

The Link Academy
Local Board Meeting
RALEIGH HUB – Drakes & Otterton Schools

Meeting Part I Minutes							
Date & Time	9 th July 2020 13.00		Location	Remote meeting via Teams			
Governors Present	Initials			Governors Present	Initials		
Mrs C Channon	CC	Ex-officio Governor		Mrs C Tigg	CT	Parent Governor	
Mr P Halford	PH	Headteacher					
Prof. L Jacques	LA	Foundation Governor					
Apologies	Initials	Reason for Absence (Category of Governor)		Absent without Apology	Initials	Category of Governor	
				Mr A Alexander	AKA	Foundation Gov	

In Attendance	Initials	Capacity		Minutes to
F Mills	FM	Clerk		All Governors

Ref	Action or Decision	Action Owner & deadline
1	Welcome & Apologies for Absence	
2	There were no governors declaring any pecuniary interests in the business on the agenda.	
3	The Minutes of the meeting on the were signed by the Chair (CT) as an accurate record of the meeting.	PH
4	<p>Update: YR, Y1 & Y6 returned after lockdown with initial low intake. Parents advised that term finished for these pupils on 3rd July, leavers service took place on that date. Parents of other children invited to attend for 2 weeks leading up to the end of term. (Y2, 3, 4 & 5). Assessments undertaken to enable planning for September in. Phonics, Literacy &. Mathematics. Guidance for September assumes full register finer details still being considered with firm line from Government regarding attendance. Plans for September include interventions leading up to 17.9.20. Teacher training days to be used to plan these. Need to do catchup in September to ensure recovery of weeks missed. Management of cohorts in September to minimise risk of infection. Group 'bubbles': - (to contain whole classes of 2years/ key stages) still to be decided. Staggered drop off and pick- ups. September will allow more flexibility of staff with cross over between bubbles. (Children can not cross bubbles). Peripatetic teachers for music & sport moving across schools in Academy. Teachers have been very positive giving over and above and have effectively managed changes.</p>	

Full Governing Body Minutes dated

Signed

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5	<p>Improvement plan for this academic year. Sept 19/July 20 very disrupted due to global pandemic resulting in many areas to be taken forward to 20/21</p> <p>Teaching of vocab in all subjects carried forward to next year.</p> <p>Plan includes threads which include remote learning in case of local lockdown.</p> <p>Interventions carefully planned for catchup (2 terms of flexibility with expectation that full curriculum will be resumed Summer Term 2021).</p> <p>Current assessments as expected but time in school is making a positive change. Reading improvement for some children is marked. Readiness for further lockdown/illness key part of planning.</p> <p>Plans to create staggered start for new children.</p> <p>Government will provide income per head to aid catchup</p> <p>Question: Do we know how the money will be spent? Details yet to come, concern that it may be prescriptive. There will be a National tutoring programme for disadvantaged children details still to come.</p> <p>OFSTED inspections suspended until after Christmas 2020 although possible visits to schools causing concern.</p> <p>Predicted numbers: - 51 Drakes September 2020 (possible additional 3)</p> <p>60 Otterton (possible additional 5)</p> <p>On line delivery: -</p> <p>E schools gives access for children & teachers for submission of home work. Possible delivery of teaching using teams/google classroom platforms etc. Mindful of need to 'teach' parents.</p> <p>Need to encourage parents to be a voice for children with positive encouragement to come to school.</p> <p>Wrap around care presents further challenges as it may mean children cross bubbles this area needs to be further investigated.</p> <p>Infection guidelines will dictate the way forward in September but readiness is paramount PH feels that both schools well placed and prepared.</p>	
6	Thanks for dedication & hard work from PH & teaching staff during this very stressful time.	
7	<p>Safeguarding: How is safeguarding being addressed for those children not in school?</p> <p>Traffic light system in place for vulnerable children which has ensured contact. Good to see these children back in school and to ensure wellbeing.</p> <p>Plans to provide vulnerable children with laptops to enable remote learning to be accessed.</p>	
8	Close 14.20	
	Date of next meeting: TBC	