



Tomlinscote AQC

6.30pm, Monday, 14th December 2020, via Zoom

Attendees: Rebecca Davis (Chair), Colin Cavan (Vice Chair), Rob Major (Principal), Rebecca Barnes, Helen Ellis, James Gardner, Giles Johnson, Rebecca Jukes, Sara Long, Heather O'Connor, Nikolina McKenzie.

In attendance: Alban Daniel (Assistant Principal), Kate Thomlinson (Clerk).

Meeting convened at 6.30pm.

1. Standing Items

- Apologies: None
- Declaration of interests: None
- Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 12th October 2020 approved.
- Matters Arising:
 - RM confirmed that an INSET day later in 2021 would be allocated to the issues discussed as it would be difficult to tackle online.
 - QIP circulated
 - RM confirmed that Step by Step is through a teacher and CAMHS. Self-referral is not possible in Surrey.

2. Chairs Business

- Consideration of the following Policies
 - Tomlinscote Safeguarding – to be looked at further by the AQC
 - Tomlinscote SEND - Approved
 - Trust Equality Information and Objectives Statement - Approved
 - Trust Complaints Policy - Approved
- Update on Councillors Actions
 - RJ visited Nikki Hammond to discuss the impact of COVID on the current Y7.
 - CC and NM visited Helen Rushby to discuss wellbeing at Tomlinscote.
- Update on OFSTED inspections: OFSTED likely to restart full inspections in the new year, however RM not expecting an inspection in the near future.
- Matters arising following circulation of agenda: None

Actions

- *RD to follow up on Safeguarding Policy queries for review at February 2021 AQC.*
- *RJ to circulate Y7 report*

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Signed_____
Rebecca Davis, AQC Chair



3. Area for consideration and discussion: Quality of Education

- RM presented the QIP and related issues raised in the Leadership Report.
- AD presented on the recent abolition of Flightpaths. RB reported on the increase in pupil confidence following the introduction of the new reporting system. HE noted that it can be challenging to know how to give feedback to both children and parents.
- RM discussed the Staffing Performance Update noting that NQTs were progressing well and all staff had met targets.
- RD explained the purpose of the Trust Curriculum Board.

Actions

- *GJ to investigate the effectiveness of the anti-bullying programme and how this can be monitored by AQC*

4. Safeguarding

- RM presented the Safeguarding Report and the safeguarding issues raised in the Leadership Report, noting the length of the counsellor waiting list. Trust Board have recently discussed counselling requirements and RM is to assess need and to enable provision.
- Attendance has been good at around 94%-96%. However, there has been an increase in COVID cases in the past week.

Actions

- *RM to investigate whether or not school nurse has mental health training.*
- *RM to investigate why the school has not made any CAMHS referrals.*

5. Any Other Business

RM informed the AQC that there have recently been four Freedom of Information Requests and that this creates a large amount of work.

6. Dates of Next Meetings

6.30pm, Monday 8 February 2021

6.30pm, Monday 15 March 2021

6.30pm, Monday 10 May 2021

6.30pm, Monday 5 July 2021

Meeting closed 8.30pm



7. PART 2 – Confidential

- Five Y11 parents were electing to home school for varying reasons.
- A Tomlinscote student is suffering with serious mental health problems and is attending Hope House in Guildford. Currently this pupil is not well enough to be in school.