

7. **Confirmation of Newtown School Vision and Values**
Confirmed: All governors have received a copy of the Newtown School Vision and Values Document.
- The school motto and logo are being developed.
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8. **Adoption of Protocol for Governors Meetings**
Proposal: to adopt the Protocol for Governors Meetings
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9. **Adoption of the NGA Code of Practise for School Governors**
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Agreed by all present
- Action: Signing of the Business Register to be an agenda item for each committee.
- All governors present signed the Code of Practise.
- 10 **Decision as to whether FGB meetings are open or closed to the public**
- It was agreed that all meetings will be open**
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11. **Confirmation of Committee Membership**
- As the governing body will be reconstituting next term it was agreed to keep the committee membership the same for this term as follows:
- Resources Committee**
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| Mr Steven Fearn | Mr James Lyon |
| Mrs Sandra Dalgliesh | Mr Richard Westlake |
| Mrs Saxon Spence | Ms Jenny Lloyd |
| Mrs Hayley Back | |
| Mrs Ruth Jones | |
- Teaching & Learning Committee**
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| Khadija Alamoudi | Mrs Frances Everson |
| Mrs Penny Burnside | |
| Mrs Victoria Darius | |
| Mrs Ruth Jones | |
- Pay & Performance Committee**
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| Mrs Frances Everson (Chair) | Mr James Lyon |
| Mrs Saxon Spence | Mrs Ruth Jones as Headteacher
(non voting member) |
- First Committee**
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| Mrs Frances Everson | Mrs Penny Burnside |
| Mr James Lyons | Mr Richard Westlake |

Mrs Sandra Dalglish

Second Committee

Mr Steven Fearn

Ms Jenny Lloyd

Mrs Saxon Spence

Khadija Alamoudi

Pupil Discipline Committee

Mrs Penny Burnside

Mrs Sandra Dalglish

Mrs Frances Everson

Headteacher Performance Management

Currently this is SF and PB. It was noted that for succession planning there needed to be a third governor who has undertaken Performance Management training.

Noted

12. Moving forward as a Governing Body

JML recommended advertising within parent body for a community governor as the number of elected parent governors has been reduced.

Pen portrait from potential Co-opted Governor circulated prior to the meeting.

**Proposal: to co-opt Mrs Jill Mather
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Action: Clerk to write to Jill Mather and invite her to the next FGM.

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Action: JML to organise an advert for community and school newsletters.

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Governor Training

Training courses available from Babcocks circulated at the meeting. Training provided by Exeter Consortium to be circulated via email by the clerk.

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JML highlighted that the GEL training online is very useful and recommended governors access it. Clerk has drafted an information sheet, distributed at the meeting, detailing the log-on details for various governor resources.

DAG Fit for Purpose 20 Questions

Action: Governors to answer the questions and discuss in committee.

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A Framework for Governance

JML recommended this document to governors to read.

Action Clerk to send
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13. Vacancies for Co-opted Governors on the GB

This was discussed as part of agenda item 12.

Noted

14. **RAISE Online** - Presentation and questions from governors
RJ reported that the school currently does not have a permanent School Improvement Partner (SIP) Linda Ross is temporarily covering this position.

It was noted that we have high percentages of ethnic minorities and English as an Additional Language (EAL). Some parents state that English is their child's first language but teaching staff are aware that this is not the case and that another language is spoken at home.

SS highlighted that according to the data Newtown has below average numbers of Free School Meals (FSM) pupils and yet Newtown is one of Devon's wards with highest levels of deprivation.

Action: RJ to send out reminder to all parents to sign up for FSM and access support from school staff if needed.

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It was noted that the current Yr4 (YR3 in ROL report) has 47% SEND pupils and now has three pupils who do not speak English. RJ is looking at moving TAs between classes to flexibly support these pupils.

The Reception class has 43% EAL this year.

JML asked what a stable cohort number was and PB stated this was 20 pupils.

Phonics screening was very poor for 2013-14. JML asked what has been done to improve this years results. RJ reported that pupils have been split into ability groups for teaching to appropriately target interventions.

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Committee discussed floor targets and being below floor target , what actions could be triggered. JML highlighted the focus on what the school's provision for gifted and talented pupils was.

It was noted that the previous SIP had recommended analysing the data and breaking down into cohorts of Pupil Premium Funded (PPF) pupils and PPF pupils with SEND needs.

SF asked for further information on pupils who had not been SATs tested. RJ explained that in these instances the pupils had not progressed past Level 3 and cannot access the work for SATs.

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SS recommended investigating similarities in challenges to teachings these

cohorts within other local schools.

PB highlighted that because of the school vision and values, we welcome and value diversity. This presents the school with challenges and are the school is being adversely affected by cuts to EMA. RJ suggested that the university could be a resource for supporting EAL pupils and families.

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15. Clerks Business

Register of Business Interests and Governors Declaration of Eligibility forms were circulated for completion at the meeting.

16. Any other business brought forward by the Chair

Approval of term dates for 2015-16

Distributed at the meeting.

Proposal: to approve term dates for 2015-16
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15. Time and date of next meeting.

Thursday 12th February 2015 5:30pm

Agreed by all present

Next FGM
12.02.2015 at 17:30

Meeting ended at 19:35