

Link Academy
Local Board meeting
Raleigh Hub – Otterton & Drakes School.

Meeting Part I Minutes							
Date & Time	19/10/21 14.00		Location	At Otterton			
Governors Present	Initials			Governors Present	Initials		
Mr P Halford	PH	Headteacher		Anne Pelosi	AP	Teacher Governor	
Christine Channon	CC	Foundation Gov.		Claire Lister	CL	Parent Gov.	
Corinna Tigg	CT	Foundation Governor	Chair	Nicole Cookson	NC	Parent Gov	
Claire Appleby	CA	Teacher Governor					

Apologies	Initials	Reason for Absence (Category of Governor)
Rev'd M Jacques	MJ	Holiday
Prof L Jacques	LJ	Holiday

Absent without Apology	Initials	Category of Governor
Anthony Alexander	AA	Foundation Governor

In Attendance	Initials	Capacity	
F Mills	FM	Clerk	

Minutes to
All Governors

	The meeting opened in prayer Action or Decision	Action Owner & deadline
1	Apologies as detailed above: The new board introduced themselves and PH suggested that each Gov provide a short, written introduction which could be placed on the website.	All Gobs to provide by 19.11.21
2	Pecuniary interests register: No pecuniary interests in items on the agenda were registered	
3	Minutes from last meeting: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 6.7.21 were an accurate record & were signed accordingly.	

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Signed

Dated.....

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4	<p>Head Teachers Report. NC challenged replacement of local SENCO. PH confirmed that Becky Humphries is the named SENCO for the Raleigh Hub and is working across the LINK. Action PH to communicate role of SENCO in Raleigh Hub. CL challenged marketing of schools in light of predicted low birth rate. PH agreed that profile of school needs to remain high. Facebook, open day, interest through Foundation unit. Parent recommendation continues to be most important. CT challenged actions been taken following the departure of children to other schools at the end of July PH confirmed that lessons have been learned regarding children that have left due to concerns and both parent governors felt that those families remaining are quietly content. CC request further information regarding, SEN, children in need, and educational plans. CT asked for further information regarding PP & sports fund.</p>	PH
5	<p>Confirm reading of KCSIE. All Govs have read & understood policy. All but one have completed safeguarding training and FM will provide Link to Link training.</p>	FM
6	<p>Feedback from ASIP visit. To be deferred. School visit dates TBA. Maths & Literacy a focus across both schools. Literacy is going really well and teachers are enthusiastic. Results are encouraging and ground work is beginning to bear fruit. Teachers report that ability of children to learn and understand is better than for some time. Literacy lead is passionate and rolling programmes are tight and equip the children with ability to move forward. Meta linguistics being trained in school to enable children to articulate use of linguistics and vocabulary. CA Ambassador for linguistics in Devon. Practice has been recognised for use in phonics. Vocabulary expansion ties in with need for children to articulate. Consistency, Moderation. External validation all remain important. Assessments ongoing but small numbers affect validation. Balance is necessary between good teaching and picture given externally. COVID has meant that many foundations have needed to be rebuilt/ recovery is challenging to assess. Current hard-line data does not give full picture and the ability to progress. Identification of gaps in knowledge being addressed. Maths – Jurassic hub has helped sequencing. Taken learning back to the beginning to ensure solid foundations. FSU has had real impact on positivity of Otterton. Continuous curriculum working well and team in FSU positive. Parental view of change in class room structure. Parents evening will give the opportunity to explore concerns. CL reports that children in class 2 are responding well to new structure. Communication with parents continues to be important especially in new setup. Curriculum objects remain age apparent in classes with several year groups. The Governors offered thanks to Anne & Claire.</p>	
7	<p>Parent feedback groups - 9th November Drakes Each Board member to provide word picture for the other parents to know about the work of the Local Board.</p>	
8	<p>Link Academy update. CT S&C board. Exclusion policy training.</p>	CT to find out input
9	<p>Ethos Board Feedback – Vision & Values Values: Thankfulness, Courage, Trust Hope, Respect & Compassion. Await feedback from Ethos Group. Aim for Open the book to return to schools before Christmas. The focus will be the Nativity and the Creation after Christmas.</p>	
10	<p>Safeguarding update. Low level incident at Drakes which has been dealt with CC queried the sharing of information in transition to other schools. PH confirmed that nothing is shared electronically. Peer on peer abuse the focus for OFSTED.</p>	
11	<p>AOB – Nothing raised.</p>	
12	<p>Close. The meeting closed at 15.15</p>	