

Dare to Discover Minutes of the meeting of the Teaching & Learning Committee held <u>virtually</u> on WEDNESDAY 12th July 2023 at 7.30pm

Governors Present:

Jenni Caisley (JCa) Ellie Crowe (EC) Siddharth Deshpande (SD) – (CHAIR) Russell Fry (RF) Liz Hurles (LH) Beci McCaughran (BM) (HEAD)

Others present:

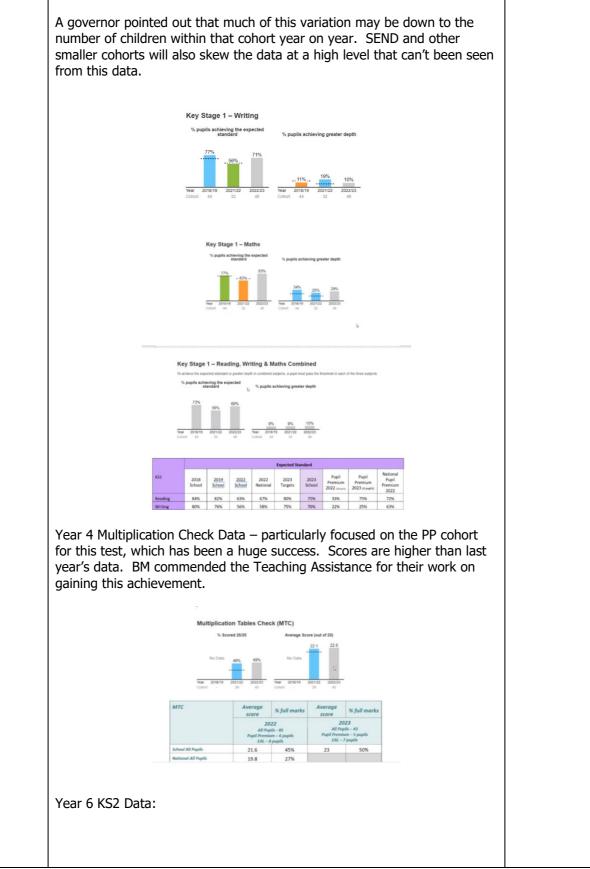
Helen Andrews (HA), Clerk Sarah Horsman (SH), EYFS Lead

| 1.Welcome & Apologies for Absence SD welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all for attending at the later than usual meeting time of 7.30pm. The meeting was moved to a later time on this occasion in consideration of the End of Year Performance scheduled for the same evening.Apologies were received and accepted from JCo. | |
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| EYFS Presentation Governors learnt how valued SH is to the school and wider school community. SH shared a presentation for the benefit of attendees. Governors received an overview of the EYFS curriculum. Self-regulation skills have been added to the curriculum to support the long-term impact of the pandemic on younger children. Many of this cohort start school with no basic life skills, such as being able to button up a coat. The new EYFS curriculum has been designed to support the development of those basic life skills by creating opportunities to develop their vocabulary skills, encouraging children to think creatively, promoting their self-regulation, and supporting hands-on learning by using open-ended questions. Governors learnt how these strands fit into the curriculum. The delivery of this curriculum is based on their own experiences of the topics. There will be lots of cardboard boxes used to encourage and promote independent creative learning. It is hoped that the school arranges as many visitors to school and external trips to support this style of learning. She thanked the PTA for their valued commitment to raising funds for the school. Challenge: A governor noted at the last governors' meeting, a discussion took place regarding emotional regulation, does this dovetail with the zones of regulation throughout the school? The curriculum ensures the embedding of zones of regulation and resilience, so they are ready for the rest of school. Strategies and vocabulary will be taught to help them move from the blue zone to more optimal colours for learning. | |



| 3. Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda. 4. Review of school data (not on the agenda) Snapshots of data for each cohort was shared ahead of the meeting to governors. EYFS data – ¾ of children are achieving the expected level of learning for that age range. Phonics screening check – a Reading Ambassador was recruited 2 years ago, their biggest piece of work has been to embed Little Wandle across the school. The consistency of how phonics is being taught across school was recognised by Ofsted. 90% of this cohort achieved their phonics screening test this year. 100% of the pupil premium cohort achieved their phonics screening standard. Governors learnt that there are interventions in place for those not reaching their phonics screening standard. KS1 – maths has been a big success, 81% of Year 2 are meeting their age-related expectation. Reading and writing is not so successful. There is some evidence of the long-term impact of the pandemic reflected in the reading and writing data. Reading tests were determined to be particularly challenging this year. | | Challenge: A governor asked, are the children told at the beginning of the year what they are aiming towards?Children are told what they are working towards as it gives them a purpose for why they are learning.The change in the EYFS curriculum is not an impact of the curriculum, however it does acknowledge the shortfall in self-regulation and basic life skills that are currently evident. SH feels that the curriculum can be adapted to meet the ongoing needs of this cohort.BM thanked SH for her presentation and response to governor challenge. | |
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| Challenge: A governor asked, how comfortable are you that stretching the children just before their SATS will improve on this year's data? National data will be able to tell school leaders about how much of the fall in reading has been on the pandemic and what other factors there may be at a more local level. | 4. | Snapshots of data for each cohort was shared ahead of the meeting to governors. EYFS data – 34 of children are achieving the expected level of learning for that age range. Phonics screening check – a Reading Ambassador was recruited 2 years ago, their biggest piece of work has been to embed Little Wandle across the school. The consistency of how phonics is being taught across school was recognised by Ofsted. 90% of this cohort achieved their phonics screening test this year. 100% of the pupil premium cohort achieved their phonics screening standard. Governors learnt that there are interventions in place for those not reaching their phonics screening standard. KS1 – maths has been a big success, 81% of Year 2 are meeting their age-related expectation. Reading and writing is not so successful. There is some evidence of the long-term impact of the pandemic reflected in the reading and writing data. Reading tests were determined to be particularly challenging this year. Verture Water Provide Verture Pro | |





