

Grimsargh St Michael's C of E Primary School



Curriculum Minutes

13th June 2022

Let your light shine before people so that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5: v.16)

Inspiring, believing and achieving in our loving Christian community

Present: Mr S Booth, Mr G Lindley, Mr W Clarke, Mr J Galbraith, Mrs L Garner

Apologies: Miss H Smith, Rev. N Salt

1. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None

2. Policies

Admissions

Governors are happy with the admissions policy arrangements and are not proposing changes for the governing body. The only issues encountered are siblings out of area sometimes don't get a place but with the continuous building of houses, this problem will continue. Wayne Bretherton is attending a meeting on 16.06.22, where they will be assessing/ asking both Grimsargh and Goosnargh schools to consider expansion.

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Attendance

Governors asked to checked the persistence absence percentage which is 10%

The governors approved the above policies

3. SIP Update

The SIP updates are on the password protected section of the governor website. Mr Booth confirmed that we are proud of what we have achieved, not only are the achievements related to the SIP but with the shaping of a strong staff team.

For 2022/2023, Lucy Cross will continue with the 'Reading' objective to embed the reading culture further, which takes time. Lucy also wants to start making some links with writing also and will initially do this through the use of vocabulary (tier 3) and across all subjects.

Helen Smith will continue with 'Diversity' as this is linked with the Blackburn Diocese agenda.

Stuart Booth will oversee the developing, implementation and monitoring of the impact of our curriculum.

4. Curriculum Update

The curriculum updates are on the governor website. One governor asked if the staff have been involved developing the curriculum. Mr Booth confirmed he wrote the reports but that 7 staff meetings have been about developing our school curriculum. The time has been spent agreeing on our rationale, intent and implementation and then breaking up the National Curriculum for history, geography, art, DT and music into year groups. As the National Curriculum is presented in key stages, we wanted to ensure progression and continuity and avoid any unnecessary repetition.

A governor asked if staff can articulate impact, implementation and intent. Mr Booth said that this has been discussed through staff meetings and most staff are able to do this.

Mr Booth commented that our statements complement each other and represent exactly what we want and believe in for our children and deliver a full educational experience based on our golden threads. From September, we will be at the implementation stage. It was asked, how do governors know where we are up to? Mr Booth suggested meeting with the subject leader to go through the data and depending on the subject, a termly meeting would be advisable. Governors are then expected to write a report each visit to present at full governors meetings.

It was asked if children and parents know who are governors. Mr Booth suggested that if possible governors arrange to spend some time with their linked class. We will look into arranging governor ID badges and having governor photographs on the school website. Mr Bretherton, the chair of governors, has also attend some school trips.

5. Staffing

Mr Booth confirmed that the DHT interviews would be taking place on Monday 20.06.2022.

We are also in the process of appointing a year 5 teacher with some very strong candidates. This position has arisen due to Alison Loughran requesting a phased retirement of 3 days per week and Jean Coulston, who covers PPA, is retiring. Rather than create a job share for the DHT and Alison Loughran and then advertise for PPA cover, it has been decided that Alison will cover PPA and we will appoint an ECT in year 5. The DHT will cover a full day out of class for the ECT. We will also be looking to appoint a new KS1 leader and the DHT will also cover this half day out of class.

Jennie Lock has been appointed as a part time teaching assistant. This position arose due to the retirement of Jane Lovatt.

Ben Fletcher has been involved in some EAL upskilling training as part of his continuous professional development.

6. AOB

None

7. Date and time of next meeting

To be agreed at full governors.