

ARNSIDE NATIONAL SCHOOL IS AN ACADEMY
Company number 07840925

Minutes of Arnside National C of E School
Extraordinary Virtual Governing Board Meeting (GBM)
held Thursday 14th January 2021 at 5.00pm

Present: Mr David Adair, Mrs Judith Bratt, Mr Steve Henneberry, Mr Steven Kershaw, Ms Jacki Piper, Mr Ian Service, Mr Nick Sharp

Clerk not in attendance – Covid-19 related illness

- 1 **Welcome** Chair
Governors were invited to attend the meeting and pass comments on the Accounts Year Ending 31st August 2020 received prior to the meeting commencing. Mr Kershaw welcomed the governing board to the meeting.
- 2 **To receive apologies for absence** Chair
None received
Note: Some absences due to late notice
- 3 **Declaration of conflict of interest in agenda items** Chair
Mr Nick Sharp and Mr David Adair declared an interest in their relation to their wives being staff members.
Nil else declared.
- 4 **Finance** Chair
(a) Approve Accounts Year Ending 31 August 2020
Mr Kershaw clarified the reason for meeting at such short notice. Due to the postponement of the meeting 12th January 2021, the Accounts could not be ratified. The alternative date of 26th January left very little time for the auditors to prepare for submission. Deadline date: 31st January 2021.
Mr Sharp explained the auditor's positive feedback from the visit in December. Routines and procedures remain clear and transparent, and the school finished 2020 in a stable financial position.

Q: What has been the impact of school dinner provision?

A: Mr Sharp explained it was difficult to assess as a complete year had not been completed. However, actual numbers in Autumn 20, indicated that school was attaining a weekly average of 100+ meals. Above the expected 75. School has paid for developments through capital reserves and therefore school meal provision would become a steady income stream.

Mr Sharp shared the 4 management issues identified in the auditor's management report. 2 issues related to the website and Mr Henneberry confirmed this would be included in future website checks. The Clerk has identified problems in the past related to items not showing on the website. Mr Sharp agreed to check this. Mr Sharp explained about the external scrutiny checks were getting increasing as part of the Funding Agreement. It was agreed to explore an additional level of scrutiny from either SLRP schools or the local authority.

The Accounts Year Ending 31st August 2020 needed approval.
Proposed by Mr Steven Henneberry, seconded by Mr David Adair and approved by the governing board.

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| 5 | Items deemed confidential
None were received | Chair |
| 6 | Date of next meeting to be confirmed
Tuesday 26 th January 2021 | Chair |