THE EDGE SCHOOLS' FEDERATION				
	GOVERNORS' MEETING AT CHURCH PREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL			
	24 TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 4PM			
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PRESENT		Simon James (SJ) Steve Hall (SH) Carole Fenton (CF) Elle Evans (EE) Steve Alston (SA) Richard Rhodes (RR	Marilyn Hunt (MH) Caroline Bedford (CB) Laura Furniss (LF) Catherine Egleton (CE) Lauren Bjorn (LB) Richard Pope (RP)	
CLE		Lydia Foster		
IN A	TTENDANCE			
QUC	RUM	Number: 6	QUORATE: YES	
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2.	Simon James was elected as Chair of the Governing Body for the ensuing year. Nomination: RR Seconded: EE The governing body voted unanimously in favour of appointing Simon James as Chair. Election of Vice-Chair SJ thanked SH on behalf of the FGB for his time of service as vice chair. Catherine Egleton was elected as Vice-Chair of the Governing Body for the ensuing year. Nomination: RR Seconded: CF The governing body voted unanimously in favour of appointing Catherine Egleton as vice chair.			
	APOLOGIES All governors were present.			
3.	DECLARATION OF ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS The following items of other urgent business were recorded for discussion under item 21. • Catering contract changes (covered in 8.1) • Church Preen flooding over the summer break DECLARATION OF INTEREST			
	 4.1 There were no declarations of interest made 4.2 TERMLY REVIEW OF GOVERNOR AND HEADTEACHER BUSINESS INTERESTS 			

	Business Interests Register				
	The business interests register must be reviewed annually but is tabled termly to enable new governors to be included and existing governors to update their entry. The register must be published on the website.				
	Governors each completed a new business interest form and the register will be updated. ACTION: The business interests register is to be updated and published on the school website.				
5. GOVERNING BODY MEMBERSHIP					
	5.1 Governing Body Vacancies				
	Tony Davies resigned from the Governing body at the end of July. Thanks for his input to the Governing Body.				
	Laura Furniss' term as parent Governor expired at the beginning of September and it was proposed that Laura was co-opted.				
	Nomination: SJ Seconded: CF The governing body voted unanimously in favour of Laura Furniss becoming a co-opted member of the Governing Body.				
	There is 1 co-opted vacancy on the Governing body.				
	5.2 Code of Conduct The Governing Body agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct and were reminded of the importance of confidentiality. The Chair of Governors signed the Code of Conduct on behalf of the Governing Body.				
6.	TO REPORT ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHAIR OR VICE-CHAIR OF THE GOVERNING BODY IN CASES OF URGENCY				
	There was no action taken on the grounds of urgency.				
7.	MINUTES				
	7.1 The minutes of the full governing body meeting held on 13 th June 2024 were approved and signed as being a correct record.				
	7.2 Matters arising from the minutes The following matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, not being dealt with elsewhere on the agenda, were raised:-				
	ACTION SHEET				
	ITEM ACTION TO BE UPDATE NO COMPLETED BY COMPLETED BY				
	4.1CB to move into an associate member in September 2024.LFComplete				
	6 All governors to complete skills audit and return to LFoster. All governors LFoster to recirculate and send reminder				

