

KENTISH TOWN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Excellent Teaching, Excellent Effort, Excellent Progress:
Every Child, Every Lesson, Every Day**

Love – Equality – Compassion

PUBLIC MINUTES FULL MEETING OF THE BOARD 2ND JULY 2025 at 1.30PM

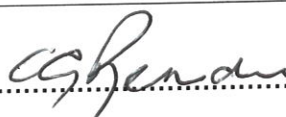
In attendance:

Governor Role		Name	Present
Foundation Governors (7):			
Ex Officio (1)		Father Guy Willis	✓
LDBS (2)	Head Teacher (1)	Colin Reader, Chair	✓
	Teaching Staff (1)	Shirley Skrentny, Vice Chair	✓
PCC (2)		Beata Goodwin	✓
		Cheryl Rhyner	X
Deanery Synod (2)		Vacancy	X
		Nigel Palmer	X
Non Foundation Governors (5)			
Staff (2):	Head Teacher (1)	James Humphries	✓
	Teaching Staff (1)	Karen Trussler	✓
Parent Elected Governor		Ellie Besley-Gould	✓
		Maimouna Mohamad	✓
Local Authority (LA) (1)		Hilary Horton	✓
Associate Members (2)			
Deputy Head Teacher		Grant Jacobson	✓
Support staff member		Jana Martiskova	✓
Associate member		Ryan Kirkpatrick	✓
		Miriam Nadarajah	✓
Others Present (1)			
Clerk:		Pamela Ansley	✓
		Glyn Webster	X

	PART 1 – PUBLIC ITEMS	Actions/ Date
1	Opening Prayer, Welcome, introductions and Apologies for Absence	
	Father Guy opened in prayer. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Father Nigel Palmer, Cheryl Rhyner and Glyn Webster.	
2	Declarations of Interest	
	There were no Declarations of Interest.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	
	These minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the last meeting.	Action: Agreed.
4	SIAMs – School Vision and Parable	
	Father Guy spoke about the Good Samaritan and Governors were asked to spend some time discussing the parable and what Jesus is trying to say through the story. The Board came to the decision that Jesus is the Good Samaritan coming to rescue us.	
5	Marketing the school	
	Governors were advised that the school used to get over 100 applications for Reception class and now due to the falling birth rate throughout Camden we were lucky to fill all of our places. Governors were advised that we now needed to put an effort into making sure we keep full now that 10 forms of entry into primary school have been removed. Ellie's report covered what we wanted to achieve ie a healthy roll, strengthening our profile and expanding our catchment. We needed to think about the use of our unique selling points and publicise these with maybe a mascot or a logo. We also needed to tap into our entry points and ask them the question of why they have chosen our school. James advised the Board that he had got a very good deal on a publication that was distributed to all patients from the local doctor's surgery, and could be amended every month. The cost was £1200 for the 2 years and the content could be changed each month. Thanks were noted to Ellie for her report. GQ: Who will ultimately do the marketing? It was suggested that a paid part time role maybe could be created – something to think about. GQ: What would help parents understand the school's situation around the level of SEN numbers? A Parent Governor thought that a discussion might help parents understand this in more detail. It was suggested and agreed that a working party would be set up in September (or leave it with CFC to discuss). The Committee Structure would be looked at with a view to Ellie moving committees to help with this and an SLT lead then being nominated to assist. A TLR post to be advertised internally.- Grant to organise appointment of TLR to drive marketing initiatives	

6	Heads Reports	
	Questions: RE Day – Next year could there be a focus on wider faiths? SLT felt that there would be no reason why the day could not have a different focus next year but new changes in the curriculum would be need to be borne in mind. Yr 1 Phonics – the children that did not pass the phonics test was discussed – this was to do with attendance. There was then a discussion around attendance and penalty notices. Thanks were noted to Sharon for what she has done to set up Summer Club this year. KS2 teacher assessments look good and the SATs results would be out next Tuesday.	
7	Admissions	
	Suggested changes were outlined in the document attached. These had been sent to the diocese and some suggestions had come back. It was agreed that CFC would look at this and come back to the FGB in the Autumn.	Action: CFC to look at this.
8	Safeguarding Report	
	Questions: None. Governors were advised that procedures had been put in place which had effectively dealt with trends or behavioural problems that had shown up.	
9	SEND Report	A
	It was really good to see that 50 SEND/Disadvantaged children have been able to secure a place at Clubs.	
10	Budget	
	Colin advised that the Government will now be ¾ funding the upcoming pay increases for staff, money had also been recovered from the SEN Department with some more due. GQ: When you say ¾ funding how much are we getting? We would receive roughly £30,000. GQ: Are TA increases the same will we receive funding to assist with this? No these were not. The budget was then ratified.	Action: Budget was ratified.
11	Reports from the Chairs of Committees	
	There were no questions regarding the Chair of Committee Reports.	
12	Questions regarding Committee Meeting Minutes	
	There were no questions regarding the Committee Meeting Minutes.	
13	Behaviour Policy	

	This was agreed.	
14	Governors Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair	
	Colin asked for nominations for the above positions to be sent to the Clerk in advance of the October meeting.	
15	Dates for the meetings	
	These were attached and would all be posted on GovernorHub.	
16	James' retirement party	
	Governors were reminded that this was on Friday evening in the school from 6pm.	
15	AOB	
	The Year 6 Show would follow the meeting at 6pm if any Governor would like to stay and watch it.	
	Meeting ended at 4.10pm	

Signed..........

Date..15.10.25..

Colin Reader,
Chair of Governors
Kentish Town C of E Primary School
Governing Board