



**Abbey School Local Governing Body
Teaching, Learning & Wellbeing
Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 12:00
via MS Teams**

Those Present:		
Luci Windle	Exec. Headteacher	LW
Wayne Askham	Head of School	WA
Alison Warner	Governor – Chair	AW
Janine Brullo	Parent Governor	JB
Sue Hodgkinson	Parent Governor	SH
Peter Macaulay	Support Staff Governor	PM
Jim McIntosh	Governor – Finance Link Governor	JMcI
Sonia Seymour-Thackery	Governor – Vice Chair	SS-T
		MT
Also Present:		
Warren Carratt	Nexus MAT CEO	CEO
Joel Hardwick	Nexus MAT Assistant CEO	JH
Richard Bone	Nexus MAT Project Support Officer (Acting Clerk)	RB
Andy Child MBE	Chair of Board of Directors of Nexus MAT	AC
Apologies:		
Marion Tapp	Governor	MT
No Apologies:		
Ivy Dorchester-Brown	Governor – Wellbeing Link Governor	ID-B

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Actions
<p>1.1. To receive apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from MT.</p> <p>No apologies received from ID-B.</p>	
<p>1.2. To accept apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were accepted from MT.</p>	
2. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS	
<p>2.1. Chair to determine any items of urgent business</p> <p>No urgent business identified. AW requested follow up on the new governors. CEO confirmed this will be followed up already by Clerking services.</p>	
3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
<p>3.1. Individual Governors to declare any personal, business or other governance interests on any item on the agenda</p> <p>There were no declarations received.</p>	
4. ABBEY SCHOOL LOCAL GOVERNING BODY MINUTES	
<p>4.1. To approve the minutes of the following meeting:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2020 were approved as a correct record with no amendments.</p>	
<p>4.2. Review of Action Tracker</p> <p>The outstanding actions on the tracker were reviewed and updated. Roadwork completed. Post 16 tracker for next data collection. In response to the demands of the current lockdown situation, CEO has decided that LAC Care engagement will now fit into next year's MAT Improvement Plan, so will be marked as complete.</p>	
<p>4.3. Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>None</p>	
5. POLICIES	
<p>5.1. Policies for Review</p> <p>5.1.1 Lockdown Policy – SS-T sought clarification of safe haven for Post 16 location. LW confirmed it was the University Centre Rotherham site. May need to look at whether it ought to be on a 2 year cycle - Approved</p> <p>5.1.2 Bomb Threat and Response Procedure - Approved</p> <p>5.1.3 British Values - Approved</p> <p>5.1.4 Anti-Bullying – LW explained that the policy was written in cooperation with Rotherham Council's Anti-Bullying ambassador– Approved</p>	

<p>There was a discussion concerning bullying incidents in school which LW explained are low. The Student Council's "Breaktime worry club" was also mentioned as it gives pupils the opportunity to discuss problems with a peer. The club was established by School council who have been made aware of who their safeguarding lead is to be able to pass on any issues of concern.</p>	
<p>5.2. New Policies</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED</p>	
<p>6.1. Lockdown Measures – School Update</p> <p>LW summarised lockdown measures that have been introduced, such as a fortnightly lateral flow test for staff. The testing system has successfully identified one member of staff who tested positive despite showing no symptoms. Though under pressure, staff have remained positive and feedback from questionnaires has been very good. With the exception of shielding and pregnant staff, all staff are present in school. Advice from the Trust has been helpful and clarification has been readily available where needed. Parents are being consulted on a fortnightly cycle on the school offer and all pupils requiring a place in school have been accommodated.</p> <p>There have been some challenges with a few families regarding compliance with the Government's Covid social distancing rules. SH shared her concerns on this matter and raised the issue of the impact that this situation was having on the parents of pupils. LW pledged to continue to discuss the importance of the rules with parents who were not complying in addition to continuing with measures such as limiting parking, encouraging parents to wait in their cars and to challenge people who were not wearing face masks. WA explained that the SeeSaw platform and a school council created twitter page were providing an opportunity for pupils to share their voice. WA also clarified the logistics of using Seesaw – with tasks set daily by teachers that pupils can dip into</p> <p>Governor welcomed the update from the Executive Head and commended school for their efforts at this difficult time.</p>	
<p>6.2. Chair/CEO Verbal Update of Key Issues from Trust Board of Directors</p> <p>CEO praised Abbey for their good work and was keen to identify opportunities to use what has been learned to improve provision post-Covid (e.g. home learning for absent pupils). There is a push for vaccine priority to be given to school staff but lack of availability means that purchasing is not an option currently.</p>	
<p>7. GOVERNANCE MATTERS</p>	
<p>7.1. Governors to complete Activity Log</p> <p>To be completed and emailed to clerks.</p>	
<p>8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS</p>	
<p>8.1. To consider any other urgent business agreed by the Chair</p> <p>None.</p>	

9. CONFIDENTIALITY & RISK	
9.1. To consider the confidentiality of any items discussed during the meeting None.	
9.2. To consider any areas of risk discussed during the meeting Issues associated with catch-up funding. And to not lose lessons learnt from the Covid response provisions.	
10. DATES OF NEXT MEETING	

Tuesday 16 th March 2021	12:00 – 14:00	MS Teams	Safeguarding, Leadership & Management
Tuesday 11 th May 2021	12:00 – 14:00	Abbey School	Teaching, Learning & Wellbeing
Tuesday 29 th June 2021	16:00 – 19:00	Crags School	Leadership Summit
Tuesday 6 th July 2021	12:00 – 14:00	Abbey School	Safeguarding, Leadership & Management

Minutes approved

CHAIR	SIGNATURE	DATE