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	7	Governors to book in 1 visit per term rotating between schools – booking	All governors/LFoster	Reminders to be sent out. Ongoing.
		system to be sent out.		
	7	Pupil voice to be done per governor visit where possible and	All governors	Ongoing
		books/lessons looked at		
	7	A crib sheet for each subject to be provided for Governors reference	СВ	Complete – LFoster to circulate
	7	Terms of reference review to be	LFoster	Complete
		added to the standing agenda for		
		committees in the Autumn term		
	8	School banners to be looked into	CB/LFoster	Ongoing
	8	Parent volunteers to be considered	MH	Complete – not possible
		for assisting with Breakfast club at Brockton		at this time.
	10	SDP to be added as a standing items for CC	LFoster	Complete
	14	Governor safeguarding update to be held alongside the Autumn Term FGB	MH	Complete
	14	SA to complete safeguarding and new Governor training	LFoster/SA	Safeguarding complete, new governor training TBC
	17	High level review to be undertaken re: BP/CP NOR	MH	To be referred to Governors visioning
	18	Governors to assist with updating policies where possible by reviewing them on the school website	All governors	Ongoing
	18	New guidance re: what a school has to publish on the website to be reviewed.	LFoster	LB to assist with LFoster reviewing the website
8.	TO RE	ECEIVE REPORTS/MINUTES		
	8.1	Business Management Committee		
	Minutes of a meeting held on 5 th of June 2024 and 21 st October 2024 received and considered. A copy has been placed in the minute book.			
		Particular points discussed were:-		
	<u>Caterir</u>			
	 The catering contract with Shire Services was terminated. Shire are yet to provide a final statement for the end of the contract so catering finance are yet to be finalised. Apetito has been brought on board from September 2024 and the kitchens now self-managed. 			
		Freezer space was discussed and appro Church Preen.		
	•	Apetito meals have been received well a challenging at Wistanstow.	at Brockton & Church	Preen but more
	 Governors challenged with the following questions: What is it that parents are unhappy about? MH: They would prefer a cook in the kitchen. The overall quality of the food has much improved. 			ne food has much
	What action is being taken to address the concerns?			

SP: We have had taster sessions for parents/children and parent lunches have/are being held. We have specifically invited those parents who have raised concern to come and have a meal with their children. We have feedback opportunities every day and we discuss with the children what the do/don't like. The uptake is not very high at the moment. We have also added a third option of jacket potato every day as well.

MH: We have done menu adjustments where requested and engaged with parents as best we can.

• Is this impacting the uptake on FSM?

SP: A bit with UIFSM but not otherwise.

The following was discussed:

- The shift of catering model will take some adjustment and time
- It is already beginning to settle down
- More schools are having to move to this model of catering due to budget restraints
- There are misconceptions around the quality of frozen food which is much improved from what is used to be.

<u>NOR</u>

- We are looking a declining NOR across all 3 schools
- This will require a review of staffing and structures
- It is a county wide issue that there is a decline in pupil numbers
- Church Preen has a very rural catchment with no large villages or towns

Governors asked the following questions:

• Do we need to consider how we market the schools?

MH: Flexi-school is becoming more accepted. We can't promote part time schooling, but we can appeal to those in the homeschooling network.

- Are pupil numbers due to drop at CP?
- MH: Not significantly but the budget will be challenged as costs increase every year.
 - Do we get pupils out of catchment?

MH: We do attract those who want the small village school environment

LB: This could impact what areas we focus on re: the website.

Would there be advantages to marketing with nursery?

MH: We are now pretty much full at Brockton nursery. Church Preen nursery are now running 5 days a week and happy running as a separate entity as are Wistanstow.

• What is the update on wraparound care? There has been feedback from those not attending our schools that this has an impact where they decide to send their children.

MH: We have had confirmation that we now have funding for wrap around care. The challenge is recruitment. Teaching staff are covering as second member of staff but it is their good will not a part of their contract. I would like to try and get a second person for breakfast club and another person for after school club.

The following were further discussed:

- There are some very small year groups which is challenging.
- There is a challenge to recruit new pupils in year.
- Church Preen PTA is driving forward a request to the other school PTA's to try and fund a redesign for the front page of the website.
- There is potential to connect with community events in Craven Arms

Curriculum Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on 12th July 2024 were received and considered. The following amendments are to be made before the copy is placed in the minute book: LF to be marked as absent from the meeting.

