

reading than boys.

- A significant challenge for the school appears to be enabling pupils who reach the expected standard at the end of Key Stage 1 to sustain progress through Key Stage 2.

CS/AB reiterated the need to ensure progress of “middle ability” children as well as focusing on low ability needs and SEND.

Governors also noted that mobility of children into APS is an issue when their ability is below the expected standard.

Governors accepted the report and thanked Phil Taylor for his work.

FGB.24.01.24-9 Y6 case study: HD presented the case study for Y6 2022/2023. Governors drew the following conclusions:

- Pupils have significant social issues for which much support is given by school.
- Changed demographics of APS with 34% of pupils now being Pupil Premium. This is 10% above the national average.

LY noted that significant intervention and support is given to children moving to APS from other schools, where they often have not been fully supported.

AT noted that APS has a good reputation for SEND support.

CS felt that the school needs to show and celebrate progress data and also the work being done with SEND children and high attainers.

KT suggested visiting other schools with similar demographics.

Action: PC will investigate schools with similar demographics.

FGB.24.01.24-10 School Improvement Plan: Governors reviewed progress with the SIP and were confident with progress made. PC advised Governors that a further priority may be added.

FGB.24.01.24-11 SES: HD presented the updated SES and added that it will be updated again with Spring term data.

CS questioned attendance data. PC informed Governors that it was improving with approximately 95% average attendance compared with 93% nationally.

FGB.24.01.24-12 English Hub and RISE MAT feedback.

The review of phonics and reading by the English Hub was positive, with good feedback. As a result, £9000 grant for reading and phonics resources has been received.

The review into EYFS and Teaching and Learning by the RISE MAT also resulted in positive feedback.

PC/HD informed Governors that they have registered for support with the Maths Hub.

FGB.24.01.24-13 Parent ban: *This item was deemed confidential.*

FGB.24.01.24-14 SFVS: Governors reviewed and accepted the SFVS.

FGB.24.01.24-15 NSPCC safeguarding audit:KT and HD have completed the Safeguarding audit, providing evidence for each question.

FGB.24.01.24-16 Finance – budget report ; Governors reviewed the budget report, noting a surplus of £72000 for the year 2023/2024, including the provision of additional support for Y6. **Governors accepted the budget report but they, and PC/HD did note that the carry forward surplus had significantly changed from previous budget reports.**

FGB.24.01.24-17 Parent and staff questionnaire: Governors reviewed the data and comments in both the staff and parent questionnaires. They noted the positive results and comments for both.

FGB.24.01.24-18 Dinner money prices: After discussion Governors agreed to increase dinner money price to £2.60 per meal. This compares favourably to the £3.25 cost from DCC.

Action: The cost of a school meal is to increase to £2.60 from after February half term (19th February 2024).

FGB.24.01.24-19 Academy updates|: PC reported that approval for the Academy application has been received from the DFE. Positive feedback has been received for the application along with some advisory points.

It is hoped that the Academy will commence in the summer term although issues with DCC may delay this.

Governors congratulated PC for the success of the Academy application.

FGB.24.01.24-20 Staff request. KD has requested leave of absence to compete in the British Master Championship for swimming on 18th and 19th April.

Governors agreed to the request, noting the significant role model KD provides for pupils through this.

FGB.24.01.24-21 Headteacher performance management: *This item was deemed confidential.*

FGB.24.01.24-22 Any other business:

Benchmarking: Governors reviewed and accepted DFE benching marking data, without comment.

FGB.24.01.24-23 Date of next meeting – 24th April 2024

FGB.24.01.24-24 Determination of items deemed to be confidential Items FGB.24.01.24-13 and FGB.24.01.24-21 were deemed confidential.