



ALDERLEY EDGE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

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Précis of Governing Body Meeting held on 21st March 2019

The Governing Body of the school met on 21st March 2019. Minutes of the meeting will be available on the school website in due course, however we felt that it would be helpful to publish a brief summary of the key topics addressed. These were as follows: -

Membership and functioning of the Governing Body – we continue to review how the Governing Body is structured and how effectively it functions. We had agreed previously that we should strengthen the current Governing Body by co-opting additional governors and we were pleased to be able to confirm the appointment of Caitrin Adorian to the Board.

As part of our drive to improve the effectiveness of the governing body specifically, Link Governor responsibilities have been re-assigned, a formal self-evaluation process initiated and further emphasis placed on governor training and development.

School Funding – The budget and the 3-year financial projection was reviewed. School finances remain under pressure, in part because of the continual challenge of adequately funding children with special educational needs and disabilities. The Board was continuing to look critically at areas where additional funding could be secured and costs reduced. We will be working towards the development of a balanced budget for 2019/2020.

School Performance – Is a key area of focus for the Governing Board. We discussed and agreed that we would undertake a review/validation of the strategic direction for the school before the next meeting of the Governing Board.

Head Teacher Recruitment – the Governing Board have launched a recruitment process with a view to being able to make an appointment in time for the new Head Teacher to take up the role at the start of the 19/20 academic year.

Communications – We have implemented a number of actions to improve the visibility of the governors, to increase awareness of what the Governing Board does and to involve other key stakeholders in the development of the school. We continue to focus on other ways in which communications can be developed.

Academy Trust – We have reviewed the progress made on the school's conversion to an academy as a founder member of a local community multi academy trust (MAT). We have, together with the other 5 schools that would form the MAT, now received formal approval from the DfE to proceed with the necessary due diligence work. We will continue to provide updates for staff and parents on progress and plans over the coming months.

If you would like to discuss anything in terms of this précis or anything else in terms of the school and/or Governing Body then do not hesitate to contact Tony Smith (Chair). chair@aecps.org