Board meeting summary - 08.12.22

The Levens CE School full governing body met on the 8th December 2022.

The board was informed that Emma Simpson has been re-appointed for a further four years as a foundation governor following confirmation from the Diocese.

The Budget Control Report was recommended to the board by the Finance and Property Committee following their meeting in November.

An update was provided on the school build by Mrs. Farraday who explained that the appointed contractors were due to be on site from 9th December 2022 to begin setting up the agreed compound area and removal of the Zen Cabin before the Christmas break. Plans are in place to help with the smooth running of the school taking into account necessary changes such as school access.

Governors received the Cumbria County Health and Safety Audit report from the four yearly audit that was undertaken in School in November 2022 – Governors applauded the exceptional outcome.

Mrs. Farraday shared a number of documents including the School Development Plan, the Self Evaluation Form, a recent Peer-to Peer review undertaken with two other primary schools, and the School's Sports Strategy – all of these documents will be vital for any future OFSTED inspection, which is anticipated any time, and the SIAMS inspection, also expected this school year. Governors were put to the test with questions from Mrs. Farraday on the school development priorities and the meaning of 'cultural capital'.

Governors received the results of the parent survey undertaken in the Autumn Term (now on the website) and were delighted to hear that 100% of parents would recommend the school to others.

Governors accepted a number of policies as well as the updated Privacy notices in line with GDPR.

Governor monitoring visit reports for Safeguarding, maths, reflection books, trip attendance and Christian ethos and the school website audit were shared with the board.

The board will next meet on the 16th February 2023 for the Approval of the Schools Financial Values Standard (SFVS) 2022-23, which is an annual return for the local authority