



VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FGB ON FEBRUARY 23RD 2021 AT 8.30AM

Present: Hilary Priest (HP), Head, Mike Waterson (MW), Ian Stewart (IS), (Chair),
Sam Gothard (SG), Joel McIlven (JM), Sam Wilkinson (SW).

In attendance: Debbie Horton (Clerk)

“We are a community with a lifelong passion for learning.”

Minutes

1	Welcome & apologies for absence Claire Jones and Neil Maslen gave their apologies. They were sanctioned. Rob Hill and Laura Partridge were absent. Sam Gothard arrived at 9.00am.
2	Attendance & declaration of interest The clerk noted attendance. There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of last FGBM 9.2.21 They were agreed as a correct record.
4	Matters arising from last minutes for this meeting 4. HP's online safeguarding presentation to be sent to LP and RH and completed. To be done. 6. Remote learning document to go on website, and link to be shared in newsletter. Done. 16. Forward MP's letter to FGB. The latest response from the MP will be circulated; the previous one was more of an acknowledgement. The minutes moved to Part 2 confidential minutes at 8.40am The meeting moved back to Part 1 minutes at 9.45am ACTION: Safeguarding presentation to RH & LP (HP) ACTION: Follow-up with HR (IS)
5	Current situation in school to include staff well-being. Plans for whole school re-opening on March 8th: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logistically, the school will go back to the September arrangements. Bubbles will be fine – tuned to ensure that they continue to work. Parents will be encouraged to leave the school premises quickly after drop-off and pick-up. There will be a new curriculum package for the rest of this term. The emphasis will be on mental health and well-being, as feedback has suggested that this lockdown has been particularly difficult for children. The governors were shown a power point report outlining the 4 main areas of focus - What makes good friends, mental health and well-being, growth mindset and metacognition. Year 1 children and above will have a journal, as a toolkit and resource, which will stay with them through their time at school. The strategy is deliberately prioritising mental health over catch-up at this stage. Staff believe that this is the best way to support children and help them to be ready to learn. Subjects such as Art, Science, Music and DT will be given particular emphasis as they were more difficult to do at home. Likewise play and teaching through story. There will be a soft assessment of where children are at so that in the new term, they will be ready for a return to the normal curriculum. One-to-one catch-up programmes will be resumed and there will be a government funded speech and language catch-up programme at foundation level. Some key worker children have flourished in the smaller classes. Staff are aware of this and those children will be closely monitored when the whole school returns. <p>Q: MW asked if staff were doing the catch-up teaching.</p>

	<p>A: Yes, and they have received training for this.</p> <p>Q: JM asked if there was additional support for mental health in the school. A: HP said that most staff had been THRIVE trained. There is a play therapist and SENDco on site and each child has a trusted person that they can speak to.</p> <p>Q: MW asked about PE. A: HP said that this will be provided as usual.</p> <p>Q: JM asked if the children will have opportunities to talk about their feelings at school. A: Yes, this will be encouraged, particularly during the first week. So far, their voice had not been heard, only that of their parents, so this is important.</p> <p>Q: IS asked about children who might not return to school because of parental concerns. A: This doesn't look like it will be a big problem. The school will try to support any parents who have concerns. It's not clear whether attendance will be compulsory or not at this stage. In general, numbers are looking strong.</p> <p>The governors liked the plans for return; they were thoughtful, brilliant and great. SG arrived at 9.00am.</p>
6	<p>Correspondence None</p>
7	<p>Business brought forward by the Chair None</p>
8	<p>Date & time of next meeting Next FGB meeting 9th March 2021 at 8.30am via Zoom. The new draft budget is due for discussion and agreement at the next meeting. SL will be meeting with a finance officer beforehand and will write up explanatory notes for governors. 2021/22 is looking very secure.</p>

The meeting ended at 9.15am

Summary of Actions

	To do	By whom	By when
4	Safeguarding presentation to RH & LP	HP. RH. LP	By next FGB
4	Follow-up with HR (question of staff reward)	IS	For meeting