

**BUCKTON VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**MINUTES OF THE COVID-19 OVERSIGHT COMMTTEE**

**HELD VIRTUALLY ON 21 JUNE 2021**

PRESENT: Mrs Sarah Blake Staff (Staff representative)

Mr Arron Leech Co-opted governor (Finance link)

Ms Jenny Ross Parent (SEND link)

Ms Taf Sharif Authority

Mrs Deborah Brown Head Teacher

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Jackie Brook Co-opted

Mr Matthew Hartley Parent – in the Chair

Mrs Kelly Quinn Staff

Mrs Rachel Lees Clerk to the Governing Board

Due to the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, the meeting had been arranged virtually via Zoom.

**1 Welcome**

The Vice Chair acted as Chair and welcomed governors to the meeting. An apology was received from Mr Wayne Williams, Co-opted governor.

RESOLVED: To consent to the absence of the above governors

**2 Minutes of the Covid-19 Oversight Panel meeting – 17 May 2021**

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2021

**3 Headteacher’s Update on current situation**

The Headteacher had closed the Y5 bubble as a child had tested positive following the positive testing of a sibling, which had resulted in the family going for PCR testing. PHE were trying to close any potential Covid bubbles and the Y5 children were learning virtually until they returned to school on 28 June. The two adults were not affected but, as PHE were concerned that the new Delta variant spread quickly, they suggested that staff complete lateral flow tests at least every other day. These had been negative to date. The Headeacher was doing a lateral flow test every day.

A member of staff had also tested positive which had resulted in two other members of staff self-isolating. The office was too small and did not meet HSE regulations. Governors had discussed knocking the wall through to give more space and allow for ventilation. The Headteacher was concerned about potential lockdowns in autumn and felt that this work still needed to be done.

RESOLVED: To discuss the office plans at the EGB

The Headteacher had received some complaints from parents about the quality of food on offer so school had returned to a varied menu of hot food. Y5/6 children got their dinner on a tray and returned to class; Y3/4 and Y1/2 children were in the hall in their bubbles sitting at a suitable distance. However, from 22 June they would revert back to children eating in classes.

When the Prime Minister provided his briefing on 14 June, school chose to let the children play football outside but, with PHE support, school had reverted to staying in the bubbles which was due to the rapid increase of the Delta variant in the area. PHE support had been absolutely exemplary, and the Headteacher had been contacted within 10 minutes of any email no matter the day or time.

In relation to children transitioning to other classes and secondary schools, the LA had made a decision that this could not happen at present. In response to a governor’s question, the Headteacher was not sure how staff could facilitate meeting the new children as the mixed classes made it complicated. Mrs Blake said that teachers would try to get the children together for 15 minutes outside but would seek support from PHE before making a decision.

Y6 children, who were in two bubbles, would be travelling to Robinwood on the same coach. The bubbles would be separated, with children wearing masks and windows opened. Mrs Blake noted that the dormitories would sleep no more than six children but it was a very nervous situation for school as staff were keen for children to be able to experience the residential trip.

No parents would be allowed in school for sports day, but staff would try to facilitate sports for children. Although groups of 30 were officially allowed on site, a member of staff would have to keep control of the bubbles and parents.

**4 Review of Risk Assessments**

No changes were made to the risk assessments.

RESOLVED: To approve the risk assessment and lateral flow risk assessment

**5 Parental Queries**

See minute 4. There had been a parental query about lunchtimes in the hall with three classes. They were suitably distanced but, since then, the Headteacher had spoken to PHE who suggested that school make the decision based on the current situation ie one bubble closure and a member of staff off.

**6 National and Local Guidance**

There were no changes to local or national guidance. In response to a governor’s question, COP meetings would continue to be held every two weeks.

**7 To agree the date of the next Covid-19 Oversight Panel meeting**

RESOLVED: Tuesday 6 July 2021 at 4:30 via Zoom

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| *Meeting details* |  |
| *Time started* | *1630* |
| *Time finished* | *1656* |

**ACTIONS ARISING FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 OVERSIGHT PANEL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON**

**26 APRIL 2021**

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| **Min** | **Resp** | **Action** | **Audience** |
| 3 | D Brown | Robinwood residential | COP – 6/7/2021 |
| 7 | Governors | Note date of next meeting | GB |