Mary Dean's C of E Primary School

Governors Impact Report	29th March 2021
Subject	**Impact Report for Governors Meeting**
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Procedural Items

From the minutes:-

- Noted that the bike track was completed and in use – 'absolutely fantastic'.
- Access was being permitted when school is close, governors to monitor for any damage.
- Good for community as well as school.
- Will keep possible need for security camera in mind if deemed necessary in due course.

A point was raise by chair of governors on article in a teaching publication around end of term '100% attendance awards' and the danger of unwitting discrimination toward pupils with long term chronic health issues – a discussion ensued and differing points of view were aired:-

- Head teacher to change terminology for the award from summer term.
- Suggestion that 'Top Possible Attendance' rather than '100% attendance' to be celebrated.

Strategic direction

National Agenda:-

- Awareness that 'catch-up' funding will be audited.
- School has kept all its additional funding separately accounted.

Clerks Update:-

- Governor attendance record noted.
- Clerks report from attendance at suicide prevention course.
- Feedback from governors who had also attended the course recommended others attend.
- One vacancy exists on governing body and another close end of tenure.
- Need for financial skills on board emphasised and need for wider pool on which to draw.
- Chair and Vice Chair to work on recruitment and report ideas back to governors

Accountability

Financial position outlined by head

- Looks OK at present but no room for complacency.
- Covid and post Covid effect on finances still not yet fully apparent.
- Head will instigate survey next term to better assess future needs of after school provisions.
- Governors to keep finances under review.

Pupils return to school post lockdown

- Term very hard work on all – staff ending term exhausted.
- Huge gratitude to staff expressed.
- Chair to thank staff from governors, and especially SEN staff, by letter.

People

Head Teachers report

- Question asked on 'catch-up' situation of pupils.
- Much acknowledgement of way staff were enabling catch-up
- Much work already done and other in progress.

- Staff had awareness and making immediate responses.

Roles and Responsibilities

Proposed structure

- Projected numbers such that we need to retain structure as at present.

Governor Contact with Key staff

- Need for re-engagement with school post lockdown.
- Need for link-up between governors and key staff in ethos groups.
- Need to work on means of enabling this to happen – both remotely by meet-up.
- Need for Key Topic Governors to make topic contribution to FGM.
- Suggested use of Google Drive – 'Noddy Guide' will be provided ….
- Much enthusiasm from Governors for 're-engagement' in full.

Compliance

Accessibility Policy accepted unanimously

- We are constrained by our building.

Evaluation

- Governors reminded of importance of reporting visits and observation of school whether formal, informal, live or remotely.

AOB

- Next FGM dates Tues 18th May; Tues 29th June; Tues 20th July.
- Where ever possible meetings to be 'in-person', but if not yet allowed then remotely.
- Mixed media (i.e. 'live' and 'Zoom) is also possible.