



## MINUTES OF THE CATMOSE PRIMARY LGB MEETING

TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2025, 5pm  
SCIENCE LAB

### PRESENT

Kelly Jackson, Rachael Coyne, Mark Tinker (Chair), Marianne Winn, Jane Ritchie-Smith, Francesca Dul and Beth Harding

### IN ATTENDANCE

Suzi Green (Clerk)

### 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mark Tinkler welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Stuart Williams and Barney Thorne.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. PUPIL PRESENTATION – SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

The sports coach and pupils were welcomed to the meeting to discuss sporting opportunities offered within school. The sports coach teaches Key Stage 2 PE lessons, organises weekly after school sports clubs and leads on swimming sessions. The aim is to encourage all pupils to participate. There are also various events offered by the Rutland Learning Trust which the school joins in with, such as gymnastics, swimming gala and tag rugby.

#### Question – Has this had a positive impact?

Pupils are definitely more engaged and encouraged to participate. New things have been tried, such as differentiating football which meant that the same pupils weren't always playing. Key Stage 1 pupils are able to bring in their wellingtons so they can access the woodland area at lunchtimes. There is also a 'huff puff' trolley to encourage participation and positive engagement with toys such as bats and balls, hula hoops and bean bags.

#### Question – do they all like everything?

Pupils are more engaged if their friends take part, however, encouragement to participate is always given.

Pupils explained that they have been running since Year 3 and were very competitive. All of them had tried a new sport and made new friends and were prepared to give everything a go.

#### Question – Have you gained transferrable skills which are then useful in the classroom?

Yes, they are able to talk to different people, it has boosted their confidence and they have learnt good sportsmanship.

Question – Are there any sports that you would like to try?

Tennis was discussed, which they will do in the summer term.

Pupils were asked if it had made them love sport more and the answer was a resounding yes.

#### 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2024 AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the chair. Kelly Jackson advised that the Transformation Plan update will be dealt with and brought to the next meeting.

#### 5. CLERK'S UPDATE

The clerk had sent an email earlier in the day regarding a safeguarding panel and this was followed up, there were 2 potential dates, 27 January and 3 February.

The clerk also referred the governors to the Register of Business Interests' form which was an audit requirement. It was noted that Marianne Winn's tenure was coming to an end in July, however she was happy to remain on the LGB.

#### 6. HEAD OF SCHOOL'S UPDATE

Kelly Jackson explained that she wanted to show the things that the school had done recently. Much of it was Christmas related, e.g., the Santa dash which was a lap around the school to raise money for the PTA. Father Christmas had visited all classes handing out gifts. Year 5 and Year 6 had performed a carol concert, showcasing singing, dancing and playing instruments, which was a new thing this academic year. It was explained that during the year each class do a performance. The School choir had visited local residential homes which proved to be very successful, so much so that the children had been invited to go back to play games with the residents.

One of the Year 1 pupils won Alicia Kearns (MP) Christmas card competition and 2 of her representatives had visited the School and presented the winner with a prize. The card designed by the pupil had been sent to recipients worldwide.

Mrs Jackson spoke about the provision for music which was very good and there would be a presentation in term 4 about this, illustrating both the curriculum and the wider offer. This included the introduction of a School rock band. Year 5 had received trombone lessons through the Northants Music Hub, they performed to parents and the whole school. It was also mentioned that Year 3 would be joining a performance of the Pied Piper of Hamelin at De Montfort Hall in March.

#### 7. FINANCE UPDATE

A finance update was shared with governors highlighting the current position of the Federation.

#### 8. SEN PRESENTATION

Rebecca Hall gave a presentation on SEN. She explained that the needs were growing across the country and Catmose Primary was following the pattern of a national trend, particularly in Cognition & Learning and Social Emotional and Mental Health. The school

has access to a SEMH link teacher to support this. Rebecca Hall added that the school is seeing more Development Language Disorder in pupils, along with more speech and language needs, COVID has had an effect on this.

The School is able to offer play therapy, counselling, speech and language support and the School Support Partnership. The School also has access to 2 advisory SENCOs.

It was noted that the School's level of EHCPs is in line with the national picture. The SEN profile per year group was shown, with the proviso that more EHCPs are pending in Key Stage 2.

#### Question – does the School still help with EHCP applications?

Yes, this is the case. Rebecca Hall explained that the School is noting a greater level of need in pupils at an earlier age and applies for Higher Needs Funding to support children. It was also explained that this funding may be temporary e.g., it might be for a term or until a specified date.

#### Question – As Rutland County Council are pulling back on SEN funding, is crisis planning happening?

RCC have not yet shared the next steps for SEND. However, the School is committed to training and keeping abreast of any changes.

## 9. SCORECARDS

### Behaviour and Wellbeing

Rachael Coyne explained that attendance is now at 97%.

The activity passport information was shared, illustrating this is still popular. There is now a welcome club, for those pupils who need support in the morning. The trips and visits data was also shared.

### Predicted Outcomes

This was a snapshot of data with the national data from last year to compare to. Governors asked about Greater Depth and how this is decided. It was explained that there were examples online, which were then agreed with staff.

## 10. POLICIES

### Sports Statement

This was agreed and ratified.

### Pupil Premium Statement

Kelly Jackson explained that this followed a new format following the Department for Education guidance. Governors said they preferred it, plus the additional information was in the appendix.

This was ratified with the proviso that the wording around Free School Meals was looked at.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11 March 2025 at 5.00pm