

THE MARCH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Meeting of:	Local Governing Body		
Date and time:	Monday 20 th January 2020 at 5.30pm		
Governors Present:	John Proctor (Chair), Mrs N. Metcalfe (Head), Justine Howard (Vice Chair), Liz Coyne, Rod Hague, Mary Isgar		
Others in attendance:	Charles Shaw (Clerk)		
Quorum:	6	Quorum met:	Yes

No.	Item	Action
1.	Prayer The meeting opened with a short prayer.	
2.	Apologies Apologies were received from Rachel Bryan, Rev. Rachel Hawes and Fiona Lewis	
3.	Declarations of interest. None	
4.	Minutes from 16th December 2019 meeting The previous minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. It was noted that Governor Targets are on the school's Development Plan, as are other actions (e.g. Monitoring Day, Link visits etc). JP agreed to circulate draft Governor Action Plans for discussion at a future meeting.	JP
5.	Curriculum Intent NM reported that by Sept 2020 it is a statutory requirement for all schools to have reviewed, and where appropriate re-written their curriculum to reflect the specific needs of the pupils, school, location and community. Each school's curriculum will be unique. The Curriculum Intent has been produced and reviewed by Governors.	

	<p>During a recent Inset Day staff reviewed the current curriculum, taking into account the CE status of the school. Once a topic has been completed there is “an innovate week” when children have the opportunity to demonstrate their learning.</p> <p>The school will undertake practice “deep-dives” in each subject. Beruk Berhane (DCAT) has been supporting staff and he has gained recent experience of Ofsted inspections with other schools and by observing an Inspector during an inspection.</p> <p>Each year-end curriculum review will direct future changes.</p> <p>NM agreed to circulate her Power Point presentation.</p>	NM
	<p><u>Governors asked:</u></p> <p>How is the curriculum balanced?</p> <p>Different subjects have different weightings and amount of time on the timetable, and some subjects will overlap with each other.</p>	
6.	<p>Statutory PSHCE changes Sept 2020</p> <p>NM reported that the national curriculum states that ‘all schools should make provision for personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE), drawing on good practice’. This is essential to Ofsted judgements in relation to personal development, behaviour, welfare and safeguarding. In June 2019, the DfE launched the final statutory guidance to accompany introduction of compulsory health education, relationships education and relationships and sex education (RSE) in 2020.</p> <p>PSHE has been shown to improve life skills and chances. The relationships and health aspects of PSHE education will be compulsory in all schools from 2020, although parents will retain the right to remove their children from the Sex Education elements of the lessons.</p> <p>The school has been reviewing the curriculum (see item 5) and will ensure that the statutory approach to PSHCE is met. Mental and Physical Health, including First Aid will be included. There are some subjects (e.g. teaching about FGM) where additional support and resources might be required, and which therefore might have a small financial impact.</p> <p>NM stated that the C of E Education Board is going to produce a Relationships and Sex Education Policy which will be sent to all relevant Trusts and schools. However, there is no stated timescale for this and so she agreed to contact DCAT to progress it.</p> <p>NM stated that she thought a small working party of Governors to address how to finalise the curriculum would be helpful.</p> <p>NM agreed to circulate her Power Point presentation.</p>	<p>NM</p> <p>NM</p>
7.	<p>Admissions Policy</p> <p>Governors agreed the policy, but added that clarification should be made so that the “home front door” was the point to which measurements were made. JP to amend the policy to reflect this</p>	JP

8.	Monitoring Visit Dates Maths and RE are being arranged for this term. The RE visit will take place on 28/2/2020.	
9.	Health & Safety & Finance There are no major H&S incidents to report. A recent finance committee meeting with Tania Little (DCAT) has resolved concerns over a possible budget deficit. Capital funding is available to support fire doors, classroom insulation and Yr 2 toilets. The Sanilav toilets will be taken out of commission. The Peace Garden continues to be flooded. Loss adjusters have inspected them and said that this is because it is situated at the lowest point of the school. Rachel Bryan is getting quotes to address this problem.	
10.	Safeguarding There is still 1 serious concern and child protection plan, which is being managed by the school and external agencies. The new audit tool is geared towards ESCC schools and so NM has found it is not always relevant to the school.	
11.	Any Other Business No items were raised.	
12.	Next Meeting: 5:30pm on Monday 23 rd March 2020	

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

Summary of Agreed Actions:

No	Action	By	Status
19	Circulate draft Governor Action Plans	JP	
20	Circulate 2 x Power Point Presentations	NM	
21	Contact DCAT re timing of C of E Board of Education Policy on Relationships and Sex Education	NM	
22	Amend Admissions Policy to reflect "home front door"	JP	

Signed



Date.....29/4/20.....