

DEANSBROOK INFANT SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: Curriculum, Attainment and Standards Date: 18th March 2021

Committee members : Carole Catley (CC), Nikki Simon (NS), Julia Hutton-Squire (JH-S), Nick Mailer (NM) CHAIR, John Parnaby (JP), Judith Suissa (JS), Jade Cheung (JC), Flaviana Manta (FM), Shabaz Dar (SD), Kay Morrison – Minutes

Present: CC, NS, JH-S, JP, NM, JS, FM, SD

Absent: No-one

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	By	Deadline
1. Apologies for absence:	Jade Cheung		
2. Minutes of last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and approved as a true record of the meeting. 		
3. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS still looking into PGCE to ensure it reflects new OFSTED framework but hampered by Covid lockdown • NM investigated the live teaching DfE advice and found it to be ambiguous. Agreed the DIS procedures adopted during the most recent lockdown worked well for our children and in fact parents/carers reported they preferred recorded lessons for many reasons • CC confirmed that the Harvest collection was distributed to some DIS families 	JS	
4. Pupil Attainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS Data extracted AUT20 and does not include Nursery which is collated during the SUM term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NS talked through results and answered questions posed ➤ Explained that results indicated good progress at AUT20 but they could very possibly be detrimentally affected by latest Covid lockdown #3 • Y1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This was already an unusual year group which has proved to be a low achieving cohort and had already been affected by Covid lockdown #1. Out of all the infant years, these are probably the most negatively impacted. ➤ NS confirmed that the Y1 results are the lowest ever seen at DIS ➤ General discussion took place re BugClub, books going home etc 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was confirmed that the school does not have enough reading books to send 3 home with every child and this idea would be impractical ➤ Agreed that a simple fix to the Y1 low attainment results was difficult given the continuing Covid restrictions as they directly impact upon successful strategies such as Friday morning reading with parents/carers and parent/carer workshops etc ➤ NS confirmed that notwithstanding restrictions, lots of interventions are taking place with more being planned ➤ A suggestion to undertake parent/carer workshops in the playground if we get some good weather and restrictions ease was taken on board ➤ NS confirmed that low achievements are apparent across all subjects • Y2 ➤ This was already a stronger and more able cohort going into lockdown #1 and other than some concerns about PP children, a better outcome is expected ➤ NS reported excellent phonics results ➤ Homework is still being made available via Google Classroom and BugClub is a very good tool particularly with phonics & spelling 	CC	
<p>5. School Development Plan [SDP]</p> <p>6. Pupil Wellbeing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC confirmed SDP has been kept up to date throughout lockdowns • Talked through mental health initiatives in place to help our children to talk about their feelings eg Colour Monsters • Question was asked about a dashboard of the childrens' feeling being made available in an easily accessible area but it was decided that the geography of the school does not allow for this • CC is planning to engage with parents/carers more when Covid restrictions are eased to reassure them about the school's PSHE policy as there remains some concerns about what will be included • Agreed that this had been discussed in detail during the rest of the meeting • FM posed an invitation on behalf of Simon Putnam [Head at DJS] to join that school as part of AIM Academies Trust. NM advised that the DJS Board of Governors would be welcome to make contact with the DIS Governing Body with a fully worked up proposal to present to them for further consideration 	<p>CC</p> <p>FM</p>	

7. AOB			
Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 28th April 2021 @ 2pm		