



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Board Meeting Summary – 9/12/21

The Levens CE School full governing body met on 9th December 2021 in person. The governors all carried out a lateral flow test immediately prior to this meeting, and were advised not to attend if they had any covid symptoms, due to concerns over the Omicron covid-19 variant.

Our Chair of Governors, Susan Bishop, chaired this meeting. We were very privileged to be sat in the school dining hall with the new school mural. This has been a very exciting project where all pupils have contributed in a depiction of Levens village. The work was led by local artist, Sophie Martin. The pupils are able to identify which part they contributed on to their great pleasure.

The governors discussed payment for school trips which we were all absolutely delighted to hear are now very much back and the entire school had been to a showing of Beauty and the Beast in Lancaster that day. Support and advice can be offered to those families with genuine hardship needs but the governors agreed to support the school in recommending that school trips would be cancelled if payments were not received as these trips are extra to the usual curriculum provided.

We heard how the school has made links with an orphanage in Uganda and how the pupils had been able to learn more about Africa and the challenges there through this project.

We also heard how all staff had attended specialist training on developmental trauma (ACE - Adverse Childhood Events) including how emotional needs for some children are sadly not met and how this can be improved. Governors expressed a wish that the school continues to focus on areas such as sport, music and arts and not just the curriculum to help all children develop. An example of the funded violin lessons for Years 2 and 3 was given as an area that has been really enjoyable for these pupils and they had been able to give a school performance.

Governors also received updates related to the following:

- School site development
- Safeguarding meeting and NSPCC audit
- Quality of education
- SEN report
- SIAMS update (school not due an inspection this academic year)
- Governor monitoring

Governors also reviewed and updated policies and highlighted appropriate Governor training.

The full board will meet again on 24th March 2022



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