Particular points discussed were:-

- Senior leadership are stretched in the current structure. Managing 127 pupils over 3 sites with only 2 senior leads means there are some challenges.
- The data is showing a number of improvements. The committee noted concerns but also saw progress in some of the priority areas.
- Church Preen data showed strong results as a result of strong teaching and support in the classroom.
- Wistanstow data reflects the huge disruption to learning with staff absence and under performance. There have been significant changes to staffing to address this. There was progress in GAPS and Maths. Writing was a concern and is being addressed through the introduction of the new curriculum. Reading is strong across the federation and has improved at Wistanstow.
- Brockton data again reflects the disruption with staff absence and under performance. MH took over the class to make improvements throughout the summer term which had a big impact. The new school set-up at Brockton is working well. The atmosphere has been found to be nurturing and the children well engaged. Pupils said that they were enjoying the new class set up and their group work. CE was pleased and impressed with the whole set-up. The data reflects the most vulnerable group are Y6 as they have had the most disruption.
- Church Preen will also have some disruption in KS2 with a change of teacher in January.

Governors challenged with the following questions:

• What are we going to do to further support the Y6 pupils?

MH: Brockton have an after school club supporting with interventions, there will also be more targeted interventions after the next assessments.

LF: I can report that the interventions in the summer term really helped my child.

• Reflecting on the WP Ofsted comments how can we ensure that the curriculum committee is robustly challenging the leadership?

CE: There will be a change in how we record the challenges. We do ask the questions but I think we need to be clearer with how these are recorded in the minutes.

CF: Maybe we need to have a focus on what is happening day to day in the classroom and how that is impacting the assessment results.

MH: I think Governor visits are key to this so there is evidence that the Governing Body is well engaged.

CF: We can observe lessons but we are not there to assess teaching. We can make observations and ask MH and SP to elaborate on what we are seeing. Perhaps the challenge needs to be speaking to leadership.

SA: We have had robust conversations.

MH: I think that hasn't been reflected in the minutes.

CE: There does have to be a level of trust between Governors and senior leadership as well.

RP: How close were the assessments and internal assessments to the results that we had?

MH: Close. I was quite upfront regarding the issues that were there.

CF: Your hands were tied regarding processes that you were going through.

LF: There were actions being taken.

8.2 <u>Reports from Governors</u>

Carole Fenton – Brockton visit at a lunch time to observe food service:

- Food looked very good quality.
- Staffing at BP means that children have to stay in the hall for 30 minutes to allow staff a lunch break. However, the children behaved impeccably.
- There has been a fantastic introduction of a 'top table' with tablecloth and special glasses.

- All children had the opportunity to try the dessert as there was plenty left.
- Thanks to LFoster for her work serving lunches that day and doing all that was necessary.

Carole Fenton - Wistanstow visit

- There were some big changes over the summer moving classrooms around.
- Staff had to create warm and productive learning environments and did a fantastic job.
- New EYFS classroom is a safe and inviting environment and does future proofing for EYFS area.
- Thanks to all staff for their hard work.
- Children liked the new classrooms and were happy and ready to learn in their environments.

Carole Fenton - Church Preen visit

- It was a lovely environment to visit.
- Children were happy and ready to learn.
- Met with SENCo Catherine Cowper and had a purposeful discussion around use of CPOMS to hold parents to account re: roles and responsibilities to work with the school to support children. CPOMs is being used to record that process and the plan is to use it more.

CB: If you have something on CPOMS you need to be careful that you have an action. MH: I am trying to instil in staff if something is added to CPOMS they need to record what actions they are taking to address this issue.

• Also discussed was classroom support and how children are accessing their learning

MH: What we are doing well is dealing with anxiety and getting the children into the classroom feeling calm and safe. The next step is to make adjustments to ensure they can make progress within the curriculum.

Carole Fenton – Brockton well done assembly visit

- Parents attended children read out stories and Class 2 presented a poem, Class 1 sang.
- It was a really positive atmosphere and a powerful thing to share with the parents.

