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Précis of Teaching and Learning Governor Meeting held on 10th October 2023

The Teaching and Learning Committee met on 10th October. The minutes of the meeting will be published on the school website in due course. All members of the committee were in attendance. Key topics that were addressed were as follows:

Attendance: This remains a key national and local focus and Governors were asked to consider this recurring agenda item. The school has a target of achieving 96% attendance (on average) across all year groups. It is still early in the academic year and so every session a pupil is absent has a much larger impact on the overall school attendance this time of year. The headteacher stated that the school was ahead of the 96% target and that reminders regarding the importance of attendance have been sent to all parents. On behalf of the Governors on the T&L Committee, I would like to thank all parents in their endeavours to ensure that their child attends all school sessions.

Behaviour Management: The Governors were made aware of the recent behaviour management training undertaken by staff at a significant cost to the school. Staff report that positive 'impacts' are already being seen and the next challenge is to ensure that support staff not present at the training are bought up to speed.

Policies: At each Teaching & Learning Committee meeting we 'sign-off' the review of a range of different policies covering (mainly) the different curriculum areas. Many of these policies have been written by the class teachers who have responsibility for a curriculum area. The policies provide a detailed overview of a subject/area and help ensure that the staff, governors, children and parents involved in the school are able to work from the same set of guidelines. Some of the policies are mandatory and these are shared with parents on the school website, others are specific to the school's own internal processes and procedures. They do take staff some considerable time to write or review and we (the governors) ensure that these policies are not only fit for purpose but also reflect the ethos of the school. At this meeting the committee signed off on 9 different policies and recommended 4 others for approval at the next full Governing Body meeting in November.

If you would like to discuss any matters arising from this precis, or indeed any other matter regarding Teaching and Learning at the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school who can pass your query onto Nick Hughes (Chair of Teaching & Learning Committee.)