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|  | **Diptford C of E Primary School Ethos Group (SEG)** **Minutes of Meeting held on 30th September 2024** |  |
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| **In attendance**  | Holly Edgington – Academy HeadNick Zeiher – Parent RepBecca Filtness – Parent RepKate Burch – Foundation GovernorShirley Timothy – Secretary |  |
| **Apologies**  | Rev David Sayle – Church RepSharon Lord – Trust RE and SIAMS LeadJanet Watts – Community RepAli Reid – RE Lead |  |
| **Approve Previous minutes**  | The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that they were formally approved.  |  |
| **Matters arising from previous meeting** | In reviewing the minutes from the last meeting, HE confirmed that JW had been given a summary of the Community Representative role.Monitoring had taken place in the summer term with a clearer process for organising groups to get the best possible result. |  |
|  | **ACTIONS:** |
| **General SIAMS related update/report**  |  |  |
| **Head of School general report/update**  | The Academy Head presented her report, a copy of which is attached to the minutes. The start of term and academic year had begun with exploring the schools three rules of Ready, Respectful, Safe; by both staff and pupils - this terms focus being on Respect. Collective Worship has been led by staff, with the addition of fortnightly visits from Open the Book and regular visits from Rev David.FODs (Friends of Diptford School) fundraising efforts had provided iPads, whole school Christmas Theatre trips, individual class enrichment allowances and a science show planned for the spring term. Many of their fundraising activities were community events, open to all. In addition, the school had taken a small group of children to East Allington recently to sing at a community fundraiser in aid of Macmillan.A new “pupil voice” group PODS (Pupils of Diptford School) had formed under the guidance of Mrs Wilson. There had been an election process giving each child an opportunity to get involved. PODs would be contributing to the forthcoming Harvest Festival on 16th October, serving the community with refreshments before the event.The new RE Today resources were now being used in classrooms.A major focus within the school this year would be on pupil attendance, a government driven initiative, and the school would be using expertise within the Trust and DCC to help support. | A link to the minutes would be added to the school website and newsletter |
| **Discussion and action points agreed from current SEG monitoring enquiry:** | Monitoring took place on the 9th July with RF and NZ conducting the interviews. They felt the children were more able to share honest views and talk about the key elements of the monitoring activities. The school was helping locally within the community, but the question was raised about wider issues – e.g. climate change and immigration – and what part the children could play in this. Finding ways for children to explore how they can make a difference.Feedback was given on the schools' values of Ready, Respectful and Safe and the importance of being able to link these to the school vision “Let your light shine”.RF discussed how actions can make a difference, such as the importance of remembrance events – recently the 80th Anniversary of DDay, and how the school marks Remembrance Day and whether this could be extended further. | To highlight and identify links of the school values “Ready Respectful Safe” to the vision “Let your light shine”For the school to take part in/present a wreath for the remembrance service in November |
| **Planning for next monitoring enquiry:** | The next monitoring enquiry: **How does the school’s theologically rooted Christian Values enable pupils and adults to flourish?**The monitoring enquiry had been circulated prior to the meeting for consideration. It was noted each enquiry was conducted in a yearly cycle, therefore would become more familiar year after year. Members of the meeting discussed the enquiry points and agreed to conduct monitoring on Tuesday 12th November. This would include a learning walk until 1.30pm when they would then meet with the children. | It was **agreed** monitoring would take place on Tuesday 12th November from 11am |
| **PEGs/Parent/****Community feedback**  | RF felt there was a rejuvenated interest in FODS and their fundraising efforts, where funds were being well used within the school. This had been driven by a new committee and had real benefit to the children offering great enrichment.Members also discussed the opportunities for personal development and how the formation of PODS would help the children find opportunities to become “global citizens” - enabling them to make a difference. PODS would be initially involved in organising a community event for Harvest Festival and would also help with other fundraising opportunities such as Breast Cancer and the local Food Bank. They will meet every other Monday. |  |
| **AOB** | KB highlighted the need to review the terms of reference for the Ethos Committee on an annual basis | It was **agreed** that the terms of reference be reviewed at the next meeting |
| **Date of next meeting** | 18th November 2024 at 11am |  |