



## MINUTES OF THE LGB CATMOSE COLLEGE MEETING

Thursday 2 February 2023, 4pm  
John Clare

### Present

Andrew Cross, Emma Gautrey (Vice Chair), Thomas Heath, Simon Mellors, Clive Norgaard Morton, Gary Marsh, Alex Mould, Martyn Rhowbotham, Briege Slattery, Stuart Williams (Principal).

### In Attendance

Alex Emmerson, Sheryl Wilson (Clerk)

#### 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence

Emma Gautrey welcomed everyone to the meeting in the absence of Andrew Holt as chair. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Andrew Holt.

#### 2. Declarations of Personal Interest and Pecuniary Interest

There were none declared.

#### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 December 2022

These were signed as a true and accurate record.

#### 4. Matters arising from previous minutes

Following the publication of the School Inspection Data Summary Report (IDSR), at the last meeting governors queried the staff turnover figure. The HR Manager confirmed that during that year there were a number of retirements which had skewed the figures. Furthermore, there is no information on the report that indicates where the data is obtained from which makes it difficult to comment on further or offer a deeper analysis.

#### 5. Clerk's Update

Briege Slattery left the room whilst governors discussed her term of office. The Local Governing Body unanimously agreed to appoint Briege for another 4-year term of office.

Governors were reminded to complete their prevent training and NPSCC safeguarding training and to email their certificate to the HR team. Some governors had also recently completed some of the NGA modules, such as safeguarding and pupil premium, which they reported had been useful.

#### 6. Catmose Expansion Update

Stuart Williams updated governors with a video of the recent developments for the new build. <https://youtu.be/qlFsfm5nqc0> Work is progressing nicely, despite the weather and it is anticipated that the building works will be finished by August.

Rutland County Council have recently announced that the Catmose Sports Centre will close on 31 March as they have been unable to secure a contractor. Early discussions are being held with the local authority regarding the provision for community sport.

## 7. Update from Resources

At the earlier Resources meeting, Trustees analysed the finances and agreed some cost cutting measures that will be made to alleviate the in-year deficit.

## 8. Scorecards

### Behaviour & Attendance

The scorecard indicated similar figures to last term with a high proportion of students with low levels of behaviour entries.

Attendance is currently at 93%, which is above the national figure. There are a significant number of students who are classed as persistent non-attenders, with the main reason for non-attendance being levels of anxiety. There are also a number of students who are passing out, this has a significant impact on the Client Services team and sometimes it is necessary for the emergency services to be contacted.

### Question: Is the College still working on housepoints for Year 11 students?

Year 11 students have recently sat their mocks and are doing their applications for post-16 education, they are getting prepared for their GCSEs.

### Safeguarding

Alex Emmerson advised of the number of caseloads relating to child protection cases, child in need referrals, Early Help referrals and mentoring. The College is also alerted by social services of domestic violence where a child has been present. The College is then able to offer further support to the young person.

The termly safeguarding newsletter was shared with governors which had been distributed to parents and notes from the scrutiny held on safeguarding on 8 December was also shared with governors.

### Outcomes

The Department for Education released the Key Stage 4 summary data which detailed that the College's Progress 8 score is 0.58. The report detailed strong outcomes for the College. Further detail can be found here:

[Secondary - Catmose College - Find school and college performance data in England - GOV.UK \(find-school-performance-data.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/find-school-performance-data)

### Year 7 Checkpoints

The Year 7 checkpoints from December are a good indication as to how students have settled, and the picture is a positive one. The FFT had been used as a benchmark and the results have been through quality assurance with team leaders to ensure the targets are appropriate. Intervention is in place for this cohort, especially as this year group lived through Covid in years 3 and 4 at primary school.

### Year 9 Key Assessment

Year 9 students are getting ready to choose their options. The scorecard shows that 75% of students are achieving English and maths at grade 4 and 61% of students at grade 5. Intervention is also in place for students who require this.

### Admissions

Since September 2022, there have been 34 in-year admission applications, <20 applications have been declined due to the College being full in the year groups. Some declined applications appealed, however, to date, these have been unsuccessful.

### Teaching scorecard

Lesson observations are currently behind where they should be for this time of the year, which is primarily due to workload of the senior leadership team. However, there is no area of particular concern and staffing is in a good place.

## 9. Policies

The below policies were ratified by the local governing body and the details of the changes were shared with governors.

- College Curriculum Policy
- College Provider Access Policy
- College Uniform Policy – update relating to the sports kit and the option to wear plain black sports leggings.

Trustees had ratified the below Federation policies, however, the local governing body was made aware of the amendments.

- Federation Staff Policy – Allegations against staff – reference is made in the policy to low-level concerns.
- Federation Student Safeguarding Policy – this is a minor update and refers to allegations against staff and low-level concerns.

## 10.A.O.B.

A letter from Baroness Berridge and a House of Lords Report which mentioned Catmose College was shared with governors.

### Dates for the Diary

Thursday 2 March 2023, 10.30 -11.30am Scrutiny Panel on the Breadth of the Curriculum

Thursday 23 March 2023, 4pm Local Governing Body meeting