

GODSHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING of THE GOVERNING BOARD OF GODSHILL PRIMARY HELD at GODSHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, 12 March 2025 COMMENCING AT 4.00pm.

Membership:

Di Barker (DB) Chair Local Authority Governor
 Kate Green (KG) Vice Chair Co-opted Governor
 Jamie Dickinson (JD) Staff Governor
 Suzie Ellis (SE) Co-opted Governor

Mark Snow (MS) Exec HT
 Ursula Hutchinson (UH) Co-opted Governor
 Amy Martindale (AM) Co-opted Governor
 Yvette Leppard (YL) Co-opted Governor

Also in attendance - Leigh Mannix (Clerk), Karl Whiting (SBM) & Lisa Morgan Huws (HOS)

The Meeting was quorate with 6 in attendance – current membership is 8

Vacancies: 2 x Parent Governor

Key: Challenge, Support, Ring-Fenced, Decision, Action

Item	Minute	Action	By
1	7	LMH report is still being finalised and this would be cascaded to Governors as soon as received by the Clerk.	
2	7	DB/KG/LMH to meet to discuss the governors monitoring schedule linked to the SIP.	DB/LMH/ KG
3	7	DB to send her Maths report to Governors – following a meeting with SS.	DB
4	7	Governors to be linked to subjects at the next meeting.	
5	8	KG would send the minutes from the meeting of the joint Governing Bodies to the clerk to cascade to Governors.	KG

		ACTIONS
1	<u>Apologies & Welcome</u> There were apologies from UH & SE.	Accepted
2	<u>Agree Items of Urgent Business at Any Other Business</u> There were no urgent items to discuss.	
3	<u>Declaration of Pecuniary Interest</u> DB declared she was a Governor at Barton Primary School. MS declared he is also the Head at Barton Primary School. YL declared her sister is the staff Governor at Barton Primary School It was agreed that there was nothing on the agenda that would require any of those making declarations to step away from the meeting. No further declarations were made in relation to the agenda items.	
4	<u>Order of Business</u> As agenda	
5	<u>Finance Reports</u> KW reported that he was in the final stages of the financial year end process to be completed in early April, then the final financial position would be submitted to the LA. The forecasted year end deficit position would unfortunately be slightly higher than reported in October 2024. The forecast then was £165k, the position now is approximately £190k. The uncertainty of the ongoing Island wide school place planning exercise has obviously contributed to this. However, now that the school is to remain open a plan for the deficit recovery needs to be formulated. KW has met with school finance at the LA to discuss future plans. It was hoped the majority of deficit recovery will be achieved by way of increased pupil number as a result of	

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	<p>potential school closures.</p> <p>If approval for closures is agreed, then the school should receive the additional funding for the displaced pupils in year as from September 2025, at 7/12ths (details of methodology recently released by the LA). However, if schools do not close then any additional funding will be received seven months later in the financial year 2026/2027 by the way of the October 2025 census.</p> <p>At the time of the October census 2024 pupil numbers were 144.</p> <p>The current children on roll are 162 plus three children to start and four with allocated places.</p> <p>The net effect, including leavers and the seven children mentioned, equals 29 new pupils from identified schools.</p> <p>The potential funding from September 2025 would be £76k approximately, but this figure is to be confirmed.</p> <p>The revised forecast for the October 2025 census would be approximately 160 (November budget = 144 children), with the potential additional funding of £75k.</p> <p>KW would bring the budget to the next meeting.</p> <p>MS reported that there was still uncertainty and was hopeful the deficit would be reduced in the coming year. Several scenarios had been put forward to the LA and the deficit maybe closer to a three-year recovery plan.</p> <p>He felt governors needed to be rigorous in their scrutiny of the budget, as finance is a huge responsibility for governors.</p> <p>With the proposed Federation of Barton & Godshill and the expertise on both bodies it would be more beneficial to scrutinise the budgets at finance meetings, rather than at a full governing body meeting.</p> <p>KW reported that although it is looking bleak there is light at the end of the tunnel.</p> <p>KW offered to meet with AM to go over the budget in detail, once she had completed a finance course.</p> <p>DB was looking at the SFVS, which needed to be completed and returned to KW by the deadline, which was the 31st March 2025.</p> <p>Thanks to KW for his report.</p>	
6	<p><u>Approval of the Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The minutes were proposed by KG and seconded by DB with all governors in agreement.</p>	
7	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Previous Meetings</u></p> <p>LMH gave an update with regard to the SIP and that the key actions were now slightly different. New targets were not being introduced at the moment; the spring term was to recalibrate following the uncertainty of possible closures before Christmas.</p> <p>DB thought it would be a good exercise for the new Governors to come into school and do a learning walk.</p> <p>Assessments were currently taking place to look at the new data.</p> <p>There were a lot of SEN children with diverse needs.</p> <p>DB would contact LMH to arrange a meeting to take place after Easter, it was agreed that after school maybe better.</p> <p>LMH report is still being finalised and this would be cascaded to Governors as soon as received by the Clerk.</p> <p>DB/KG/LMH to meet to discuss the governors monitoring schedule linked to the SIP.</p> <p>DB to send her Maths report to Governors – following a meeting with SS.</p> <p>Governors to be linked to subjects at the next meeting,</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Action</p>
8	<p><u>Proposed Federation Barton & Godshill</u></p> <p>It had been a unanimous decision by both governing bodies to Federate.</p> <p>KG would send the minutes from this meeting to the clerk to cascade to Governors.</p>	<p>Action</p>
9	<p><u>Heads Report</u></p> <p>MS would send his heads report via google document to both schools at the same time, once the Federation had formed. The report would also include the School Improvement Plan, Safeguarding and Health & Safety, which would alleviate the need for the separate headings in the agenda.</p> <p>The attendance report would also be uploaded in the future.</p> <p>There had been a number of new pupils joining the school, there had been some issues with transitions, which had understandably taken time.</p> <p>There was a large number in Y4, with more needs than usual and more support would be needed. The classroom was not the biggest, but there would be no moving classrooms at this time of year.</p> <p>Families that have been home schooling their children have now chosen to come to Godshill.</p> <p>There are some gaps in the education, but they have settled in very well and made friends.</p> <p>Parking is still an issue and with the new volume of children at Godshill it would be good to have a crossing at some point in Godshill.</p> <p>Staffing.</p> <p>There would be one teacher on maternity leave very soon and there would be cover for this advertised.</p>	

