

WILLAND SCHOOL
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
 MINUTES OF MEETING 18TH OCTOBER 2018

Present: Mr R Carswell Chair of Governors
 Mr. D White Vice-Chair of Governors
 Miss A Hawkins Headteacher
 Mr. T Child
 Mrs. L Cole
 Mr L Cottrell
 Mrs S Manley
 Dr. E Santos
 Rev. S Talbot

Miss A Leather Deputy Headteacher

Mrs. A Hills Clerk to Governors

Absent: Mrs. W Upham

Item Discussed	Action/Resolution	Gov. Action Prop/Sec
1. Apologies for Absence	Mrs Upham	DW/LC
2. Declaration of Interests	None	
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 th September 2018	The Governors read the minutes	
4. Matters Arising		
Welcome to new Parent Governor	Mr Carswell welcomed Mr Tim Child as the newly elected Parent Governor.	
Governor procedures	The committees and curriculum roles were re-assigned	
5. Pupil Premium	Miss Hawkins is working on the Pupil Premium report and will be available in November	
6. Review EYFS, KS1 and KS2 SATs Results	Miss Hawkins presented the EYFS results for 17-18 to the Governors. The results were not as strong as in previous years but the pupils had come in to the school at 49% below expected on entry, 71% were missing at least one area on entry and 21% were where they should be on entry. All of the pupils had made good progress from their starting point by the end of the year. There is a gender gap with 60% of boys being below expected on entry and this gap became wider during the year. 16 pupils were identified as SEN, 9 of which were boys. 100% of Pupil Premium children achieved GLD. This year the levels at entry are better, which is partly due to the work that Mrs Bere has done with Pre-school. Rev. Talbot asked whether the FFT intervention impact survey work had been used. Miss Hawkins confirmed that this is used as part of our planning process. Mrs Manley asked whether the entry levels were different depending on which setting they had come from. Miss Hawkins said that there are some differences but these are due to many different factors. The staff visit all the settings that the children come from and Mrs Telling works with any children who are identified as having SEN. Mrs Cole asked what was being done to ensure that the baseline evaluations are fair and not over harsh. Miss Hawkins said that we can get an outside advisor in to school or Mrs James could review them as she is experienced in EYFS. Rev	

