

**St Cyprians Greek Orthodox Primary Academy**  
**Meeting of the Education Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

Date of meeting: 7.00pm, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Venue: Samos Classroom  
Present: Mr Christopher Vradis, (Headteacher), Mrs Angelina Adrien, Ms Aredi Christou, Mrs Sophie Tsoukkas, Mrs Ehimwenma Osagiobare, Mrs Naghmana Gani, Mr Andrew Mantilas, Mr Arthur Broadberry

Minutes taken by Arthur Broadberry

**1. WELCOME**

AC welcomed everyone. There were no apologies or absences. The meeting was quorate.

**2. PRAYER**

AC led the meeting with a prayer.

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

AC was elected as Chair of the committee

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The information that directors have stipulated within their completion of the annual declarations of pecuniary interest applies.

Additional signatures were received for the code of conduct, and for acknowledgement of having read the governors requirements under safeguarding section 2 that had remained outstanding from the Full Governing Body meeting in September.

**5. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The terms of reference for the education subcommittee were agreed

**6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

These had been circulated in advance and taken as read. They were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Chair signed minutes for retaining by the school for filing.

**7. MATTERS ARISING (not covered elsewhere in the meeting)**

RD agreed to be on the panel for recruitment of a new clerk for committee meetings. To be actioned outside this committee.

RD has been talking to local churches about the school. number of pupils had been added to the roll as a result CLOSED

CV is to visit the Greek High Commission. CLOSED

EO is to arrange a meeting with CV. Planning for cultural events to be followed up  
**ACTION EO**

The church of England Area Dean, Reverend Joyce Forbes, had visited the school and was impressed. Message that Christian based education is available at St.Cyprians to be followed up in the Anglican community locally  
**ACTION AB**

## **8. HEADTEACHERS REPORT**

This had been circulated in advance of the meeting and confirmed as read. Discussion and updates followed:

### **Roll numbers:**

The budget (breakeven) was based on 360 children. There is likely to be a total of up to 366 children, which will bring an extra £22,200 to the budget to the GAG funding next school year (22/23).

A Governor asked was this an additional six in reception class? Answer: no it is anticipated that additional pupils spread across the school extra.

- HT advised that the target was for +9 on the roll by the end of the calendar year. This would not affect this year's gag funding but gives an indication that our plan for additional pupils is underway. Aspirational target was for a total of 55 pupils in reception in autumn 2022.
- Range of advertising video clips produced. These to be launched on social media next week. These are targeted advertising for particular parental groups.
- A Governor asked how many children were in the nursery? Answer: 22 at present

### **Autumn term:**

- New teachers have been inducted and settled in well. A change in the way teachers are teaching has been observed by the leadership team. The leadership team are also undertaking higher frequency and shorter duration interventions which has provided support to all teachers. The support has been well received.
- Two sports related pupil visits have been carried out already this term

### **Private “OFSTED” Inspection**

- The recent private OFSTED inspection observed teaching and learning and the summary outcome for 13 lesson observations was
  - 2 Inadequate
  - 1 Requires Improvement
  - 7 Good
  - 3 Outstanding
  
- Highlights of inspection included
  - o Mathematics: need to identify who needs teaching and when, some comments on assessment for learning (AFL). This is being addressed
  - o Greater depth: some comments given on how to progress to outstanding

A governor asked whether teachers were aware of this OFSTED inspection being planned? Answer: “Yes” that an inspector was going to be present on this date, but Answer: “No” the time of the classroom visit was not announced.

A governor asked whether the school would consider and an in-school Greek certificate qualification at the end of year six? Answer: yes this could be considered but that currently Covid compliance behaviour is resulting in a number of staff being away from school. It was also noted that Elathonmia (Greek examination for year six) was also operated in the school. The aspiration was that a higher number of passes would be achieved in this exam.

### **Covid constraints**

- Covid compliance/observance: HT reported that the number of staff off duty at home isolating because of contact with Covid positive persons has reached up to 14 people in any one day recently. This has resulted in all members of the leadership team having to take classes on several days..

### **Attainment and Progress**

- The attainment and progress data was reviewed for all classes from nursery to year six. The attainment figures were explained within the year groups and across the school. Generally low figures were reported at the end of the summer term last year. These results were to some extent predicated by the effect of lockdown over two successive school years. In part unfamiliarity with the recording system and scoring has also contributed to these low figures. The headteacher explained that the current trajectory is upwards and additional work was being done with catch up as well to support attainment and progress.

A governor asked: What is the target percentage for children in each category? Or specifically in the S+ category? **Answer:** S+ National target 75%, whereas School target 85%

HT explained that the targets were as follows for National and The School

	<u>R</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>
National	25	15	22
School	28	20	26

A governor asked: There is quite a bit of variation between classes in the same year group, is this typical? and what are the factors that contribute to this?

**Answer:** some element of poor judgements in the measure, teaching standards low in year two Progress, partly the pupils missing school effect, partly younger children have lost out more with a lower capacity to focus when studying at home than the older children.

A governor asked Are these moderated or unmoderated assessments?

**Answer:** our assistant head is a qualified Moderator, however, technically these were in school assessments, unmoderated. Nonetheless this does allow understanding of how our results compare across our local schools.

A governor asked I am not clear on how to read the table... How is progress shown? Is attainment current assessment and progress, last assessment? **Answer:** the reading of the table was reviewed and discussed with the committee.

A governor asked please include any information that indicates either comparison with other schools or past experience/reference points that back up the progression/actions to be taken. **Answer:** we will obtain services of 8vo, the schools development officer, to undertake monitoring and moderating visit.

## 9. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

### **School Development Plan: Education**

The education section of the school development plan was reviewed. The following sections were each mentioned; embedding curriculum through educational visits, triangulation of outcomes, strength and assessment in foundation subjects, reading writing and maths phonics and tables tests, cultural capital, early reading, inspire maths, science curriculum, pupil voice.

### **Joe Wicks the Body Coach visit**

Joe wicks visited Saint Cyprian's today (6 October) with his children and his wife. This was arranged through random luck. A TA in reception applied to a competition where 40 schools out of 14,000 were chosen for to receive a visit from Joe wicks the body coach.

Since Cyprian is happened to have been chosen. The committee chair expressed the governors' thanks for the TA initiative in obtaining this opportunity for the

school. The HT advised that all the arrangements made after the announcement of the visit was undertaken by Victoria Yeats, and this included management of last-minute changes on the day the committee chair confirmed governors thanks to Victoria too.

### **IQM assessment 18 October 2021**

18<sup>th</sup> of October 2021, IQM Assessor visit governors requested to be available for interview. Deputy Head will approach governors to confirm **ACTION:AA**

### **Fundraising Charity Dinner 6 November 2021**

St. Cyprian school 20-year Anniversary - Fund-raising dinner, at Camberwell.  
tickets £30 **ACTION: Governors**

### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9.15pm. The date of the next meeting is 20 January 2022.

Signed:  
Committee Chair; Aredi Christou

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