Action	
1	Governance Arrangements	Apologies	J Lawson, G Ashworth and L Woolley send their apologies which were accepted by the committee.	
		AOB items	There were no other items of business to be covered in this meeting.	
		Register of interests	There are amendments to be made for two of the Govenors workplaces.	
		Part 1 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.	
		Trust Board Update	Governors were satisfied with the information provided and had no further questions.	
		Link Governor Roles	This document has been updated to help Governors navigate when to book in their meetings with the subject leaders.	
		Crown Street Primary	<p>Heleyna Thompson provided a verbal update on the development of the new Primary School in the Trust. HT noted that they have the keys for the new school and are very excitedly anticipating the opening. An Ofsted Pre Visit was completed in May which was successful. The school passed with no actions needed.</p> <p>HT had a preliminary summary of the School's SCP plan which follows the same four sections as the other Primaries in the Trust.</p> <p><b>Q: Are you getting the support you need from the Trust?</b>  <b>A: Yes.</b><i>b there has been and will be ongoing support from different people in the Trust to support Crowne Street</i></p>	

			<p><i>from the beginning and beyond. There will be support in a SEND capacity.</i></p> <p><b>Q: Is the make up very different?</b></p> <p><i>A: Yes. The demographic is broad and its important to establish links in the community.</i></p>	
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2	School Performance & Accountability		<p>This section of the meeting focused on the Statutory results.</p> <p>The Early Years results were 85% and given the need in the cohort the School is very happy with the outcome. The School is constantly improving provision and the new Phonics scheme has shown marked improvements already.</p> <p>NM commented he visited for the Y4 Multiplication checks and it was interesting to see how they were conducted.</p> <p>KS2 results were impressive especially as it is a higher level need cohort.</p> <p><b>Q: For KS1, are the differences contextualised?</b>  <i>A: There is a high need cohort in year 2. If there is any other provision we can put in for year groups we are implementing so.</i></p> <p><b>Q: Is it expected for the girls to outperform the boys?</b>  <i>A: It is extremely common. The boys usually sit lower and this trend continues into secondary school.</i></p> <p>JM is keen to look at what the team can glean from this cohort. For example. The assessment platform informs the sounds that a child is struggling with the most.</p> <p>2.2 The Governors were provided the EHP Note of Visit but had no further questions.</p> <p>2.3. SDP  This document has been RAG (Red, Amber, Green) rated and the Governors were shown the front page of the new SDP. Writing will be the thematic goal across the SDP.</p> <p>ZS commented she was really happy with the way that the School is making efforts to diversify the Curriculum and helping to enrich the knowledge of the children. This was following discussions about the successful Eid celebrations that took place.</p> <p>2.7 &amp; 2.8  There are certain challenges with certain families but overall JM happy with the processes in place.</p> <p>The new reception cohort has filled 60 spaces which the School are happy about.</p>	
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3	Governor Monitoring	Record of Visits	CL gave a short overview of the DT Curriculum. CL commented that there is an amazing foundation to combine food technology preparation as a bridge for learning for secondary schools.  Safeguarding visit is due after ACM4 and an update will be provided in ACM1.	
		Finance	The Governors received a finance update.  <b>Q: The School continues to eat into the surplus. Do you see this continuing?</b> <i>A: The School knew this would be the case. There is no deficit budget. The Financial Director is positive about getting the School back into profit.</i>	
		Health & Safety	The Governors were satisfied with the update uploaded to Teams.	
		Policies	There were no new policies to be approved by Governors at this meeting.	
		Safeguarding and SEND Link Governor Updates	The update was provided in the Record of Visits. Governors are reminded that there should be three visits each Academic Year and the feedback should be completed in the same RoV so that any developments over the year can be seen more easily.	
4	Governor Developm		Governors were reminded to let the Clerk know of any training completed.	
5	Communit y		The meeting commenced with exit interviews from three pupils in Year 6. They were asked questions by the Governors and gave an honest overview of their time at Gorsey.	
	AOB		The Governors were informed that the Academy Committee Meetings will be reduced to three in hope this will provide the Governors more scope for in School visits.	
	Meeting Dates:		ACM1 16.10.2024 ACM2 10.03.2025 ACM3 15.07.2025	

Impact of Meeting / Key Outcomes
Governors given time to interview Year 6 pupils on their time at Gorsey Bank.
Governors received a Finance update.

Meeting ended at 19:50



**Neil Mitchell**  
**Chair of Academy Committee**  
**16.10.2024**