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	<p>There is also one teaching assistant who will be going on maternity leave as well. There were six members of staff across both sites who would be on maternity leave. NT had returned to Godshill from Barton. A member of staff would be coming to Godshill from Barton to assist. The SENDCo, LN, who has been brilliant, would be retiring in the summer, the position will be been covered. The merger of the governing bodies is going very well.</p> <p>Buildings. The portacabin would be painted in the half term and the carpets laid in the Easter holidays. The Y2 children are in the cabin at the moment, there are currently 20 children. The shape of the room requires two televisions for teaching purposes, so that all children can see their learning. During the summer the whole school would be decorated. The parent teacher's association (FROGs) are working well with the school. There is an awful lot of frogs'spawn in the pond and the long-term plan is re-do the pond area, enabling the environment is now back on track.</p> <p>Attendance. The attendance is currently one percent below the national average, year 5 is currently the worst class for attendance.</p> <p>Safeguarding. It was reported that the new MASH team is working well and the number of referrals is reducing. The Social workers are making regular visits and calling and updating. MS is attending training on the new MASH system. DB had been in to check the single central record. The Early Years safeguarding audit had been completed.</p>	
10	<p><u>School Improvement Plan</u> LMH reported that the schools were going to continue with Tim Walters as the LLPR to work with the staff and advise. This would have an impact of the budget, but it was felt that it was a worthwhile expense, as he knows both schools very well.</p>	
11	<p><u>Safeguarding</u> See Heads report</p>	
12	<p><u>Health & Safety</u> There would be a need for a Health & Safety Governor, once the monitoring scheduled had been finalised. A risk assessment for the members of staff expecting would be needed to be put in place.</p>	
13	<p><u>Policies for Review</u> The following policies were due for review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Low Level Concern o Attendance Policy The following policies are from the LA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Complaints Policy There were no changes made to the above policies</p>	
14	<p><u>Correspondence</u> There had been correspondence received from Naomi Carter regarding the delay in the school closure process.</p>	
15	<p><u>Clerk Update (if any)</u> There was nothing to report.</p>	
16	<p><u>Impact of the Meeting</u> Impact of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) What was the impact of the meeting? (ii) What difference has the meeting made? (iii) How did the meeting contribute to moving key matters forward? (iv) What are the next steps? Governors felt the school place planning was having an impact on the Island, with five schools still waiting for the council to make a decision. This would be having a detrimental affect on the staff and children in those schools. The support from the LA had been shocking and HR had not been supportive at all.</p>	

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	Three school had been damaged already with children leaving in large numbers. SEN funding was heavily disproportionate. Chillerton is not currently being used as an alternative provision for SEN. AM and YL would be visiting the Lionheart School and would be asking questions.	
17	<u>Dates of the Next Meetings</u> Wednesday 14 May 2025	
18	<u>Any Other Business</u> There was no other business to discuss.	
19	<u>Agenda Items for the Next Meeting</u>	

There being no other business to discuss the meeting closed at 6.10pm

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Alice Parker

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