



THE FELLOWSHIP OF ALL SAINTS KIRKBY OVERBLOW AND NORTH RIGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Meeting of the Joint Governing Body to be held online on Microsoft Teams
14 July 2021 6pm

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| 1) Governors attending | Mrs Amber Andrew | AA -Head mistress |
| | Mrs Emma Littlewood | EL |
| | Mrs Jo Williams | JW |
| | Mr Mark Wilkinson | MW |
| | Mrs Julie Henry | JH |
| | Mrs Rosemary Hunt | RH Chair of Governors |
| | Mrs Sarah Honey | SH |
| | Mr Huw Edwards | HE |

Apologies Mrs Joanne McCudden
 Mrs Sophia Gardiner – problems with IT
 Rev Craig Marshall
 Mrs Sophie Thompson

2) No new declarations of interest. No confidential items. One extra item is the housing planning application regarding Kirkby Overblow

3) Items from previous minutes-

NHS letter – uploaded to websites

Wellbeing survey – update to happen in the Autumn

SEN -Emma Littlewood meeting with Holly - ICE to be produced- Karen to be contacted next week

Pupil Premium – AA and RH discussed this while going on trip to "The Deep"

NR staffing- AA to pick up in September

Nest forms – AA has carried this out

Photos of new build issued to Governors – very impressive- AA very happy with result

Safeguarding – prevent – Rachel to issue link for training to be carried out

Skills audit – RH will not go through entire document, aim to specific

Draft school development plan– to be produced for the next Governors meeting

OFSTED – refresher training -AA said under consideration

How to say thank you to staff for work during the pandemic – AA to advise of time and place

Meeting minutes – agreed as true record

4) Headteachers update

Verbal report -main headline - 7 days till the end of term!

E-mail sent to ASKO parents regarding Staff shortages – hope the Parents are kind and understanding – teacher supply agency contacted but no teachers available. Teaching is slightly compromised – but children are happy and safe. AA mentioned that Sarah Honey showed great flexibility and carried it out with great humour. Note - no staff had tested positive.

New guidelines- no bubbles in September but will remain in place for the rest of the term

School track and trace – school involvement will finish on the Friday PHE to take the responsibility from the following Monday -PHE will have no power to close bubbles

September will see some normality – there will be additional ventilation and extra cleaning

School reports – ASKO issued 9th July with North Rigton being issued 16th July. Some Parents have asked for additional information

North Rigton Extra curriculum activities – school visits on 5th and 6th July to the Deep and Brunel Museum - MW dressed up as a Roman. AA thanked him for this

Sports day On the 2nd July for KS1 and KS2

End of school performance of “Alice in wonderland” being done

ASKO Extra curriculum activities
Filmed performance of “Matilda” – rehearsals were going well – filming to be done 15th July

Leavers assembly – for North Rigton and ASKO – 23rd July

Note - good positive things happening to provide a good end of the year

Staffing Sophia’s maternity cover to be provided by Bethany Lewis who was a Student teacher at North Rigton. AA to confirm SG’s contribution to teaching early in the September term at latest.
From October half term additional leadership to be required MAT will look at with AA

Building works - works to both North Rigton and ASKO to be carried out over the Summer holidays

New fellowship website - To cover both schools- will reduce the duplication that is occurring

JH gave thanks to ASKO for their versatility over the past academic year

JW thanked everyone involved in the production of Alice in Wonderland
RH asked SH to pass on all the best wishes to the team at ASKO

SH thanked JH for the photos she took

5) YCST update

AA – had no new items to add

RH – update from Chairs meeting

- A) Strategic Direction group being formed
- B) Skipton Parish school due to convert 1st August
- C) Government pushing for growth of trusts – YCST keen to maintain it's ethos and not looking to change the trust
- D) Board level committee structure review – board committee for school development to try to get consistency in all schools
- E) Issue of individual school having different levels and standards of governance
- F) New to Governance training- 30th September
- G) Complaints training – JO/RH/JmC have volunteered – AA to have a list of governors prepared to be independent members of complaints panels or be a sounding board for others. EL happy to be a buddy - RH stated how daunting it is to be part of a complaints board
- H) Safeguarding - changes being made to the Academy Trust Handbook. MAT looking at a Trustee for safeguarding throughout the trust who will liaise with school governors responsible for safeguarding
- I) Wellbeing - Phil Titchmarsh will take the role on for the trust- also a wellbeing Governor to be appointed for each school
- J) End of year audit looked at
- K) Academy Trust Handbook – all Governance papers from meetings should be made available on request, unless confidential. This could be an issue. AA asked for further clarification on what can and cannot be issued publicly

6) Safeguarding

- A) No issues raised by AA
- B) Visit by RH – summarised with all that should be happening is happening
- C) Between October and June – more children seeking pupil premium, but this did not affect the performance of North Rigton nor ASKO

7) Governor visits/meetings

RH went to help with the school visit to The Deep and MW dressed as a Roman for other school visit to Brunel Museum – both trip seen as being very successful

8) Governor Training/Development

Skill audit - Scores were generally 4-5 so all good there. Audit showed a good range of skills and experience. MW questioned “honesty” of responses. RH had reviewed all questionnaires and were happy with them. Query raised as to whether there was a need to review of the membership of Governors on the various committees. RH asked if someone else would chair the SDC to free up RH. MW happy to continue as resource chair.

20 questions – Governor had to choose a question and discuss. EL mentioned strong relationship and methods of communication and mentioned Tapestry as being a personal interface with parents. JH looked at accountability and looked to get back to normal in September covid allowing. Also looked at governors to be more visible to schools. MW looked to Governors to go through the questions and respond- see if there are deficiencies- also look at training so that Governors are more affective. JW looked at 11 year olds and queries how well pupils transition (EL asked how we can monitor pupils once they have left so that any problems can be identified earlier in our schools). AA asked RH to relate with other chairs for clarity- questioned why some key points were put into one list. SH was similar to AA. Also reiterated the point of Governors being more visible. And be more of a presence and see the school in action.

RH needs to set time aside to review and look at short, medium and long term strategy with more blue sky thinking to develop the strategy. RH also queried how much North Rigton and ASKO should be tied together and how much individuality of the schools should be maintained. SH felt Governors could be more in touch with what is happening in the school and should be to be more effective Governors. The inset day was discussed as being a time to do any workshops/meetings with the Draft summary of the SDC being available to review. RH said that difficult questions need to be asked with EL adding that it was good to get an external view of where the fellowship was.

9) Correspondence

No correspondence to deal with

10) Further items determined for discussion at agenda item 2

A letter was received from Harrogate Borough Council refusing to give the proposed housing development at Kirkby Overblow planning approval citing that existing trees were to be kept and the fact that the building was in the green belt. We need to wait to see what happens next but it is out of the Governors hands

11) Governor meeting dates, as circulated in the agenda were noted.

12) What impact have we had since the last meeting on the achievement and wellbeing of pupils and staff in our schools?

Agreed to the building works being done in the Summer holiday.

Looks like most of the children have been for most of the time thus having a minimal impact on their education and having to learn some valuable life lessons and to show adaptability.

Skills audit done and had a good response.