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The Local Governing Board of
Bearwood Primary & Nursery School
Minutes of Local Governing Board Meeting
Held on Thursday, 25th June 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Present:

Mrs Laura Bennett (Headteacher)
Mrs Carolyn Bennett
Mrs Nicola Best (Meeting Chair)

Mrs Rebecca Bridger
Mrs Helen Todd

In Attendance:

Mrs Patricia Rushton (Clerk)

<p>1. Welcome and Purpose of Meeting</p> <p>1.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs Ann Harris and Mr Mike Sussman.</p> <p>1.2 Mrs Best as Vice-Chair, chaired this meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Headteacher's Update</p> <p>2.1 Mrs Bennett advised that Year 6 had completed Mock SATs tests to enable the school to gauge the expected outcomes for this cohort of children. The school's data will not be submitted to the DfE but will go to the LA to pass on to the children's secondary schools. One pupil is currently under CAMHS and was unable to access work therefore we made the decision to award WTS, although he was working at ARE in the Autumn Term. The school will need to justify the data for Year 6 with Hamwic if required.</p> <p>2.2 Mrs Bennett advised that a formal assessment had not been done for KS1 or for the phonics screening, however we had internal data to award achievement at the end of March. This data will also not be submitted to the DfE.</p> <p>2.3 Governors were advised that the school potentially would have had 80% for Reading, Writing and Maths combined at the end of KS2. Pupil Premium children had achieved very well, especially in Year 6. Greater depth writing was lower than hoped this year. It was felt that these children previously just needed more time and opportunity to develop their writing to gather evidence.</p> <p>2.4 Mrs Bennett advised that there is no official pupil progress measure so progress had been measured from KS1 e.g. ARE to ARE.</p> <p>2.5 Mrs Bennett advised that at KS1 40% of children achieved greater depth. It was considered that the school will need to focus on what greater depth looks like at KS1. The children have only completed half a year this year so did not have the time to embed their learning. Mrs Bennett advised that the trajectory had looked good and had they continued to attend school they would have achieved it had their progress continued. There is still work to do.</p> <p>2.6 In Reception, 80% of pupils have achieved a good level of development.</p>	

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| <p>2.7 Mrs Bennett advised that one member of staff is shielding and she regularly works with six children doing 1:1 phonics with them.</p> <p>2.8 Mrs Bennett advised that children are currently receiving interventions whether they are in school or not. Those children that have not made expected progress will continue to receive interventions next year.</p> <p>2.9 Mrs Bennett reported that due to a teacher leaving whilst the cohort was in year 1, there is some catch up to be done with the Year 2 children when considering their starting points. In Reading, two children have dropped from ARE which was originally at 80% and is now at 73%. The percentage of children working at greater depth in Reading is as expected. In Writing, two children have dropped away from working at ARE and two have dropped away from greater depth. The school will need to target these children moving forward. There is also concern that some children may have dropped off due to lockdown.</p> <p>2.10 Mrs Bennett advised that whilst Pupil Premium children have made progress this may not necessarily mean that they are working at ARE.</p> <p>2.11 Mrs Bennett advised that she has tried to ensure that communication is open but she has not wanted to overload teachers or families. Children have been offered time with their teachers either in school or via Teams. If the children are at home, then they are also doing work. The learning taking place is now new learning rather than consolidation.</p> <p>2.12 Governors were advised that having more children in school can only be done if the school has the capacity. Mrs Bennett advised that yesterday the school had to close one bubble due to staff absence. Mrs Bennett also taught a bubble today to stop having to close another bubble.</p> <p>2.13 Mrs Bennett advised that the school is currently open to children in Reception and Year 1 and will gradually open to other year groups. All parents that have wanted a place for their child have a place. The school continues to offer high quality learning to all children including those working from home.</p> <p>2.14 A question was asked of a Parent Governor whose child is working from home and it was considered that the school has gone above and beyond what could reasonably be expected. She felt her children were learning and felt that they were not falling behind. The learning is being guided and supported by the school. Governors were advised that it was expected that more parents would want their child to come back to school once they appreciate that it is safe. No negative comments have been heard about the return to school.</p> <p>2.15 Mrs Bennett advised that the children are happy in school and it was felt that a new bond had been formed with parents which has made a real difference in the relationship between the school and parents.</p> <p>2.16 Mrs Bennett advised that from September it is being assumed that all children will be coming back to school. It is possible that classes will still need to split into two. Governors were advised that the school has undertaken a risk assessment and has staggered starts and finishes to the school day and also staggered lunch and break times. Assemblies are held virtually. The school will wait further guidance before making plans for September.</p> | |
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<p>2.17 Governors were advised that schools in the South West have a high percentage of children that have returned back to school.</p> <p>2.18 Mrs Bennett advised that budget guidance had been released and whilst it has cost £10,000 to staff the school it will not be possible to claim this expenditure. The school will, however, be able to claim for additional cleaning. Free school meals will be available for the children during the summer holidays.</p> <p>2.19 Mrs Bennett reported that the school has had an increase in the numbers of vulnerable children. The school ensures that the safeguarding of children and parents remains a priority, although it has been difficult to get Social Care to take new cases.</p> <p>2.20 Mrs Bennett advised that letters have gone out to parents today about transition. It was considered that as the school had no staff leaving that there was no need to undertake a lot of work to support the movement of pupils to their next year group. The children have experienced different groups and teachers during lockdown.</p> <p>2.21 Friday afternoon is closed to pupils to allow for a deep clean and this has been taken as an opportunity to give PPA. Mrs Bennett advised that Friday afternoon PPA has been working well and Mrs Bennett has requested that this continues in September, although it was unknown whether this would be allowed.</p> <p>2.22 Mrs Bennett advised that school reports would be going out in early July.</p> <p>2.23 Mrs Bennett reported that on the final day of term the school would have Year 6 in attendance with pizza or fish and chips whilst socially distancing.</p>	
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