



Hamble Primary School Governing Body

Family-friendly minutes

29th November 2022

At the beginning of the meeting the minutes from the previous meeting (18th October) were reviewed and checked.

Mrs Donohoe represented the school at this meeting in Mrs Hewitt's absence.

The Headteacher's written report updated Governors on progress against the School Improvement Plan. Monitoring in the Autumn Term has focussed on provision across all subjects for lower-attaining readers, and this has shown that teachers do consider provision outside of English lessons to ensure all children can access learning. Pupil progress meetings have been carried out with all teachers.

A governor asked about parental attendance at the recent meetings held in school (maths information meetings and anxiety workshops). Mrs Donohoe reported that these were relatively well attended and feedback has been positive.

In reference to an issue raised previously about drainage between the two playgrounds, it was reported that has been repeatedly reported to HCC, however it is caused by the excess concrete with no run-off and nothing can be done without digging up a large area. The drainage system is as old as the school and it would be too expensive to do anything for this area. The school manage any flooding by directing children and staff around the area.

The mid-year budget was presented by the Finance Committee following their meeting with the School Business Manager. A benchmarking review with similar Hampshire schools shows that our spending is broadly in line with other schools. The school currently has a relatively healthy budget, however the next two years are likely to be financially very challenging. Note, Hampshire County Council is likely facing a £200 million budget deficit over the next 4 years and it is unclear if or how this will impact school funding.

A governor enquired after staff wellbeing. Mrs Donohoe reported that school was busy in the run up to Christmas but everyone was OK. A governor enquired about how things were while Mrs Hewitt was absent and Mrs Donohoe reported that her and Mrs Spooner were coping well and everyone was being supportive.

A governor reported back from monitoring visit carried out focussing on Maths, linking to the area of the School Improvement Plan related to outcomes. It was reported that the focus is now to sustain performance. The school recognise the importance of reading attainment in Maths in terms of comprehending the questions. Hamble is above national averages in this area. The school is sourcing tablets for children to access Rockstars for multiplication – funded from Pupil Premium Grant. The school will be enjoying a focus on maths during Maths Week beginning 28th November.

The next Governing Body meeting is Tuesday 24th January 2022.