



# The Edge Schools' Federation

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Welcome to the Summer Term, hopefully our teachers and pupils will be lucky enough to enjoy a couple months of good weather with lots of outdoor learning.

## **Website development**

The Federation's online presence, our shop window, is rather outdated, untidy and deserves a revamp. We have been looking into how we could get the website modernised and cleaned-up without it significantly impacting our budget. Our first step is to start a series of surveys to gather information about our website visitors. We would really appreciate your help and feedback, the short survey link is [here](#), please complete by the 21st May.

After this, we would like to seek members for our working group. If you are interested in helping with this project and help us to 'think like our website visitors', then please get in touch. We plan to meet online, 7th June at 7.30pm.

## **Spring Term Full Governing Body meeting**

The Governing Body had their termly meeting last month to ensure the schools are running effectively and all children are progressing well educationally. In the interest of transparency, the Governing Body wishes to continue keeping you updated on items discussed at our full Governing Body meetings. The minutes from each meeting, once approved can be requested if any parent would like to look at these in detail, please ask at your school's reception office.

## **Minutes from Curriculum Committee were discussed:**

- Wistanstow's technical support is working well, and the pupils are enjoying using IT in lessons.
- Foundation Governor to visit Church Schools in line with SIAMs requirements. (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)).
- Data held for each school shows improvement, but there is more to do.
- School development plans and self-evaluation forms have been taken out of the full governors board (FGB) agenda and now will be scrutinised by the Curriculum Committee and reported back to the FGB.

## **Minutes from the Business Management committee were discussed:**

- Spending limits have been increased to give greater freedom to the Executive Head to procure without waiting for the FGB.
- Surpluses are healthy across the Federation; however this is subject to numbers on roll for September.

## **Reports from Governors**

- Safeguarding Governor visited Brockton and Church Preen. Pupils were happy overall – specific matters raised by a small number of pupils were investigated by school leaders and responded to individually. Both pupils from CP and Brockton were able to name a teacher to whom they could talk to and were able to explain how to keep themselves safe online.
- The SEND (Special educational needs and disability) Link Governor visited Brockton to discuss the strengths and improvements, whereby timely identification of SEND is needed and more working collaboratively with parents.
- The Health & Safety Governor, identified issues, which have been raised with the local authority and, some H&S forms need updating.

## **Executive Head teachers report**

- Leadership and Management: Senior leadership team restructure and creation of a Head of School(s) role for Church Preen and Wistanstow is complete and working well. The SENCO has been established working across the Federation.
- Communication: Newsletters continue to go out from each school fortnightly. Breakfast and After School Clubs (Brockton and Church Preen) at both schools continue to run at a financial deficit, though these have been reduced by reducing the number of directly paid staff to run the provisions.
- Wellbeing: The Federation continues to experience difficulties in recruitment of staff for lunchtime supervisor posts at Church Preen and Brockton. Teaching staff (and SLT) continue to provide cover for lunchtimes which is on a goodwill basis only. Staff continue to feel challenged by the need to take on additional duties such as covering lunchtimes and before and after school clubs.

The above is a brief overview of what was discussed in the full Governing Body meeting. We hope this is of interest to you and gives you an insight into what goes on behind the scenes at The Edge Schools' Federation Governing Body meetings.

Many thanks,

Simon James

Chair of Governors