

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETING
Monday 17th October 6.00 p.m. - 7.00p.m.

Agenda Item	Item	Action
	<p>Governors present: Mr Mark Hilliam, Headteacher Mr Peter Taylor, Local Authority Governor and Chair Mr Richard Lane, Foundation Governor and Deputy Chair Mrs Sue Hughes, Foundation Governor Mr Phil Mann, Foundation Governor Mrs Clare Malone, Foundation Governor Mrs Debbie Higgins, Foundation Governor Mrs Jenefer Morgan, Foundation Governor Mr John Fenlon, Foundation Governor</p>	
1	<p>Opening Prayer: Mr Mark Hilliam opened the meeting with a prayer.</p>	
2	Mr Peter Taylor welcomed the new Governors on behalf of the Governing Body.	
3	<p>Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs Paula Mainprise, Foundation Governor, Ms. Kate Stuart, Parent Governor, and Mrs Sue Hughes Foundation Governor.</p>	
4	<p>Pecuniary & Parental Interests Parental interests were declared by Mrs Malone & Mr Mann</p>	
5	<p>Options for becoming "MAT Ready" as required by Bishop Declan in July 2019. There was a full discussion of the issues involved in the Diocesan requirement to be "MAT Ready" by September 2021.</p> <p>Mr Lane and Mr Mann felt that there had been some benefits from the partnership with the schools from our Parishes in Communion – St Pauls and Our Lady of Lourdes, especially at the teaching level.</p> <p>Similarly, the Emmaus partnership had produced helpful teaching and moderation initiatives.</p> <p>There had been relatively little contact with the Camino Partnership schools, clustered around Bath, other than in the area of religious teaching. This was felt to be because of the geographical distances involved, and consequently the travel time overhead required to work together. In contrast, the Emmaus schools are all within approximately 15 minutes travel time by car.</p> <p>Unlike schools from some other Local Authorities, South Gloucestershire has provided a good level of support for our school at reasonable cost. This includes dining room equipment and help with pooled bills, as well as such areas as Safeguarding and HR. The school is happy with the services provided by the L.A. under the "Integra" trading name.</p>	

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	<p>All things considered, the prospect of becoming a MAT with a set of schools covering a 250 square mile geographical area does not immediately attract Governors. However, a better business case may emerge in due course.</p> <p>Additionally, the Governors recognise that the policy of the DfE, and the direction of the Diocese both lead in the direction of MAT incorporation. Should we not participate fully in the initiative now, we could be faced with a less attractive "take it or leave it" option in the future.</p> <p>In the circumstances, the Governing Body agreed unanimously to participate fully in the Diocesan initiative, leading to being "MAT Ready" by September 2021. They also opted to continue collaboration with St Pauls, Our Lady of Lourdes schools, and other members of the Emmaus community, to see where partnership could be helpful.</p>	Action agree
12	<p>Any other Business ("AoB")</p> <p>12.1 50 Years Celebration The School is 50 years old next year (2020). To help celebrate, the circus visit on Thursday 10th September 2020 was confirmed</p>	To note
13	<p>Closing Prayer The meeting closed at 6.45 p.m. with a prayer, led by MH</p>	
14	<p>Date of the next meeting 18th November 2019 at 7pm</p>	
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