



Markeaton Primary School, Bromley Street, Derby DE22 1HL

**MINUTES
Full Governing Board Meeting**

Tuesday 26th May 2020 at 3.00 pm via Teams

This was an emergency meeting consisting of just one agenda item.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
42/20	<p><u>Present – This was a virtual meeting due to the Coronavirus crisis</u></p> <p>Steph Marshall Power, Chair (SMP), Ian Johnson, Headteacher (IJ), Nicki Jenkins, Vice Chair (NJ), Joanne Fleay (JF), Laura Martin (LM), Matt Ball (MB), Lauren Gascoyne (LG)</p> <p>Clerk: Billie Welford</p> <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Louise Wilber, Staff.</p>	
43/20	<p><u>Phased re-opening of school</u></p> <p>SMP began the meeting with an explanation of why it had been called at short notice. In light of feedback and Derby City Council decisions regarding re-opening of the school, IJ had spoken to senior leaders and discussed new ideas. IJ felt that he had become so fixated on making plans for the return of FS2, Yr1 and Y6 children that it raised questions as to whether the other year groups had been considered enough. The SLT had looked at 5 different scenarios which included opening as planned, Y6 only, Y6 and FS2 at a later date or all year groups at a later date.</p> <p>Staff were not in favour of all groups returning together. SLT consensus was to open the school on June 1st for Y6 children only and this option would also be of benefit to the staff. Kitchen staff and cleaning staff would also benefit. IJ said that he was not sure how long it would take to clean 12 classrooms every day and if there were only 3 in use for Y6 then the task would be much easier. Staff had raised concerns about the return of the very young children and all felt that a more phased approach would lead ever closer to the Track and Trace system that the Government is introducing.</p> <p>SMP said that she had researched what other schools were doing and felt that the suggested phased return was a very good option. LM also felt that it was sensible to listen to the expertise of staff. IJ said that FS2 and Y1 together would make up around 50% of pupils and he did not feel as comfortable with the young children attending initially. JF said that rather than lack of confidence with the</p>	

	<p>young children it was more about how to ensure social distancing. NJ asked why IJ favoured the option of Y6 only rather than Y6 and FS2. IJ said that although he did not want to drag out the return of all classes, it was important for the school as a whole. How it will operate under the new restrictions. The plan would be for FS2 to return the week after and IJ felt that Y6 would adapt well. NJ felt that it sounded a logical plan and that if anything it was more reassuring for parents. SMP asked if the original timetables would be kept to. IJ said that they would and that he regretted not coming to this conclusion earlier. SMP said that staff need confidence to deal with the situation too. Daily tasks will change and it will help if fewer children are at school. MB asked about the rest of the staff, would they attend school? IJ said that the plan was for staff to be able to come into school and observe to see how it is operating with the changes in place.</p> <p>All Governors unanimously agreed with the new phased approach, IJ to write to parents to explain the new plans with a rationale as to how the decision was reached. IJ to send to SMP and NJ.</p>	IJ
44/20	<p><u>Date of next meeting and items to include</u></p> <p>FGB 5 June 2020 at 4.00 pm (at end of 1st full week back) Resources 25 June 2020 at 5.00 pm FGB 16 July 2020 at 5.00 pm</p> <p>Full list of 2019-2020 dates on Governorhub.</p>	

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