



Aston Rowant C+E Primary School
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 Headteacher: Mrs Helen France

Meeting of the Full Governing Body of Aston Rowant CE Primary School
Wednesday 1st November 2023 - 6.30pm

Present:

Steve Taylor (ST) Co Opted Governor, Chair
 Helen France (HF) Headteacher Staff Governor
 Tom Sowerby (TS) LA Governor
 Gill Tyler (GT) Foundation Governor
 Alexi Olsen (AO) Staff Governor
 Zoe Batt (ZB) Co Opted Governor

Apologies Sam Goose (SG) Parent Governor

In the absence of clerk support ST took notes of the meeting.

The meeting started at 18.30

		Action
1.	<u>Welcome and Prayer</u> ST welcomed everyone. The meeting was opened in prayer by GT.	
2.	<u>Apologies for absence/Declarations of Interest</u> All present, the meeting was quorate. Some members still need to ensure their declarations are for the current academic year. All to check.	All
3.	<u>Strategy Discussion</u> Currently we are the school of choice, we must not be complacent, how do we sustain, retain and potentially grow pupil numbers? Survival is not good enough – this is just treading water Have so far not done anything new/radical. We have the freedom to develop. 3-year plan, 2023 to 2026 – where to focus? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate future/long term? • Pupil capacity limited by staff numbers • Grow pupil numbers; options for merger with other schools/addition of a nursery. Would a nursery secure future 100% fill for foundation? We must not be complacent about the current year on year success. • Need to improve infrastructure/ facilities/first impressions – do we need VC to VA conversion to achieve this? 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community connections. Draw on expertise from the community • Need to enable the HT to have time to spend on strategic issues and reduce the day to day 'fire-fighting'. Add senior teacher/pathway for staff to develop. • What is the thinking of OCC and the Diocese? • Is the building of local housing helpful to the school intake? • If pupil numbers are increased significantly this will impact local residents. Some local residents may be set against any expansion of the school. Need to address this. Consider bus in/drop off/car park options • Scenarios for future development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nursery ○ Bigger school ○ Spruce up the buildings ○ New buildings? ○ Wellbeing of staff – enable them to do their best • What do we do - nail our colours to the mast – what are we producing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Academic achievement ○ Sporting capability ○ Enriched curriculum ○ Well-rounded pupils <p>What do we need to do to achieve this?</p> <p>How do we use our current facilities better?</p>	
5.	<p>Group flip chart brainstorm:</p> <p>GROWTH ENABLERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VC to VA ○ Increased pupil numbers ○ Nursery (TBC) ○ Merge ○ FGB support for HT ○ Community Engagement ○ Increased PAN ○ More senior staff ○ More support staff ○ Sustainable headship <p>GROWTH AIMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ E Nursery pa ○ E 20 + PAN pa ○ New buildings s pu pa ST/SG 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ E More senior staff s pa ○ E More support staff s pu ○ Wellbeing of staff s pu GT/TS ○ E Sustainable headship s pa pu ○ Enriched curriculum pu HF/ZB 	
15.	<p><u>Next meeting dates</u></p> <p>29.11.23, 6:30pm, Business</p> <p>31.01.24, 6.30pm, Strategy</p> <p>27.03.24, 6.30pm, Business</p> <p>01.05.24, 6.30pm, Strategy</p> <p>17.07.24, 6.30pm, Business</p>	

The meeting closed at 21:10

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