



LGB Questions for Summer Term Meeting 2016

Question from Neil Rudd

Governance

- **The Chancellor in the recent budget has stated he wishes to get rid of Parent Governors. What is the PAT / OV position on this? My understanding reading up on this is that many schools / academies think this is a bad idea.**

This will still be in place for the foreseeable future.

Questions from Paul Cooper

Exclusions Policy

- **How many pupils were excluded last term and for how many days? If a child has to be excluded permanently is this reported to the LGB?**

We had 1 exclusion last term for a day.

Clerk explained the procedure and drew the LGB's attention to the Exclusions policy which will be sent out after the meeting.

Foreign Language Teaching in primary schools

- **Thinking of the advantages of Pilton joining, what is the policy/future plan? What languages should we teach in future? Drop French and include Mandarin. Go back several decades and include Latin to show how it is the root of many of our words?**

Joining with Pilton will open lots of opportunity for specialist teaching including modern foreign languages.

We will start with the expertise they hold currently expand this provision, the opportunities are exciting.

Questions from Louise Gordon

Feedback from Directors

- **Catering? What will new proposal mean for OV? Will it work alongside Norse originally? What implications does this have for our kitchen staff?**

We will continue with Norse at the moment.

At some stage this will be negotiated with the hope that we will become self-performing. At this point we will need to enter the due diligence and TUPE process.



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School Improvements

- **Has a decision been made on possible expansion around yr1/2 classrooms as cohort grows in Sept 2016? Can we facilitate this expected number of children?**

We are currently looking into expanding the key stage 1 provision first trying to get staffing in place.

We have appointed a new teacher for September who is currently training with us.

Thoughts around classes have already in place and what groupings may be for next year.

The spaces around the classroom has been looked at and some changes are planned for the summer holidays to make it a workable space.

Staff are really excited about the changes and the opportunities this will bring next year.

- **New management suite now ready for use, what is planned, next steps for the building?**

We have already got several training courses book in for this term and the large function room will be a fully working space for us once the kitchen is in.

It will be advertised as a training room and offered to the local community.

It is currently being used for a variety of meetings such as PAT moderation, executive teams, parents and as the meeting room is secure it is ideal for safeguarding and multi-agency meetings.

Questions from Alan Bosley

Curriculum Activities

- **Will there be another Shakespeare play in the Autumn?**

No this happens every 2 years

SATs

- **What has been the OV experience with parents and SATs? I was wondering if any parents kept their children away from SATs deliberately**

The children have had excellent preparation for SATs and have been able to complete these successfully

The children have all enjoyed the experience and the parents have felt that children have not been put under any undue stress or preparation

There was no question of anyone withdrawing



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Swimming

- **Do we know what percentage of the children can swim? Also are there any who do not have experience of family visits to the beach. It is a wonderful resource but I suspect there are families who do not go. Nintendo's and TV may take precedence.**

We are unable to control or determine what happens in the lives of children outside of school hours.

We have a record of children in years 3,4,5,6 and their swimming ability.

Children are offered swimming lessons in years 3,4,5,6 but it is their parents decision if they pay for them, they are supported a little by sports premium money.

The beach is a great resource and we hope parents take their children.

We offer trips to the beach usually to the younger children, reception years 1 and 2 all went last year, this can be a costly trip as transport is expensive.

Our children have fantastic outdoor curriculum offered to them through forest school, trips and walks, sporting activities, and residential that often include beach trips.

Thrive groups and grandparent's groups have arranged trips to the beach too.

Pen Pals

- **I am hoping OV can match the enthusiasm for pen pal contacts with Picton school NZ.**

Miss Pirrie is very excited about this project and this will be starting now the year 6 SATs have finished