

held at Newton Poppleford Primary School Tuesday 29th June 2021 at 5.30pm Via Google Meet

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Quorum: *Quorate*

Ref	Agenda Item	Action to be taken
1	Apologies for absence – JR apologies were sanctioned by governors.	
2	Notice – Received	
3	Declaration of business interests relating to the agenda – None	
4	Minutes of last meeting on 4th May 2021 – The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the previous meeting and signed by chair; CT. CT will send signed minutes into school.	CT
5	Matters arising from the meeting on 4th May 2021 – None	
6	<p>Evaluate the schools PSHE, and cultural curriculum – KAPOW Primary curriculum shared with governors prior to meeting. This covers the following areas which are focused on in most year groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families and relationships Health and wellbeing Safety and the changing body Citizenship Economic wellbeing Transition Identity <p>We have already trialled this curriculum in two year groups this year and will be applying to all year groups from September. PSHE will be delivered by class teachers and not as part of wellbeing Wednesday afternoons.</p> <p><i>CT asked are other schools using this package?</i> Yes, it offers lots of resources including videos for RSE which we can share with parents. <i>ND asked will this be delivered as a weekly lesson?</i> Yes. <i>CT asked who is the lead within school for PSHE?</i> Mandy Pullin. <i>CT asked are we linking with the main PSHE hub?</i> Yes, James Morrison has made this link while MP has been on maternity leave. Both SV and JM have been attending meetings. MP will be attending when the Exeter consortium PSHE hub meetings take place again following lockdown.</p> <p><i>CT asked how are the needs of British values being built into the curriculum?</i> This is incorporated into the PSHE curriculum and we hope to restart visitors attending school to help enhance the cultural curriculum once we can. We do try to include as much as possible to enhance the children’s learning of other cultures. PTFA have funded resources to be shared across the classes to support the cultural curriculum.</p>	

7	<p>Report on pupil behaviour, including bullying –</p> <p>James Morrison is working on a new behaviour policy that will be in place before September. Policy is being worked around research staff have completed. SV has circulated google form for staff to complete and the general view is that behaviour is good. 4 bullying incidents have been recorded in the previous 12 months, 2 raised by parents and 2 by staff.</p> <p>An incident took place last week with a child at school, where the police were alerted. This incident has been reviewed by multiple agencies and has resulted in an exclusion.</p> <p><i>MG asked is there any additional support the governors can give to staff, pupils or parents following this?</i> At present there is not, we are working with agencies to support this child moving forward. <i>CT asked has a part timetable been considered to help towards the managing their behaviour?</i> Not particularly but will give us more opportunity to manage his support and reduce the risk where possible. Currently staff and agencies are working together to look at strategies and support that can be put into place. <i>CT asked can the police follow this up?</i> SV advised police have done so in the past but it has not had an impact. <i>CT asked should we consider the governing body writing to the parents?</i> SV advised it may be useful and will support the school staff by reflecting on what behaviour is acceptable. Letter to be sent from SI to parents of this child. <i>CT asked is there any risk of mixing bubbles when an incident may take place?</i> Priority is assessed at all time during an incident and a conclusion would be made to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff at that time.</p> <p>MG thanked staff for supporting the children with activities to minimise the accidents that are taking place in school during play and lunch times.</p>	SI
8	<p>Community and Parents Links –</p> <p><i>MG asked what support can governors offer for the summer fayre?</i> Summer fayre has been postponed to September following recent government announcement, PTFA are always looking for support and volunteers for stalls, cake baking and taking part in activities. Videos from the dance sessions will be shared with parents shortly. Parents will not be attending sports day due to the extension of lockdown to ensure we follow guidelines. We have prioritised parents to come in for the leavers service at the end of the term. We will be focusing on well weeks and class assemblies and discussing other ideas to be able to engage parents in school in the autumn term as they have missed out on many events this year.</p> <p><i>CT asked following trial of online parent meetings via google meets, what was the feedback from staff?</i> Staff feedback was positive, some staff missed the personal interaction. Workload was more manageable in some ways as the meetings were timed to a maximum of ten minutes. Parent feedback questionnaire will be sent out to establish parents' views. Some parents may appreciate that parents' meetings are kept this way to allow for both working parents to attend. Potential for a blended model moving forward.</p> <p><i>MG asked do the governors send well wishes to the children at the end of year 6?</i> It is not something that has taken place in the past but if we wanted to introduce something, governors could communicate with James Morrison to have something included in the leavers service. MG to forward to NM.</p> <p><i>CT asked how well is the curriculum represented on the website and when was it last reviewed?</i> SV advised the website does hold the relevant and OFSTED required information at present. <i>CT asked is there potential to review and develop our website further? Is this needed?</i> SV reported we have had positive feedback from new parents about our website, however if we can have someone available to review and improve, this is always a positive task to be completed. Suggestion to include more images on the landing page to promote what we offer and have available.</p> <p>SV advised despite the rotary club having to cancel the Exmoor challenge, we did still take part in it, thanks to the parents that were able to support the event still going ahead.</p>	MG

	Photos will be shared. Governors thanked SV for enabling and support the children to ensure this event could take place.	
9	Propose and agree committee dates 2021-22 Governors agreed proposed dates for 2021-22	
10	Governors training update and feedback – MG attended recent training and fedback to committee. <i>MG asked have staff received enough training and been informed about the new development matters programme?</i> ND advised preschool and reception staff have received a lot of support and training with regards to this new programme and parents have received information this week. <i>MG asked when will it be expected that we report how COVID catch up funding has been spent?</i> Report will be completed in September for spring and summer term. <i>MG asked if we have considered the try before you buy on academies?</i> SV advised they are not pushing us towards this yet, but they are recommending for current academies to join together to form larger academies. SV advised that previously governors have agreed that if joining an academy can enhance savings to allow the purchase of additional support for staff instead of using multiple agencies then academising may be a consideration.	
11	Policies for Review: Collective Worship Religious Education MG reviewed both above policies and recommend to committee. <i>ND asked has a plan been developed for how collective worship will look from September?</i> SV will be discussing and reviewing with staff at the next staff meeting on Thursday. AGREED: Governors agreed to ratify the above policies following review by MG. SV to arrange for the staff handbook to be uploaded to the shared drive to support governors to make links with staff leads in school. <i>MG asked SV how are you and staff feeling as we near the end of term?</i> SV advised it has been a tough long year and all staff are supporting each other as we approach the end of term. Governors will be writing individual letters to staff. SV and CT to meet.	SV SV/CT
12	Policies due for review at next meeting: Access to the Internet RSE policy	MG MG

The meeting closed at 6:35pm