SCHOOL NUMBER 13010

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
GOVERNOR SERVICES

WALVERDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING TERM MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE HELD IN SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 2025 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr F Khaliq *(Chairman)*
Mr S Agar
Mrs R Bridges
Miss H Ahmed *(Headteacher)*

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs A Bird *(Clerk to Governors)*

PART A

ACTION

S25.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr R Ali, Mr R Bashir and Mr M Osman.

S25.02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

S25.03 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5 OCTOBER 2024

It was **resolved** that the draft minutes of the last meeting be accepted and signed by the Chair as a correct record on behalf of the Committee.

S25.04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

S25.05 REVIEW OF PUPIL PERFORMANCE DATA

Governors received a report on demographics. The Headteacher advised that there were a little more girl heavy. SEND was showing as below national which was not the case but she advised that they needed to be sure all SEND had been identified. There were some pupils needing Education

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and Health Care Plans (EHCP's).

Q - Any other different cultures coming through the school?
A - Homegrown pupils were 82.7% these were who had come straight through from reception.

Governors received the achievement data for reading, writing and maths. The Headteacher would organise a separate session for governors to look at the data in detail.

Governors received core group data. This was divided by Reception to Y2 and Y3 to Y6. The Headteacher advised that if a cohort has a lot of transition can look at it and be disappointing. Governors noted that boys were not doing as well as girls. Mrs Bridges was doing a boys project as boys need more targeting.

The Headteacher advised that boys are making progress, but girls are making accelerated progress. The headteacher was currently doing lesson visits and would feedback at the full governing body meeting. **H/T**

S25.06 MONITORING OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Headteacher advised that the areas highlighted in blue were the focus for this term. The Headteacher would update on where the school was at the full governing body meeting. **H/T**

Q – Absence rates are high in Nursery?
A - It is not statutory attendance and children's immunity has not built up and there has been lots of sickness.

S25.07 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

The Headteacher advised there was new legislation on uniform costs. Children's well-being was in the Schools Bill. There was a government focus on SEND and improving teacher recruitment. The Headteacher advised that any lost uniform was put out at the end of term. The Headteacher felt that the school's approach to uniform was alright and they did not say that a pupil had to have a particular itom of uniform.

S25.08 CHILD PROTECTION/ SAFEGUARDING UPDATES

Governors received a written Safeguarding Report.

S25.09 CREATIVE AND SENCO LEADERS

Creative Curriculum Presentation *(This item had been taken at the start of the Resources Committee)*

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Mrs Entwistle was the creative curriculum team leader and explained that the team was in transition due to maternity leaves and people were stepping up into new roles. The area was being managed but Mrs Entwistle advised that it would be good when everybody was back. Mrs Entwistle advised there was new teaching across subjects. This year the school was looking at lesson structure. The school had used White Rose maths for six years and they were now looking to see if they could introduce this in other subjects. Each week pupils were asked three questions which were flashback questions. This was in the early stages but when they took in books they could see flashback. This did look different in Reception and in Y1. Teachers had noticed it embedding in Y6.

The school used schemes, and they ran staff meetings on adapting schemes, so they were suitable for their pupils. They looked at what they could give them so they can run with it.

The school was keeping vocabulary and language at the same level, and they now needed to review to see if it can be seen in books. Book looks were held with middle leaders to see if it was there.

The school had achieved the silver Art Mark award. They were taking part in Young Voices the following week. They have completed a community art project. The headteacher advised that Mrs Entwistle managed the team well.

Q - Do you look at what impact this has on core subjects? How do you measure?
A - Facts from guided reading and topics put together for English.

Q - Is it correlated to English lesson?
A - Computing is more discreet. There will be a link where we can make them. We have curriculum overviews as well so can see how it links in.

Governors thanked Mrs Entwistle for her report.

S25.10 CONFIDENTIALITY

There were no items deemed as confidential.

S25.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 7.00 pm.

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CLOSING REMARKS

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and continued support and duly closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.

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