



Frimley Junior AQC Minutes, Tuesday 18th January 2022, 6pm

Present: Tony Ryles (Chair), Clare Wright (Head), Rachel Farage, Anna Stroud, Natalie Stoker, Suzanne Bullen, Patricia Davis, Richard Forster, Vanessa Land (Vice Chair)

In attendance: Kate Thomlinson (Governance Professional)

1. Standing Items

- 1.1 Apologies: None received.
- 1.2 Declaration of Interests: No further interests declared.
- 1.3 AQC Minutes 16th November 2021 were approved.
- 1.4 Action Points from previous meetings
 - KT to investigate Equality and Diversity training courses for VL and TR. *All Councillors have access to NGA Learning Link which provides a number of different courses for Governors including 'E&D: A practical guide'. Instructions on how to sign up and a list of courses are on Governor Hub. VL confirmed completion of this course.*
 - CW/KT to share full Cross Farm Consultation Document with AQC. *Completed.*
 - RF/KT to share previous SIAMS report. *Completed.*

2. Chair's Update

- TR raised his concerns over the lack of input from the Church and the possible impact this may have on any future SIAMS inspection. In the past the St Andrew's has always had a representative on the AQC and there has been significant Church involvement in school life beyond a fortnightly assembly. CW did take the choir to St Andrew's at Christmas and this had been well received by the congregation. It was also noted that Cannon Stuart from St Peter's Church is retiring at Easter. Cannon Stuart currently holds fortnightly assemblies at School.
- There are no further developments to report on the new school in Deepcut
- TR noted that the AQC are not involved in the Headteacher appraisal process as they were when they operated as Governing Body. TR thanked Clare on behalf of the AQC for having coped admirably in a very difficult year and managing to develop the School despite the additional challenges created by COVID.
- All Councillors were asked to contact TR via email if they do not wish to continue on the AQC post 31st March 2022 when terms expire. New terms will run for a two-year period. PD is on a two-year term having joined the AQC post academisation.

Action: TR to contact Alex Tear regarding the role of the Church at Frimley Junior and to ask if this lack of resource is a problem shared by other Church Schools.

Action: PD to raise this at St Andrew's Church

Action: All to contact TR if they do not wish to be considered for continued membership of the AQC.

2.1 TPT Update

- Simon Jarvis, TPT CEO has announced his retirement and will be leaving at the end of this academic year, although this date is flexible depending on the recruitment of a new CEO.
- The Trust is holding a Growth event on 7th March to inform local schools of the benefit of joining TPT. TR and CW will be in attendance.

2.2 Feedback on Councillor Visits

- NS attended a meeting with Caroline Hammond and Georgina Timmins (HR Compliance) regarding the Single Central Register to discuss changes. In particular NS was keen to find out about arrangements for the After School Club. All queries were answered satisfactorily.
- PD visited Sally Williams (SENCO) and visited a number of classes to gain an increased understanding of SEND support at Frimley Junior.

3. Senior Leadership Team Update

3.1 Head's Update

Attendance was much improved following the Christmas break, however just this week absence rates have risen as Omicron cases have increased. Currently in Y3, 25% of the year group are absent and one third of the staff. Combining the two classes is under consideration, the priority is to keep face-to-face teaching. Parents are being kept up-to-date with the situation.

Admissions for September 2023 are up on last year, 80 as first choice, 41 as second choice. This is a remarkable achievement for the School as the Y2 cohort is smaller than in previous years.

3.2 Year Group Summaries

Writing remains the priority for improvement across the year groups. The results from the December mock SATs were very encouraging. Currently the School is recruiting for three LSAs. There is a shortage of LSAs across Surrey Heath.

4. Quality Improvement Plan

Vince Scannella (Trust Director of Education) has worked with CW to produce the QIP. As it is coming to AQC in January it also includes the progress that has been made on targets. The AQC noted the large amount of work that has taken place across the School in the last term. Some key areas are listed below

- New phonic scheme has been introduced
- The Learning Resource Centre has been completed and contains quality, inclusive books
- Career opportunities are being explored following work with Nicki Coleman (Trust Head of CIEAG)
- Equality and Racial Justice work is taking place across the curriculum to interrupt stereotypes.
- Technology has enhanced the learner experience
- Social media is being developed by an outside consultancy
- A Family Link worker has been employed

Action: TR to thank PTA for their generous donation to a building for the Family Link Worker

5. Equalities Objectives and Plan

There are five objectives, the document maps out how these will be achieved and measured.

6. Safeguarding

Further to the safeguarding report it is likely there will be another Level 3 following an incident this week.

7. Policies

7.1 SEND Policy

The AQC approved the SEND Policy and was grateful for the amendments that prioritise ethos and staff reflection.

7.2 Supporting Children with Medical Conditions

The AQC approved the Supporting Children with Medical Conditions Policy

7.3 Collective Worship Policy

The AQC noted the Collective Worship Policy as approved by the Head.

7.4 Religious Education Policy

The AQC noted the Religious Education Policy as approved by the Head.

8. Calendar

- 29 March 2022, 9am
- 24 May 2022, 6pm
- 21 June 2022, 11.45am, Trust Advisory Forum
- 19 July 2022, 9am

The next meeting will include a subject presentation on Wellbeing.

Meeting closed 7.33pm