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Full Governing Body Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 2 June 2026

Governors	Position	Initials	Present
Ruth Adler	Headteacher	RA	P
Nicky Bower	Associate Governor	NB	AA
Daniel Ingles	Foundation Governor	DI	A
June Jach	Clerk to the Governors	JJ	P
Gay Lewis	Foundation Governor	GL	P
Andy McAney	Local Authority Governor	AM	AA
Suzie Mutch	Foundation Governor (Chair)	SM	P
Anna Low	Staff Governor	AL	P
Emma Hodgkinson	Associate Governor	EH	A
AnneMarie Henham	Governor	AH	P
Elizabeth Rendell	Governor	ER	A
Sophie Jones	Parent Governor	SJ	AA

No	Item	Action
1	Meeting started at 13.00 with an opening prayer from Suzie Mutch	
2	Present and apologies. Apologies were received from Andy McAney and Sophie Jones	
3	<u>Organisational items</u> The minutes of the March meeting were approved. There were no changes to pecuniary interests	
L4	<u>Standing matters</u> ● Safeguarding - GL had submitted a report prior to the meeting for consideration and added matters that were outstanding have now been resolved. ● Well-being and staff welfare. A member of staff has returned to work today after a short absence. Another member of staff has some health and well-being issues. All staff are providing support and RA will monitor. RA has been covering teaching as required and has been happy to do so. In this instance, this is preferable to bringing in supply staff. ● Governor visits - SM commented that visits could have been better. A Governor said that they'd undertaken to do a sticky learning visit. RA will provide some questions to use. ● External visits - SM commented on the positive letter from County that had only a small number of recommendations. These will be considered.. The external visitor commented that the children's engagement with religious matters was better than some other schools. RA said that it was a very positive meeting with them and CH. A Governor asked if this report goes to the Diocese in preparation for SIAMS. RA said that it would not. RA had a meeting with an educational psychologist. ● SM reminded Governors of the need to complete the Skills audit. JJ provided hard copies for those who preferred. ● A Governor said that a conversation with a member of the public had given excellent feedback regarding Sticklands and its team of staff and leadership.	

5	<u>Headteacher's report</u> Report as read. A Governor asked whether there is an impact on others with the number of SEND pupils. There was a general discussion around the topic. RA said that children weren't impacted. The school currently has 20% SEND pupils. A Governor asked whether there is a policy for children with greater depth and RA confirmed that there is. A Governor asked whether, if wanted, the number of SEND children could be restricted and RA said no that would not be possible though children with an EHCP can be refused if we can't meet their needs. RA said that she would look at running an 11+ (greater depth) after school club and this might attract children with greater depth needs. A school in West Dorset currently offers such a club and it is successful. Parents have to pay. RA suggested a governor to conduct a greater depths visits with results displayed on the school website. RA talked through the numbers of children. There was a general discussion relating to age at entry and back yearing. Sports day will be held on 14th June. SM asked JJ to contact readers to ask if they would like to come along and support. There was a discussion around end of year reports. RA said that it is a large admin task for staff. From this year, reports will be uploaded to Arbor. However, if a parent requests a copy, this could be printed off. In terms of attendance, RA said that attendance was impacted in the last week before half term by out of term holidays. There is also an impact on attendance by hospital appointments. Attendance overall is better than the national average. RA said that if Governors would like to write good attendance certificates, JJ could produce details from Arbor so that Governors could then sign. The village fete is on 4 July and school will have at least one stall.	AMH JJ - completed 2/6 SM
6	<u>Chair's report</u> SM gave a verbal report. SM stated that there are changes at nearby primary schools and this may impact the collaboration in which Sticklands participates. A suggestion was made that a Collaboration Whatsapp group could help keep us informed.	

	One of the parent governors has moved their child to private education and therefore is no longer on the Board of Governors. The position of Parent Governor will be advertised in September.	
7	<u>Main Focus areas</u> - There was a discussion about the data for the Spring term. There were no massive changes but RA would like the reading figures to be higher. Maths data has improved. Writing is low and again RA would like this to be better. AL advised that there have been a lot of new measures put into place and that this should impact positively on future results. These problems are national. A Governor asked a question about corrections during writing exercises and AL explained the process. AL said that you have to look at the subject as in some cases, the focus may be different e.g. history. Ofsted has stated that punctuation should be introduced early so that focus can be on the subject area. A Governor asked whether there can be marking for the subject area and then marking for presentation. AL said that children are allowed to edit their work. She also explained the lesson objectives and marking in relation to this. - Budget setting - CG joined the meeting at 14.25 and discussed the documents that had been circulated beforehand. There was a surplus and County required an explanation for this which CG had provided. Details are shown in the document. Chris talked through the current and projected financial position. Provision has been made for roofing works and the potential for another member of staff, a TA, due to the expected increase in children numbers in September. RA confirmed that an additional member of staff should be considered. CG will produce a report for the Governors before the next meeting, in July. SM asked whether Governors needed to vote on an additional staff member and RA said, not at this time. - EYFS - There was a second induction today. - SEN/PP - PP gap focus. RA displayed the details from Arbor. There are just 4 children and RA is pleased with the data. There is no greater depth. A Governor said that from what has been explained, this is fantastic. The children have individual learning	

	programmes but they may not reach expected standards quickly. RA anonymously displayed details for each SEN/PP child. ● Perimeter fencing - RA has talked to both the parish council and to the Diocese. In terms of fencing for the perimeter, this has to be Governor led. There was discussion around the topic. Although it's not a requirement, school needs to consider the safety of children and staff. ● Parent feedback questionnaire, reference Breakfast Club - There was discussion and Governors agreed that provision of a Breakfast Club would be beneficial. A person has expressed an interest in running the club. The club will start in September. ● Ofsted Leadership and Governance - Details were in the folder ahead of the meeting. A Governor asked what has to be done and RA displayed the skills audit needed. This should be planned for the next meeting as it can be looked at collectively. This would be in preparation for an anticipated inspection in 2 years time. Completing it now would inform development going forward. ● SDP 26/27 - RA said that there will be a focus on maths and english. Predictions are that it will be 100% and although not published, school is still accountable. RA is unsure whether sticky knowledge should continue. RA said that in conversation with another school, each lesson started with a recall and recap slide. AL said that she is planning to review sticky learning over the summer holidays.	SM to write to Diocese
8	<u>Policies</u> ● Spirituality policy has been improved. RA explained that it looks at how spirituality affects each of us. The policy was agreed and will need to be reviewed every three years. ● Grievance policy and resolution procedure. This was agreed ● Religious Education - this was agreed and for renewal every three year	
9	● A schedule of meeting dates for 2026/27 was agreed ● NAGAS survey has been sent out to everyone	
10	Date of next meeting - Monday 13 July 2026 at 1.00 p.m	
11	The closing prayer was given by Suzie Mutch. SM thanked all for attending and for their ongoing support	

Meeting closed at 15.07

