

**THE GOVERNING BODY OF A ROBERTTOWN CE (VC) JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body of Roberttown CE (VC) Junior and Infant School, held virtually via Teams at 6.15 pm on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Present

Mrs M Hoole (Chair), Mrs E Bolt, Mrs C Cockerill, Mrs S Goodall, Mrs J S Laycock-Smith, Mr J Pickles, Rev S Rochell, Mrs C Scott, Mrs H Wells, Mrs L Wood

In Attendance

Ms A Bunch (Governor Designate)  
Amanda Walker (Minute Clerk)

Reverend Rochell opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Chair thanked governors for attending the meeting.

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73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, CONSENT AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.	There were no apologies for absence.  Mr Toft was not present.  There were no declarations of interest.	

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74. NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT UP UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS	There were no items to be brought under Any Other Business.	
75. UPDATE ON RETURN TO SCHOOL	<p>The Head Teacher informed governors that following the meeting last week a full risk assessment had now been shared with staff. The Head Teacher had met with small groups of staff to discuss the proposals for reopening of school. Staff remained supportive but understandably concerned.</p> <p>The Head Teacher and DHT had cross checked the guidance received from the teaching unions with the school policy.</p> <p>Governors were informed that approximately 50% of parents had indicated that their children would be returning to school and school would be able to accommodate Reception, Year 1 and a group of 12 from Year 6. The allocation of places will be confirmed to parents on Thursday.</p> <p>Governors were informed that initially 2 groups of key worker children will attend increasing to 3 groups of key worker children plus Year 1 on Thursday. Reception children will follow and finally the group of Y6 children on 15 June.</p> <p>Initially children will be provided with a packed lunch consisting of a sandwich, fruit and home baking. This will be eaten outside whenever possible. The Head Teacher hoped that the y would be able to move towards providing a hot plated meal.</p> <p><b>Q: Will the groups just have a teacher with them?</b>  <b>A:</b> There will be a TA with each teacher plus another adult if any children in the group have one to one support. There will be no traditional structure to the</p>	

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	<p>day and breaks will be taken when they are needed. The children need to be kept active and engaged.</p> <p><b>Q: Have you addressed any issues with cleaning?</b>  <b>A:</b> The LA provided further guidance and additional cleaning supplies will be received this week. Staff will be doing more cleaning down and they are happy to do this.</p> <p><b>Q: Is it because we now have an extra group of key worker children that we have been unable to offer places to all Year 6?</b>  <b>A:</b> The children of key workers are priority and they have now expanded from 2 to 3 groups. When the priority list is considered it is not possible to take the whole of Year 6.</p> <p><b>Q: Do the key worker groups go back into their year groups?</b>  <b>A:</b> If they are attending Breakfast club/ Rascals they have to stay in the key worker group otherwise they will join their year group.</p> <p><b>Q: What will children learn?</b>  <b>A:</b> The emphasis curriculum wise will be on PSHE and mental wellbeing. We will look at early reading, maths and English while being mindful of how teaching will work within the groups.</p> <p><b>Q: Are we comfortable with the risk assessment?</b>  <b>A:</b> We have matched the LA risk assessment with the union information and we are comfortable that we are meeting all the requirements.</p> <p><b>Q: Are we still not considering the other years returning?</b>  <b>A:</b> That is a DfE decision – they have set the priority order.</p> <p><b>Q: Is it likely that all children will return for a month before the holidays?</b>  <b>A:</b> That is the Government’s ambition, but it will be led by the science. If the infection rate reduces we may be able to let more in.</p>	

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	<p><b>Q: Do we have a spare classroom?</b>  <b>A:</b> Yes, but we cannot safely staff another room and we are using it for storage.</p> <p><b>Q: What is happening about Year 6 transition?</b>  <b>A:</b> Reception visits and Y6 Transition day are both unlikely to happen. The September transition for Reception may take longer and home learning staff will take the lead on how Reception transition can be managed.</p> <p><b>Q: Do we have any children who have suffered a bereavement?</b>  <b>A:</b> We have a couple of staff who have lost grandparents/in-laws but not Covid related. We will make Reverend Rochell aware of any that we may have.</p> <p><b>Q: Once the groups of 12 are created can they be added to if for example a key worker decided they would like a place?</b>  <b>A:</b> This would have to be a Head Teacher decision and individual circumstances would be considered at the time.</p> <p><b>Q: Are key worker children in every day?</b>  <b>A:</b> We have had the odd ones in part time but going forward they will probably use every day now.</p> <p><b>Q: What will you do if parents are stood about 'chatting'?</b>  <b>A:</b> They will be asked to move along. This will be communicated to parents before their child returns to school and it shouldn't be an issue.</p> <p>The Chair asked governors of they had any additional queries or concerns. The Chair informed governors that she had sent a letter to all staff thanking them for their hard work.</p>	

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	<p>RESOLVED: That the Governing body agreed to the re-opening of the school on 1 June 2020 in accordance with the detailed plans.</p> <p>The Head Teacher will continue to keep governors informed via weekly email communication.</p> <p>Governors were thanked for their time.</p>	
<p>76. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS AND POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS.</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That the next meetings of the Governing body be held at 6.15pm via Teams Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020.</p>	
<p>77. AGENDA, MINUTES AND RELATED PAPERS – SCHOOL COPY</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That no part of these minutes, agenda or related papers be excluded from the copy to be made available at the School, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.</p>	