Steve Alston: Wistanstow visit

- Met with science lead Tamsin Griffiths and did a lesson observation.
- Work was well presented and accessible.
- Children were contributing and engaging with the investigative approach.
- We looked at the spiral curriculum and talked about submitting weekly lesson plans.
- An observation was that often teachers buy equipment themselves.
- Discussed potential for a small budget to build up resources and being more strategic about purchases to support the curriculum.
- SA was pleased to see clear outcomes and adaptability of resources.
- Discussed assessment and TAPS.

MH – The next stage will be assessment - in the longer term we will be looking at this. Now we have federation curriculum we can all do that at the same time.

- SA felt a lot of work had been put in.
- The books looked great and there was a sense that science was valued.
- MH Thank you, this is something that we can be doing more of.

9. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES / GOVERNING BODIES

As required by law the governing body reviewed all its arrangements for the delegation of functions and agreed the following:-

9.1 To review the establishment, terms of reference, constitution and membership of all the governing body's committees

It was agreed that the committees would continue to review terms of reference in committee in the Autumn Term.

New Safeguarding and Health & Safety Committee

A new Safeguarding and Health & Safety (SHS) committee was proposed to take on the following responsibilities:

- Safeguarding audits
- Health & Safety Audits
- Pro-active support to leadership in these areas

All Governors agreed unanimously with the forming of a Safeguarding & Health & Safety Committee.

9.2 To appoint governors to committees as necessary

It was agreed that governors be appointed to committees as follows:

Name of Committee(s): Business Management Committee	Appointed Governors: Steve Hall Richard Rhodes Simon James Richard Pope Lauren Bjorn Marilyn Hunt		
Curriculum Committee	Catherine Egleton Carole Fenton Laura Furniss Steve Alston Elle Evans Caroline Bedford Sue Phillips Marilyn Hunt		
Safeguarding and Health & Safety Committee	Laura Furniss Carole Fenton Catherine Egleton Elle Evans		
The committee, when necessary, can call upon any governor, who is not otherwise ineligible, to fill any gaps in the normal membership of the committee and/or in extreme circumstances call upon governing body representation from another school.			
To appoint chairs to committees where the governing body have retained the responsibility to do so			
(Note: chairs will only need to be appointed/reviewed where the governing document for the committee indicates against a member's name or ex-officio title – e.g "who shall be chair of the committee". The appointments need to be made each year even if the			

same member of ex officio title is to continue).

	Chairs were appointed to committees as	Tonows.			
	Name of Committee:	*Appointed Chair:			
	Curriculum Committee	Catherine Egleton			
	Business Management	Steve Hall			
	Safeguarding and Health & Safety	Laura Furniss			
	To appoint a clerk to each committee	if not already done so			
	Name of Committee:	Appointed Clerk:			
	Safeguarding and Health & Safety	Carole Fenton			
9.3	To appoint Special Interest Governors	(if applicable)			
	Link and special interest governors were				
	Subject Area	Appointed Governor			
	Children in Care	Carole Fenton			
	Flexi-School	Carole Fenton			
	SEND	Carole Fenton (with support from			
		Caroline Bedford)			
	EYFS	Laura Furniss			
	GDPR/Data protection	Steve Hall			
	Attendance	Richard Rhodes			
	Pupil Premium	Catherine Egleton			
	Sustainability	Catherine Egleton			
	Safeguarding	Laura Furniss with the support of th			
		Safeguarding and Health & Safety			
		Čommittee			
	ON: o request specific focus for governor vis ster to communicate list of Special Intere	-			
	DTEACHER'S REPORT				
The ł	neadteacher's report was received and con	sidered. Particular points discussed were			
Work	load				
	SLT are very stretched - partially due to s	staffing cut-backs and not helped by addit			
		and managing the flood at Church Preen			
	the summer.				
	s the new staffing working?				
	In the classroom yes, it's mostly behind the	scenes that we are struggling with and w			
	stretched. It seems the admin demand has replaced th	ne teaching challenges from last vear			
	It seems the admin demand has replaced the teaching challenges from last year. The admin reduction process didn't go smoothly and that has been reported to BMC.				
	Is this workload sustainable? What needs to happen to make it more sustainable?				
	It has been very challenging. At the momer	i i is caloring up with where were.			
MH: I CB: I	In as been very challenging. At the moment of 2 terms you have dealt with the 2 biggest sted's, staffing restructures and being unwe	things a head ever deals with.			

