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| **VENUE**Bewsey Lodge Primary School | **Children and Learning Committee** | **DATE**Friday 10th November 2023 |
| **Chair**Siobhan Bentley | **MINUTES** | **TIME**1pm |
| **Present**Emma Williams, Siobhan Bentley, Matthew Boyle, Phil Chadwick and Emma Ray-White**Minute Clerk**Julie Iredale | **Apologies**Kathryn Kendall  |

| **ITEM** | **INFORMATION** | **ACTION** |
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| 1. **Welcome & Apologies**
 | * EW welcomed everyone to the meeting
* Apologies were received from KK
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| 1. **Minutes**
 | * The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2023 were agreed as a true reflection. Attached for ease of reference
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| 1. **Matters Arising**
 | * EW was pleased to inform the Committee that the three KS2 appeals for Greater Depth had been successful
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| 1. **Termly Data Update**
 | * EW presented attainment tables to the Committee which shows termly targets for all Year Groups for the whole academic year
* EW said the Year 6 Maths target was based on the NFER tests completed by these pupils when they were in Year 5
* EW said that Year 2 Writing attainment was still lower than pre- covid levels. She pointed out that our pupils had been in the top 2% nationally at one point
* Although there was work to be done, EW felt the standards were pulling back to those achieved prior to 2020
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| 1. **SEN and Vulnerable Groups**
 | * LB presented a SEND and LAC Report based on data from July 2023
* LB said that the past few years had seen a significant increase in pupils on the Register
* **A Governor** asked if we have been challenged to reduce these numbers?
* LB replied that she is overly cautious when considering if pupils should be added and those included are less than they could be
* LB said that she had set up regular meetings with Nursery staff which has allowed for more EYFS pupils’ needs to be identified at an earlier stage and this helped them to progress once they joined Reception
* **A Governor** asked if SEND funding for Nursery pupils followed them into Reception
* LB said that it didn’t and all Reception pupils required a EHCP to be in place. Unfortunately, the time frame for EHCPs was very slow and pupils referred in October 2022 were only just being assessed
* LB said that SEND children taught in mainstream classes were now assessed purely on Age Related Expectations rather than B-Squared. This had produced positive results
* **A Governor** asked about the mental health link worker mentioned in the report
* LB explained that this person worked with pupils following concerns raised by their parents. The intervention was very successful and there are other pupils on the waiting list as only four are included at any one time
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| 1. **SDP Priorities**
 | * EW provided the SDP 2023-2024
* The Committee discussed the contents including EW’s decision to have two clearly defined lessons each week to address low attainment in Writing throughout School
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| 1. **Governors Monitoring Schedule**
 | * The Committee received the updated list of Subject Link Governors
* EW said that Victoria Marsh will contact all Governors to arrange visits to meet their Subject Leaders before the end of the Autumn Term
 | * **VM to arrange School visits with Subject Links Governors**
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| 1. **Pupil Premium**
 | * LB provided a Pupil Premium Strategy Statement based on the DfE model
* She explained that funding was used to employ staff which then kept class sizes as small as possible
* We are also able to have a non-class based Deputy DSL and pay for additional hours for our some of our Support Staff who provide 1:1 reading support
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| 1. **PE Funding**
 | * Amy Mullen is the PE Co-ordinator and she provided PE Funding expenditure reports for 22-23 and 23-24 along with a report evaluating the impact of this funding
* EW explained that our School Hall is too small so pupils are taken to outside venues as part of the Enriched Curriculum offered in CLASP sessions such as the Chill Factor, boxing classes and golf lessons
* EW said that this meant we didn’t have a big After School Club offer as all pupils were on a rota and they benefitted from weekly CLASP sessions
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| 1. **Curriculum**
 | * EW shared a variety of books with the Committee including from pupils in the Designated Provisions
* It was agreed that the books showed good progress and improvements in handwriting
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| 1. **Quality of Teaching**
 | * EW said that the next round of teaching observations would be starting in mid-November and she will report back to the next meeting
* EW said the most effective methods to assess the quality of teaching were regular book monitoring and drop-ins by Phase and Subject Leaders
 | * **EW to provide Quality of Teaching update at the next meeting**
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| 1. **Behaviour, Exclusions and Attendance Update**
 | * EW said attendance for the first half of the Autumn Term was 95.3%
* EW said 14% of pupils were Persistently Absent
* **A Governor** said that WBC are also asking for data for Severely Absent pupils – those less than 50%
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| 1. **Schedule of Meetings**
 | * The Spring Term meeting will be held at 1pm on Friday 8th March 2024
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| 1. **Any Other Business**
 | * There was no other business
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| **Next Meeting****Friday 8th March 2024 at 1pm** |