



Local Governing Committee Extraordinary meeting minutes.
To be held at St Issey C of E Primary School on Thursday 23rd March 2023 at
2pm

Present	Chris Parham - Headteacher Heather Holder-Powell - Chair Marjorie Smith Katie Kirby Kirsty Fairclough Mark Durman Matt Collis - virtual
In attendance	Sam Newman - Governance Professional - virtual.

Agenda point	Item	Person
1	Apologies, welcome and opening prayer The Chair welcomed everyone to this additional meeting to follow up on the Ofsted inspection. All other matters to be held over to the scheduled meeting in May. Apologies were received from Avril Heard, all other governors were present. Rev Katie Kirby led the governors in the opening prayer. The meeting was quorate, in line with Venture MATs Terms of Reference.	
2	Declaration of business and pecuniary interests There were no new declarations of business or pecuniary interest to declare. The Chair thanked everyone for coming to the extra meeting.	
3	Ofsted Main Points: The Ofsted Inspection call came on February 6th and was carried out on the following two days. (Feb 7/8th) In general the school was now content with the results. Following the inspection a draft report was sent to the Headteacher and CEO and the final report agreed with Ofsted. The overall classification was Good and all categories were ranked as 'Good'. It was felt that the final report didn't reflect the school in its entirety, and was less positive than the verbal feedback by the chief inspector on the final day of the inspection day to which the Governors were invited and 4 present. More of the positive feedback would have been welcome. However there was no redress and it was important the	

	<p>school learns from it and moves on.</p> <p>Detail of event:The Headteacher reported the inspection was a challenging experience however nothing was identified that the school was unaware of and currently working on.</p> <p>The areas of the curriculum highlighted for improvement were already planned and being worked on. The school priorities for this year are Science, Music and Computing, we know that DT is a subject area still to be developed.</p> <p>The need for development of PSHE was highlighted.The Headteacher stated that the school's curriculum came from the PSHE association, nonetheless issues were highlighted and this was supported by a Governor.</p> <p>The inspectors questioned a selection of year 6 students, asking (i) how google searches are ranked, (ii) what a stanza was and (iii) the British values. Incompleted answers apparently lost marks.</p> <p>The inspectors expressed that SIS had a remarkable nursery, unfortunately due to the new framework specifically stating 'Early Years' provision, this needed to include the Reception cohort, who are currently a mixed year group with the year one cohort. As a mixed group the inspectors were to not be able to say that the EY provision was outstanding but good.</p> <p>General comments from the governors included:</p> <p>(i) the 'good' rating was a strong result and felt that it was the correct judgement of the school. Prior to the inspection the school would have been delighted with a 'Good' result and it is very rare for a small school like SIS to get exceptional results and this was not expected..</p> <p>(ii) disappointment that the report was so non-specific</p> <p>(iii) happy that nothing of surprise came up during the sessions between the governor and the inspector who, in the main, discussed the strengths and weaknesses within the school and the fulfilling of statutory requirements.</p> <p>(iv) felt that the report didn't reflect the scope of the differing curriculum, noting that it read slightly negatively.</p> <p>(v) the noting that the inspectors had done deep dives into History and Maths and judged the learning to be good, whilst also stating that the children flourished in other areas of the curriculum, however this posed the question, how the inspectors could know that if they hadn't also undertaken deep dives in those subject areas.</p> <p>(vi) expression that the entire report was non specific.</p> <p>(vii) it was unfortunate that a comment couldn't have been made that the Nursery provision was excellent - the omission of this was unfortunate.</p> <p>A governor questioned how the staff felt about the result.</p> <p>Answer: The Headteacher stated everyone felt slightly deflated, however, after some reflection time the entire body of staff are much happier with the outcome. The staff thought the whole journey was a difficult one and was glad that it was over. In the oral feedback there</p>	
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	<p>were lots of positives, a governor shared that they felt that an outstanding should have been coming, Leadership and management, the team felt, could have also been rated as outstanding, as well as personal development, however this was not agreed by all present.</p> <p>The governors expressed that regardless of the Ofsted rating, it should be noted that locally St Issey had a fantastic reputation, with lots of families wanting to send their children to the school. In addition it is extremely unusual for a school of this size to get a better rating.</p> <p>A governor expressed thanks and wished to congratulate all staff members on a good result.</p> <p>A governor asked if any parents had enquired about the report. Two parents have separately congratulated us on the report.</p> <p>The headteacher thanked all governors past and present for helping to get the good judgement.</p> <p>The headteacher highlighted that in light of recent national press activity (regarding the death of a Headteacher following Ofsted) was noted and they had written a letter to Ofsted highlighting his concerns over the new framework / inspection process. Governors agreed and supported his actions in this matter.</p> <p>SIAMS It was noted that the SIAMS inspections will be next, however, under the new framework the decision was made to remove the 'outstanding' judgement, it will now be a report card instead.</p>	
4	<p>Dates of future meetings Thursday 18th May - 2pm Rev KK may not be able to attend. Thursday 13th July - 2pm</p>	
5	<p>Closing prayer Rev Katie Kirby led the governor in the closing prayer.</p>	

Meeting closed by the Chair at 2:36pm

Signed as an accurate record.....

Print name.....

Date.....

Please note that these are draft minutes until signed off by the Chair at the next meeting.