	MH: I am conscious there are t catching up to do.	hings I am not getting to that I should be. There is some				
	• SP has felt the benefit of being based at one site, SP: My days are very full but I feel able to cope with it at the moment.					
	Challenge: • RP: Are there solutions	in mind to improve things? Catering staff etc?				
	MH: We are getting there with the catering but we are having to wait until Shire come back with their final statement and know that we have the money before we can make further changes that we need to.					
	 SA: The staffing issues need to grasp? 	– do you feel they are resolved? Are there more nettles you				
	last year. The moral in the sche CB: Having the right teachers i education. MH: I don't have any serious co RP: Is the plan in place for mat	s that are taking some time but nothing like we had to deal with cols has really improved with the changes. n place is the biggest impact you can make to quality of concerns with staff we have now. ternity cover for those on maternity leave? ye appointed strong candidates for both maternity covers.				
	Visioning for the future					
	 Governors discussed that at present MH is needing to focus on the short term and the need discuss the future and visioning for the federation. Points discussed were: If there is not an increase in NOR there will be further decisions to make around the structure of the Federation. The pressure to join a MAT has receded but there is not good support from Shropshire and no contingency in the budget. With the cuts at Shropshire Council the support systems are more and more move to within academies. CB: Do you need a meeting with the LA to talk about steps forward? MH: There is no one available there now. SH: We met with them last year but we haven't heard anything since. 					
	<u>Attendance</u>					
	There has been an improvement in attendance figures. CB: Well done on attendance. It's a real improvement.					
	A copy of the report has been p	placed in the minute book.				
11.	I1. THE GOVERNING BODY'S ROLE IN SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT Paper B Governors are invited to record in the minutes how they have fulfilled their responsibilit contributed to maintaining and improving the quality of teaching and learning, behaviou safety and achievement for pupils in the school since the last meeting.					
	Governors' Core Function	Impact of governor involvement – What <u>improvements</u> have been secured to pupil outcomes, behaviour and safety, leadership and management?				
	Setting the vision and strategic direction of school	Visioning meeting to be held by FGB in December 2024				

17.	DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING		
	To be covered by Safeguarding via committee report at th	g and Health & Safety Committee (SHS committee) and fed back ne next FGB.	
16.	SAFEGUARDING / HEALTH &	SAFETY (PAPER D)	
	ACTION: Federation website information.	to be updated with new attendance policy & penalty	
	A penalty notice has been set u children out of school in term ti	up by Shropshire Council and fining parents for taking their me is no longer discretionary.	
	RR met with MH in the summe	r term. Attendance data is good and there are no concerns.	
15.	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE		
	schools and so no action is req Governing Body of all local aut	admission related aspects to community and voluntary controlled quired from the Governing Body. The LA will consult with the hority-maintained schools where any changes to admission specially where particular schools are likely to be affected.	
14.	ADMISSIONS MATTERS:		
	It was agreed that John Rowe of the Shropshire Education Improvement Service would continue as external advisor for 2024-2025.		
	 13.1 Appointment of Governor Appraisers The following governors were appointed to the Head Teacher Performance Management Committee: Simon James Richard Rhodes Catherine Egleton 13.2 Appointment of External Advisor To undertake the Performance Management Review of the Headteacher the regulations require the Governing Body to appoint an External Advisor and Governor Appraisers. 		
10.		ENT REVIEW OF THE HEADTEACHER 2024	
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	The School Teachers Pay and Conditions and Pay Policy was discussed by the Governing Body agreed to review and adopt the policy.		
12.	SCHOOL TEACHERS PAY AI	ND CONDITIONS AND PAY POLICY	
	Safeguarding	A new Safeguarding and Health & Safety Committee has been established and will meet termly to discuss and Safeguarding/Health & Safety updates or concerns.	
	Ensuring financial resources are well spent	Business Management Committee are reviewing budgets with EHT on a termly basis. New catering contract is being monitored and updates given by EHT to BMC.	
	Holding the head teacher to account for the school's educational performance	Governors have been visiting the schools and questioning subject leads regarding the quality of education. Curriculum committee are reviewing assessment data. A new way of minuting challenges by Governors to SLT within CC has been agreed.	

