

**The Governing Board
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Poole
Summary of Local Governing Board Meeting
Held on Monday, 15th November 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Mrs L. Culkin (Chair), Mrs H. Armstrong, Mrs A. Harris, Mrs K. Houston-Kypta, Mr K. Jones, Mr A. Nightingale, Mrs M. Norrish, Mrs A. Swift, Mr S. Thomas and Mrs R. Webb.

In Attendance: Mrs P. Rushton (Clerk).

Clerk's Update

- Rebekah Web has now been formally appointed as a Foundation Governor.

Headteacher's Covid Update

- Situation is challenging at present. The school has a number of outbreaks with 19 positive cases across the school. All cases are reported to BCP Council and Public Health. Public Health have confirmed that the school is doing all that it can. Parents are being encouraged to do LFD and PCR tests as appropriate. The school is trying to keep everyone as safe as it can.

Self-Evaluation Document and School Improvement Plan

- The percentage of children with SEND has increased this year. School has recently been given permission to employ a 1:1 TA to support a specific child. This allows the class TA to support other children in the class that may need help. The largest percentage of SEND difficulty is speech and language – this is a trend which is happening across all schools.
- Everything is in place to enable remote learning if needed. Anecdotal evidence indicates that Google Classroom is easy to use and has the advantage of enabling staff to deliver lessons from home if they are self-isolating. Work offered to self-isolating children is on a par with that being taught in class.
- Teachers are pushing high expectations for handwriting, presentation and independence for learning.
- The school was an early adopter of the new EYFS framework.
- The Gospel values are embedded across the whole curriculum and the school now wants to improve on its Catholic Social Teaching. The Trust's Curriculum Policy emphasises the centrality of Gospel values.
- The school is ensuring that the curriculum meets the needs of the children and is workable. Leaders are monitoring the curriculum. Trust English and Maths networks are in place and further subjects will be rolled out in due course. All Trust schools are looking at Rosenshine and metacognition. Subject Leaders are given time to develop their roles and are accessing CPD and have appropriate association membership.
- EYFS is overseen by the EYFS Leader who reports to the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher. Pupil progress meetings are held looking at different groups of children and they discuss any children that are in danger of not meeting a good level of development by the end of the year. The ESM also monitors EYFS. Assessment has changed in light of the new EYFS Framework. EYFS use NELI and RWI. Baselines are undertaken and this is set by the Government. Our EYFS Leader is a moderator so can see what is happening in other schools. The new framework allows teachers to focus on what best meets the children's needs.
- The school has re-established some clubs, e.g. netball, football, ceramics and is looking to refine the clubs and find different sport and art activities.

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Safeguarding

- Audit paperwork has been completed and forms SG1 and SG2 have been returned to the central team.
- Safer Recruitment training has been completed by some Governors.

Governance

- Governors have reviewed the revised Schedule of Accountability.
- Governors will arrange to see staff to review their areas of responsibility.
- Governors reported on any visits/meetings they have had.

Policies

- The Trust have adopted a revised SEND Policy and Health and Safety Policy.

Any Other Business

- Discussions are taking place to decide on replacing Mrs Armstrong. Further information is expected to be available later this week.