



## FULL GOVERNORS' MEETING: THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2021 7pm via ZOOM

Attendees: S Briggs, N Read, K Slater, F Moore, J Thompson, H Hogg, D Holt, C Hetherington, J Harrison

Apologies: A Vintner, R Grover

Clerk: Mrs V Lindsay

1.0	<p><b><u>DDAT Questions and Answers</u></b></p> <p>On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, all governors attended a presentation by DDAT. Malcolm Hetherington, Executive Head of two schools who were first to join the trust joined the initial part of the call to share some background information about the trust along with his experience of seeing it progress and to answer governor's questions.</p> <p><b>Supporting other schools</b> Malcom confirmed he had supported other schools and so have his staff, however this has always been a positive experience, he said if something is working well in your school it's an honour to share that. The school has full control over decisions and is never forced into anything.</p> <p><b>Policies</b> Malcolm confirmed his schools have access to School Bus, which is all funded by the Trust, the academy will also adapt policies for individual schools, which saves time. Malcolm said there is not a policy he has wanted that he has not been able to obtain.</p> <p><b>Funding</b> We are unlikely to notice a difference between the funds paid to the Local Authority and DDAT. As we are an Outstanding school there may be a saving as the percentage taken is lower based on the level of support the school needs.</p> <p>Malcolm said the quality and availability of support from the central team is invaluable.</p> <p>HH thanked Malcolm. Following the presentation from DDAT she was pleased to know the reality is that it is what they deliver and support, NR agreed it was positive, she has spoken with another school in the trust who have confirmed similar positive experiences.</p> <p>Malcolm told JH he could view the last set of audited accounts on the DDAT website.</p> <p>JT asked if SB would welcome outside support, SB confirmed this is definitely welcome as she is always seeking support to maintain the school's Outstanding status.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Apologies and Declarations of Pecuniary Interest</u></b></p>	
2.1	<p>There were no apologies or declarations.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2020 and Matters Arising</u></b></p>	
3.1	<p>Minutes of the meeting held of 12/11/2020 have been carried forward to the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>DDAT</u></b></p>	
4.1	<p>Following the DDAT presentation SB said she had discussed the detail with NR. They feel it is the right decision with the support available and will help maintain the Outstanding status.</p> <p>JT asked if she felt more support would have been available through the pandemic if the school had been part of DDAT. SB said DDAT have provided their support to the school during the pandemic and have been quick to respond to any request.</p> <p>FM asked if the Scheme of Delegation was the same for every school. HH asked to see the Articles of Association so we can understand what the legal framework is.</p>	
4.2	<p>All Governors agreed in principle to proceed with the move to DDAT subject to reviewing the Scheme of Delegation and Articles of Association. <b>Action SB</b></p>	



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<p>4.5 JH said he was dismayed at the dissatisfaction with County Hall and they should be made aware of the reasons if and when we leave.</p>	
<p>5. <b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>5.1 SB confirmed she is receiving daily email communications from the DfE.</p>	
<p>6. <b><u>School Improvement Plan - Key Priorities 2019/20</u></b></p> <p>6.1 <b><u>Headteacher's Autumn Report</u></b></p> <p>SB talked through the content of the Headteacher's Report. Although the school was maintaining a COVID secure environment it was a normal Autumn term.</p> <p>There will be no SATS so there are no targets for those children but tracking is in place to show they are making progress since returning in September.</p> <p>There have been no bubble closures and there have been little difference in attendance compared to the 2019 Autumn Term.</p> <p>JT asked what White Rose Maths is, SB confirmed it is an online Maths resource,</p> <p><b>HH asked how SB's meeting went with the School Improvement Partner.</b> SB confirmed she discussed how the school has adapted and everyone's mental health.</p> <p>SB has completed a Self Evaluation of how the school has managed COVID-19.</p> <p><b>HH asked if the worry boxes are still in school to help children with their mental health.</b> SB confirmed they are still in school and children working remotely can blog their teacher. SB has been contacting parents and has been getting picture of how people are coping but all situations are unique.</p> <p>16.2 <b><u>Tracking Progress Report Sept 2020 - December 2020</u></b></p> <p>SB confirmed all children caught up quickly, they were rusty at first i.e. pencil grip, fluency in writing but are now all making progress.</p> <p>JT said she had spoken to a local resident with two children who said the support from school has been stupendous.</p> <p><b>HH asked what support is in place for SEN children not in school.</b> SB said good support is being provided by parents and those who need to be in school are in.</p> <p>16.3 <b><u>Lockdown Report</u></b></p> <p>SB discussed the content of the Lockdown Report.</p> <p><b>NR asked if SB had looked at the support for Pupil Premium.</b> SB said she had been discussing extra lessons from Teaching Assistants, Pupil Premium children are receiving 1-2-1 time at the end of whole class Live Learning. DH said the Live Learning has been much better at keeping children engaged this time. NR said it helps that children can see their friends, SB agreed and said it also really good for the teachers to see their pupils.</p>	



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7.	<b><u>Governor Feedback</u></b>	
	N/a	
8.	<b><u>SEN</u></b>	
	SB said seven out of ten SEN pupils are currently attending school. One pupil with EHCP is in every day.	
9.	<b><u>Safeguarding</u></b>	
9.1	SB said the 175 Audit is in the process of being completed.	
10	<b><u>Health and Safety</u></b>	
	No issues to report.	
11.	<b><u>Staffing</u></b>	
11.1	SB said staff meetings are now taking place during the school day.	
12.	<b><u>Finance</u></b>	
12.1	The Budget Meeting is planned for 20 <sup>th</sup> April. <b>Action</b> VL send details to NR	
13.	<b><u>Policies - bulk approval</u></b>	
	The following policies were approved:	
13.1	Play and Supervision	
13.2	Helpers in School	
13.3	IT Acceptable Use	
13.4	Records Transfer <b>HH asked what we do if a child leaves and we cannot locate where to send the record.</b> SB said we cannot take them off role and gave an example of when this has happened in school.	
13.5	Separated Parents	
13.6	Behaviour and Physical Intervention	
14.	<b><u>Any other business</u></b>	
14.1	SB thanked JH for providing the school with a laptop.	
14.2	JH suggested the school send condolences to Landau Forte Academy as their Business Assistant, who was a resident in Barrow upon Trent, has recently passed away.	
14.3	JT thanked everyone in school.	

Interrogation/critical evaluation by Governors is highlighted in red

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS			
Action	Minute No	When by / Status	Whom
Send Scheme of Delegation and Articles of Association to Governors	14.4	18.03.21	SB
Send details of the April Budget Meeting	12.1	18.03.21	VL

Date and Time of Next Meeting: - 7 pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via Zoom.