

Family Friendly Minutes

Tuesday 21st May 2024

Alison Milman opened the meeting and minutes and actions from the governors meeting held on 19/03/24 were reviewed and approved as a true and accurate record, with all actions having been completed.

Alison Milman explained to the new governors the role of the school LLP (Leading Learning Partner) before Mr Reilly shared the strengths highlighted during the visit from Tim Walters (LLP) and Gilly Myers (New LLP); these included the school's ability to look at the effectiveness of its work and evaluate accurately any improvements that can be made. Also, the work Mrs Adams has been doing with phonics and English, which linked to the governors visit that had recently taken place, demonstrated a joined-up process. Amber was thanked for her hard work. Relationships and behaviours were also a positive in the report. Alison shared that Berrywood has always taken a transparent approach with the LLP, which has helped to build trust over time.

Mr Reilly shared the Headteacher's report.

- Year R intake for September 2024
- Key Stage 1 predicted phonic results
- Attendance

Alison Milman raised the subject of a request for remote attendance at governor meetings rather than in person. Alison recalled remote meetings during Covid-19 and the issues experienced at this time. Alison spoke with Governor Services, who advised that remote attendance was an option but not a requirement and it was up to the governing body to make the decision. Alison asked the governors for their thoughts. Issues discussed:

- The use of school technology (large screen in the classroom) to enable this to happen
- Concern about confidentiality
- Policy to allow remote access for extenuating circumstances
- Remote access being an exception rather than the rule

Not all governors were present to discuss this issue, so the decision was postponed until all governors could share their thoughts.

Matt Lamey shared the minutes from the Resources Committee meeting held on 07/05/24. Richard Hawkins explained to governors the rationale behind the decision to move to a new IT provider in the autumn term. Matt Lamey and Julie Woolley discussed the proposed budget for the current financial year and forecast a three-year budget. The governing body duly ratified the one-year and three-year budget plans and these were signed by Alison Milman.

Stephen Ashe shared his report from the governor school visit on 14/03/24, which focused on teaching phonics. The governors thanked the school for its welcome and openness, especially Mrs Adams, for her time with them and her work on phonics.

The proposed date for the next meeting was agreed upon before the meeting drew to a close.