

MINUTES OF THE AUTUMN TERM MEETING (2) OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
RAWMARSH RYECROFT INFANT SCHOOL HELD ON
THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2022 AT 5.15PM

PRESENT:

Mr C Oxe (Chair), Mrs L Owen (Vice Chair), Mrs K Blythe (Head), Mrs H Anderson (Deputy Head), Mr A Hayes, Mrs J Tate, Miss C McGorrigan, Mrs J Abbott, Miss J Martin, Mrs G Marson (Clerk), Mrs K Martin

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence, the full governing body was in attendance.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

4. PRIORITIES FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

School Improvement Plan

Mrs K Blythe presented an update to the Governors on the School Improvement Plan. Mrs Blythe explained that attendance is big on Ofsted's agenda at the moment, so a lot of work is happening in school around this. Deep Dives have taken place to also help with getting Ofsted ready.

Data Outcomes – IDSR

Prior to the meeting the Governors had been provided with a copy of the latest IDSR for the school. Mrs K Blythe spoke about this during the meeting and shared information regarding the figures, including:

- that it is hard to make a comparison for Ryecroft due to the fact that we are a small infant school in an area of deprivation.
- We are also above average for SEND.

Action – Mrs G Marson to share the link for the Virtual College with Mr C Oxe.

Signed.....
Mr Christopher Oxe (Chair of Governors)

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5. STANDARD ONGOING ITEMS

Governors Training Signposting

Governors were advised that there is Safeguarding Training available via the NGA website.

The link for this is <https://nga.vc-enable.co.uk/Learn/Learning/LearnerRecord?reference=e0dde161-9322-4053-b051-327637eb273b>

Curriculum Lead Presentation

Mrs K Martin joined the meeting to give a presentation on the Computing Curriculum. The main points from this were:

- Children are now receiving an hour lesson every two weeks delivered on the iPads instead of half an hour every week.
- All classrooms have recently received new PC's.

Governor Question – Mr C Oxer asked if the majority of children have access to any devices at home? Mrs Martin answered that most children have access to a tablet or smartphone, but not many children have a laptop or desktop computer.

Governor Comment – Mr A Hayes shared that he felt school were on top of this part of the curriculum and that it looked good.

Adoption of new policies

Prior to the meeting Governors were provided with copies of the following policies for approval:

- Looked After Children Policy
- Teaching & Learning Policy

Governors were all in agreement that these policies were to be approved.

6. COMPLIANCE MATTERS

Headteachers Report

Mrs K Blythe read through the report that Governors had received prior to the meeting. The main points from the report were:

- Numbers are currently low, but we are hoping this will pick up again next year.
- Deep dives have taken place in all subjects.
- RoSIS are still supporting and will be attending deep dives also.
- There were two reports of bullying, which were dealt with.

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- Mrs J Abbott is now the Safeguarding Lead for the Governing Body.

Pupil Premium Report

Prior to the meeting Governors were provided with a copy of the ne Pupil Premium report. Mrs K Blythe explained that this document shows figures over a three-year period. The report shows this year's figures alongside last years for comparison.

Governor Question – Mr C Oxer asked what is being done by school to help pupils now the weather is turning cold? Mrs K Blythe explained that school had held the 'Swap & Drop' that had been quite successful, we have done work with the new Rawmarsh Food Bank that we can refer to and school is keeping a close eye on children to ensure any issues are dealt with.

Governors were all in agreement that this report was to be approved and can be published on the school website.

Sports Premium Report

Prior to the meeting Governors were provided with a copy of the ne Pupil Premium report. There were no issues arising from this.

Governors were all in agreement that this report was to be approved and can be published on the school website.

GDPR Update

Mrs G Marson updated the meeting regarding the most recent GDPR audit that was carried out by Mr Tim Pinto in October 2022. This all went well and we are compliant in terms of data protection and GDPR.

7. GOVERNING BODY MINUTES

Governors had been provided with Minutes for the previous meetings held on 6th October 2022 and were asked to approve these documents.

Governors were in agreement that the minutes of the above-mentioned meetings be approved. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Signed.....

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H&S Walkthrough

Mr C Oxe feedback to the meeting regarding the H&S walkthrough he had completed with Mrs K Blythe. The school is looking good at the moment with only a few items being picked up as needing rectifying from the visit.

Governors were provided with a copy of the minutes from the walkthrough.

Governor Lead Visits

Mrs L Owen, Miss C McGorrigan and Mrs J Abbott gave feedback to the meeting from visits they had made to school.

- Mrs L Owen visited to look at the Curriculum and Assessment
- Miss C McGorrigan visited to look at Maths.
- Mrs J Abbott visited to look at Early Reading.

MAT Scoping Meetings

Mrs K Blythe informed the meeting that meetings have been taking place with the Local Authority and other maintained schools, where discussions have taken place regarding MAT's and the possibility of Rotherham schools joining.

Governor Comment – Mr C Oxe said that a meeting would be arranged in the future where someone will come and give more detailed information to the Governing Body.

9. CONFIDENTIALITY

Mr Oxe reminded all attendees of the meeting of the importance of confidentiality and that areas of discussion were not to be repeated outside of the meetings.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Spring Term Meeting 1 – Thursday 26th January 2023 at 5.15pm - Zoom
Spring Meeting 2 - Thursday 9th March 2023 at 5.15pm – In-person
Summer Meeting 1 – Thursday 11th May 2023 at 5.15pm – Zoom

Signed.....

Date.....

Mr Christopher Oxe (Chair of Governors)

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