	<p>Talbot asked whether local schools could moderate together. Miss Hawkins agreed that this would be a good step.</p> <p>KS1 – Reading was below national average for expected and greater depth. Writing and science were above national average. Maths was in line with national average for expected and above for greater depth. Reading will now be a focus in the action plan. Mrs Wright and Mrs Williams have been on a course today to look at improving reading. Rev Talbot asked whether Accelerated Reading is still being reviewed. Miss Hawkins confirmed that everything to do with teaching reading is being considered. The teachers have had an inset today and another tomorrow. Mrs Cole pointed out that although the greater depth results were lower than the national average they were all higher than the results from last year. Boys did less well in reading, this was the third year below the national average. The girls did better overall. Both were above national average for writing and in line for maths. Mr Child asked whether these statistics are then broken down further. Miss Hawkins said that they are fully analysed to look at PP, SEN etc.</p> <p>Disadvantaged pupils were below for reading and maths when compared to all national average but above for writing. SEN and EAL pupils were above national average for writing and maths and below for reading. Mr Child asked whether the library stock is updated and relevant to the children. Miss Hawkins explained that the younger readers have a graduated reading scheme which remains fairly constant but the AR stock is regularly exchanged by the School Library Service. Mrs Cole asked whether it is possible for children to read on tablets as some children find this more engaging. Miss Hawkins said that this is something that could be considered. Mrs Manley asked whether the children were involved in the exchange. Miss Leather explained that the children and certain pupils are involved but this could certainly be extended.</p> <p>KS2 – Attainment for expected is above the national average in all areas and above for GDL in writing and EGPS. Attainment was above national average for combined but below for GD for reading and maths. There has been positive progress for reading and writing. Mr Child asked whether we look at the child as they progress through the school. Miss Hawkins explained that that is done for all children. At the moment it is across two different curricula but from next year it will be all on the current curriculum. Dr Santos said that it was positive that the pupils were at expected across the board but had we looked at whether the more able had been stretched sufficiently. Miss Hawkins and Miss Leather said that they were examining what had been done last year but there were fewer resources trying to meet the varied needs of the pupils. In previous years booster classes had been available each year but finance and space limit what can be provided. Mr White said that he had seen that several of the children had only just missed GD by one point. Miss Hawkins agreed that this had been the case. Rev. Talbot asked, whether in view of the recent publicity about OFSTED inspections, were we providing the wider curriculum. Miss Hawkins said that we are pleased with the curriculum that is taught throughout the year and, although in the run up to SATs there is a focus on the tests, this is addressed in the time after. This is also a focus in the School Development Plan. There were</p>	
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	<p>17 disadvantaged children in the cohort which is much higher than in previous years. They were a little below the national average in all areas they were significantly above in GD in maths. The Governors looked at the data dashboard. The reading results showed that all groups had made good progress apart from the higher attainers. Dr. Santos noted that the lower attainers had done particularly well, closing the gap, which is excellent but the higher attainers had not performed as well and this needs to be addressed to ensure that they are achieving their full potential.</p>	
7. Y1 and Y2 Phonics	<p>The phonics results were disappointing due to a number of reasons, partly the cohort, partly the inexperience of the teachers and partly the loss of teaching assistant support. Rev. Talbot asked when the decision about interventions were being made and whether they were timely. Miss Hawkins said that extra bench marking had been used to monitor the progress and more help was put in but it did not have sufficient impact. Year 1 is a priority on the SDP this year and this has already had an impact. Mrs James and Mrs Hamblett are confident that the results will be significantly improved this year. Brad Murray has observed phonics teaching and the new practice in year 1 and was impressed with the quality that he saw.</p> <p>Year 2 results were good and even though it appears to be a gender gap this corresponded to only two boys who had not achieved the pass mark.</p>	
8. Excellence for All	This has been discontinued by Babcock LDP	
9. Safeguarding Update	<p>The new KCSiE has been implemented from September. There is a new section on Peer on Peer abuse. The staff have been updated on this. Miss Leather and Mrs Hills are having safer recruitment training. Disqualification by Association has been discontinued for certain staff members, but in practice as staff can work in any area in the school, it is considered best practice to continue this. Miss Leather reminded all Governors to complete their online Prevent training.</p>	
10. Staffing	The meeting moved into Part II	
11. Parental Engagement		
Survey Results	<p>Mr Carswell said that there were many positive comments. However the general themes for things that could be done better were:</p> <p>Communication This is constantly being reviewed and attempts are made to improve it</p> <p>Stretching higher ability pupils This is a focus from the data</p> <p>Healthy eating Whilst trying to encourage pupils to eat healthily, the school has not felt it appropriate to restrict which snacks are brought in to school. The Governors felt that promoting healthy eating should continue but directly instructing parents on what snacks to provide is not appropriate. There were several comments on the quality of the school lunch. The quantity of salad and vegetables can be limited. In addition, some children only want particular vegetable or salad items. The school council will be asked to</p>	

	<p>survey the pupils about which vegetables and salad items they would like.</p> <p>More sport The Sports Premium Grant is being used to provide extra sport days for each year group. This term there have been sessions on jailball and archery. The events have been chosen to provide opportunities to participate in sports they might not have been involved in before. There have been parents that have queried the choice of teams. Miss Hawkins has explained to them that they are chosen for a variety of reasons to try and give as many children as possible the opportunity to compete.</p> <p>Parking Rev. Talbot asked whether the walking bus could be started again by paying someone to run it, possibly by external funding. Mr Child suggested that parents could be surveyed once the funding is available.</p> <p>Hall Mrs Cole suggested that the school should let parents know what has been happening.</p>	
12. Policies		
Pay policy	The Governors approved the policy	DW/SM
Preventing Radicalisation	The Governors approved the policy with amendment	L Cole/DW
13. Chair's Correspondence	Miss Leather explained that the current laptops are not suitable for teaching the curriculum. Mrs Hills explained that these would be financed through the delegated capital fund of £8297, the balance coming from the SBS. The Governors approved the quote from CCS.	DW/SM
	DCC have approved a place for a child to enter Reception under fair access protocol. There is an application for another pupil in Reception for a child who has a sibling in the school but this is not appropriate under fair access protocol. DCC have asked the Governors to consider this request. The Governors approved this request.	LC/L Cole
14. Date of Next Meeting	6 th December 2018	
15. Approval of minutes	The Governors approved the minutes	LC/L Cole