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| | A lot of children within this cohort have had quite disjointed learning | | | | |
| | journeys – 80% of children achieved their age-related expectations in reading. Senior leaders have investigated the remaining 20%, which | | | | |
| | shows that the majority of these children are a mark or two below ARE. | | | | |
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| | The government ambition is that the whole country will be achieving a 90% combined school, the school is well above the national average. ³ / ₄ of this cohort have a well-rounded attainment to prepare them for secondary school. | | | | |
| | School leaders will be looking more closely at the children who didn't reach their age-related expectations and determining what can be done to improve on this data. | | | | |
| | One of the PP children achieved greater depth across the board! The current PP cohort includes significant challenges which could skew the data without greater analysis of the data. It will be difficult to compare these scores against previous year's data as interventions have not been tracked until recently. | | | | |
| | Action: Agenda item to review PP data in comparison to national and local data of schools with similar demographics. | GOVS | | | |
| 5. | Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 1st March 2023 The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 st March 2023 were submitted and signed by the Chair as an accurate record. | | | | |
| 6. | Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting Governors were asked if they had any matters arising from the Minutes which were not already included on the agenda. | | | | |
| | No comments concerning the minutes or matters arising were received. | | | | |
| | Actions from the previous meeting were considered: 11.0 Link governor visits will be reviewed at a future FGB meeting to keep them a priority for the governing board. <i>BM will share all</i> <i>subject visit reports to SD. BM congratulated the</i> <i>governing board for their monitoring efforts this year.</i> <i>These visits have been really encouraging from a staff</i> <i>perspective. Members of the Committee unanimously</i> | | | | |



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| | agreed that staff/subject presentations were mutually | | | |
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| | beneficial for both governors and staff. | | | |
| | Action: BM to ask the Phonics Lead to present at the next meeting. | ВМ | | |
| 6. | Governor Monitoring | | | |
| | 6.1 <u>Review of Annual Schedule of Work 2022-23</u> The Annual Schedule of Work 2022-23 was circulated ahead of the meeting and reviewed by governors. | | | |
| | 6.2 <u>Discussion on recent governor monitoring activities</u> Two monitoring reports were shared ahead of the meeting. | | | |
| | The extent of the Clock Charities impact on providing enrichment opportunities across the school was acknowledged by school leaders and governors. They praised the Fulbourn Clock Charity for supporting the school to provide enriching opportunities for the children of the village. | | | |
| 7. | Behaviour / SEND (SI)It is a celebration at the end of the year in terms of behaviour and SEND.BM acknowledged the extent of overstretch external services. Due to EC'scommitment and drive, the school is in a much better place in terms of itsSEND provision than it was earlier in the year. As a result, the educationaloffer is much more inclusive. | | | |
| | Every single child came to the local Rec for Sports Day this year, it was a totally inclusive event that involved all. It is a real celebration for us and evidence to support the school becoming a totally inclusive school. | | | |
| | Governors commended EC for her incredible pursuit in ensuring opportunities improve for all children in school. | | | |
| 8. | Quality of Teaching (SI) Refer to Item 4 above. | | | |
| 9. | Policies for Review There were no policies for review at the meeting. | | | |
| 10. | Catch-up Plans & Tutoring A report of the data analysis will be shared at the next meeting. Teaching Assistants are able to measure successes. | | | |
| 11. | Any Other Business There were no other strategic items of business. | | | |
| 12. | Date/Time and Agenda Items for Next Meeting The next meeting is planned for 3 rd October 2023 at 7pm. This will be a virtual meeting. | | | |



No further questions or comments were received. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

ACTION GRID FROM T&L COMMITTEE MEETING, 12th July 2023

| | Item | Owner | Deadline |
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| 4.0 | Clerk to add an agenda item to review PP data in comparison to national and local data of schools with similar demographics at next meeting | HA | Next meeting |
| 5.0 | BM to ask the Phonics Lead to present at the next meeting. | HA | Next meeting |

Dates of FGB Meetings 2023-2024 – to start at 7pm

Safeguarding Training & Governor social – w/c 11th-22nd Sept - TBC

Tues - 26th September 2023 Tues - 5th December 2023 Tues - 6th February 2024 Tues – 19th March 2024 Thurs 9th May 2024 Tues 2nd July 2024

Dates of Committee Meetings 2022-2023 – to start at 7pm

T&L Committee (Tues) – 3rd Oct, 28th Nov, 5th March 2024, 16th July

P&R Committee (Weds) – 11th Oct, 22nd Nov, 24th Jan 2024, Tues - 12th March 2024, Tuesday 23rd Apr, 19th June

Staff Governor Social – Thursday 18th July 2024

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