	17.1 <u>Feedback and record training that governors have attended/impact of governor</u> training			
	 LB attended an NGA webinar for new Governors which was helpful. RP and SA to do the same in the new year. SA undertook first aid training alongside Federation staff on the PD day. 			
	17.2 <u>Review and identify any training needs of the governing body</u>			
	Shropshire Governor safeguarding updates have paused for the moment but LF has access to the padlet and will share it with CF and relevant details shared at SHS committee as relevant.			
	ACTION: RP & SA to sign up for new governor webinar LF to share padlet with CF/SHS committee as relevant.			
18.	VISIONING FOR THE FUTURE			
	A meeting date of Monday 2 nd December 4pm at Church Preen was agreed. This will be an Extra-Ordinary meeting to discuss budgets and future strategy for the federation.			
19.	GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE			
	 Governors are reminded of the legal requirement to publish and update Review policies – discussed Update GIAS – LFoster to action Update the School/Academy Website – please note updated information this term re school uniform and school opening hours Agree or amend the information they publish on each member of the governing body on the website each year. GDPR DPO discussed. Job description to be circulated to Governors to see if a governor could take on the role. 			
	ACTION: CB to send checklist re: website to LB & LFoster. LFoster to update GIAS. LFoster to circulate JD for DPO.			
20.	DATES AND TIMES OF GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS FOR 2024/2025			
	Full Governing Body Meetings: 13 th Feb 4pm Brockton 11 th June 4pm Wistanstow			
	Business management committee (TEAMS): 6 th Feb 7PM 5 th June 7PM			
	Curriculum Committee 28 th Nov 2024 9.30am Church Preen 27 th March 2025 Brockton 10 th July 2025 Wistanstow			
	Safeguarding and Health & Safety Committee			

	To follow CC dates
22.	ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS
	 Church Preen Flooding update: In the summer holidays a boiler burst in Cound class toilets. Water flooded Cound class & Classroom 2 as well as the hall and staff room. Dehumidifiers were brought in and extracted lots of water. There was not any significant damage – some resources had to be replaced. Class 1 has a slightly musty smell but there is no further work to do. Insurance claims are to be put in to cover the cost.
Signe	d: Chair of Governors Date:
Meeti	ng Ended: 6.40PM

ACTION SHEET			
ITEM NO	ACTION	TO BE COMPLETED BY	
4.2	The business interests register is to be updated and published on the school website.	LFoster	
7.2	Governors to complete skills audit – LF to circulate	All	
7.2	Subject crib sheets to be circulated to Governors	LFoster	
7.2	New guidance re: what a school has to publish on the website to be reviewed.	LFoster/LB	
9.3	MH to request specific focus for governor visits once they are booked.		
9.3	LF to communicate list of Special Interest Governors.	LFoster	
15	Federation website to be updated with new attendance policy & penalty information	LFoster	
17.2	RP & SA to sign up for new governor webinar	RP/SA	
17.2	LF to share padlet with CF/SHS committee as relevant.	LF	
19	CB to send checklist re: website to LB & LFoster.	СВ	
19	LFoster to update GIAS.	LFoster	
19	LFoster to circulate JD for DPO to Governors	LFoster	