

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF RAWMARSH RYECROFT INFANT SCHOOL HELD VIA ZOOM ON
THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 5.15PM

PRESENT:

Mr C Oxer (Chair), Mrs K Blythe (Acting Head), Mrs H Anderson, Mrs J Tate, Mrs J Abbott and Mr A Hayes

Also attending: Miss N Davies (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Miss K Paisley.

Apologies were received and accepted.

2 UPDATE REGARDING THE RETURN TO SCHOOL

Covid 19

Mrs Blythe discussed the updated COVID 19 Risk Assessment and Contingency Plan with Governors. The following key points were discussed:

- 1 member of staff in school has tested positive for COVID 19 due to a family transmission. 2 members of staff have family members who have tested positive for COVID 19 and are undertaking regular lateral flow testing.
- Mrs Blythe highlighted that so far staff absences had been covered by other members of staff in school, however going forwards staffing could become an issue. If required, School were considering the possibility of returning to remote learning if staff members were isolating or unwell.
- Guidance for families is still being provided via Class Dojo, emails and texts to be accessible for all.
- School continue to recommend PCR testing for children displaying symptoms.
- 'X' codes are still being used for COVID related absences which does not affect the children's overall attendance mark.
- Staff have willingly confirmed their vaccination status to Mrs Blythe to assist with planning for cover if a member of staff is absent.
- External providers and health professionals are now attending appointments in school with children. Areas are kept well ventilated and regularly cleaned.

Signed.....

Date.....

Mr C Oxer (Chair of Governors)

General Information Update

- Breakfast Club & After School Clubs are now back up and running.
- Assemblies have now restarted.
- Teaching Staff attended a Read, Write, Inc training day in school during the recent inset day on 1st September 2021.
- The Foundation Stage refurbishment is underway (A risk assessment will be completed for the new play equipment). Rendering has been completed on a number of walls. There is a further wall which has damp areas – the council have been contacted regarding this.
- There are a number of areas in school still requiring attention as the caretaker was unfortunately absent during the summer holidays when a number of jobs were planned to be done. Mrs Blythe confirmed that a permanent caretaker post would be advertised shortly.
- The mental health of staff has improved, staff are enjoying being back together. Mrs Blythe continues to operate an open door policy and holds regular meetings with staff.
- Two new members of staff (Mrs Anderson and Miss Helliwell) have joined the team in September and are settling in well.
- All children in school including new starters have settled back into school quickly, and Ryecroft Year 2 leavers have had a successful transition to Rosehill.
- Foundation Stage have had a Quality Monitoring visit this week, which involved Miss McClare being observed. There was very positive feedback from the lady who had visited school to observe.

Next Steps

Mrs Blythe confirmed that planning for the coming academic has been completed with events booked in as usual. These plans will be tweaked according to the circumstances at the time of the event.

Mrs Blythe and Governors discussed Parents Evenings and the possibility of offering both virtual and face-to-face appointments to be accessible to all.

New Parent Governor Election

Mrs Blythe confirmed that 2 parents had applied for the parent governor vacancies. Mrs Blythe/Mr Ozer agreed to have an informal chat with both applicants to discuss in more detail what the role would involve.

Signed.....

Date.....

Mr C Ozer (Chair of Governors)

Governing Body Membership

Mrs Blythe confirmed that following a meeting with Paul Carney, 9 members would be an acceptable number for the Governing Board to move forward with. This will need to be put in writing to the Local Authority.

Governors present were in agreement to continue as a board of 9 members.

3. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Summer Term Meeting held on 1st July 2021 have been approved in writing via email to N Davies by all Governors who were present.

4. FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 5:15pm – Health & Safety Walkthrough (CO to attend)

Thursday 14th October 2021 at 5:15pm – Autumn Term Meeting 1

Thursday 18th November 2021 at 5:15pm – Autumn Term Meeting 2

Thursday 3rd March 2022 at 5:15pm – Spring Term Meeting

Thursday 30th June 2022 at 5:15pm – Summer Term Meeting

Signed.....

Date.....

Mr C Oxer (Chair of Governors)