

Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School

Governing Body



Full Governing Body Meeting Minutes							
Date/Time	1 st July 2025		Location		Meeting Room		
Attendees			Attendees		Attendees		Attendees
Emma Jones		Head	Anna Slade (ASI)		Allie Longhorn	Chair	
Phillip Wilson (PW)			Janine Meecham (JM)	Clerk	Father Robert Sellers (FrRS)		
Teresa Walsh (TW)			Jenny Meredith (JMer)		James Dryden		
Annmaree Kain (AK)			Mike Smith (MS)		Clare Hollingsworth (CH)		

Apologies	
Richard Moore	

	Agenda		
63.24.25	Apologies	69.24.25	Safeguarding
64.24.25	Declarations of Interest	70.24.25	Governor Monitoring
65.24.25	Approve Minutes	71.24.25	Christian Distinctiveness and SIAMS
66.24.25	Matters arising	72.24.25	Date and Time of Next Meeting
67.24.25	Correspondence		
68.24.25	Head Teacher report		

Ref	Item	Action/ Decision	By whom
63.24.25	Apologies: Apologies were received as above and duly sanctioned.		
64.24.25	Declarations of interest None		
65.24.25	Minutes: The minutes from the FGB meeting on 20 th May 2025 were agreed as an accurate record	Decision	All



66.24.25	Matters Arising: None		
67.24.25	Correspondence: None		
68.24.25	Headteacher Report Full report uploaded to the Drive. EJ presented the report to the Governors The budget continues to be at the forefront of our minds and impacts on decisions. As well as our own budget being strained, other services are also experiencing difficulties. It is extremely challenging to find support for families/children that require support. Both the SEMH team and C and I Team have ceased accepting referrals. Outside agencies either don't respond to queries or take a long time to respond. Waiting lists are getting longer and longer. All services are overstretched and we all need to be mindful of this when we make decisions about school strategies. Along with report writing, teaching every day, developing the curriculum etc every class has been out (or will have been out) on a trip off site. Often as part of our Withycombe 60 scheme. With curriculum demands-we are keen to hold on to these experiences. Withycombe Staff visited nurseries and preschools to learn about the children joining us in September. We held our New Starters event on 18th June. Our new EYFS children have visited us for a class visit and will be back again for Buddy Tours., Our numbers for September are around 85 Year 6 received glowing praise from the writing moderators for their excellent knowledge of all the children, their preparation for the meeting and for the high standard of writing they reviewed across the board. They were particularly praiseworthy of the choices and quality of writing units planned by the team, the uniqueness of each piece of writing and the accuracy of spelling and punctuation. Our School Development Plan for next year will be focused on the development points following OFSTED. EJ updated Governors on the staffing for 2025/26		
69.24.25	Safeguarding: MS discussed with the governors Safeguarding (full report on Drive) Relational Practice – continues to be embedded. Positive Relationships and Behaviour Policy was ratified on the 20/05/25. OPAL Play – next meeting this Friday to look at zones (parent communication this week)		

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	Safeguarding Conference • Harmful Sexual Behaviours and exploitation / role of SARC (changes to KCSiE could inc immediate removal or 'perpetrator') • Devon Virtual School – attendance • Data protection (data sharing) • Devon's Children's Front Door (requests for support) • Autism and Radicalisation (awareness of vulnerabilities and platforms and use of 'Prevent') • Online safety (SWGFL) Mike and Anna Slade have a meeting booked for supporting victims of domestic abuse.		
70.24.25	Governor Monitoring All Governors Reminded to book monitoring visits for the Autumn term.		
71.24.25	Christian Distinctiveness and SIAMS EJ – The Children visited the church for Pentecost EJ reminded the Governors of the days and timings of collective worship.		
72.24.25	Chairs Business None		
73.24.25	Date and time of next meeting FGB 23rd September 2025 at 7pm		

Summary of Action Points

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